

High Bickington Parish Council
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Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7.30 pm in
The Community Centre, High Bickington, First Floor Meeting Room
Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Welcome from the Chair:

- 1: **Welcome from the Chair** . Chair moves the appointment of Beverly Steadman as a new member of the council as agreed unanimously by members of the council in advance of the meeting. Cllr Steadman is presented with consent to serve and declaration of interest forms to be completed by the next meeting.
- 2: **Apologies for absence** – to receive and accept any apologies for absence
- 3: **Declarations of Interest** – All councillors to submit declarations of interest in matters listed for discussion.
- 4: **The Chair will, with the consent of members, suspend standing orders to enable presentations by non-council members and members of the public.**
 - a) Cheryl Cottle-Hunkin (Devon CC)
 - b) Presentation by Councillor Thomas Elliott (Torridge DC)
 - c) Presentation by Councillor Rosemary Lock (Torridge DC)
 - d) **Public Participation**
Each member of the public is permitted to raise one item on which they may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes unless the Chair rules otherwise. Items raised in this section are not required to receive a response at this point in the agenda but may be raised in council when the appropriate agenda item is called.

Chair shall move the restoration of standing orders so that the council can resume the full meeting.

Planning Proposal: views will be sought from members of the public regarding the Planning Application Ref **Our Ref** : 1/1000/2025/OUTM for 35 houses east of North Street At Grid Reference 260271 120389, **O.S. Map Reference** :(E) 260272 (N) 120390
Other matters raised by the public.

Chair restores the standing orders so that the full meeting of the council can be renewed.

- 5: **Urgent Matters at the discretion of the Chair:** To consider any urgent matters raised by the chair or by councillors which may need urgent discussion or be required to be put on the agenda at the next meeting for decision.
To receive report on co-option of new councillor (see above) and report of any other applications for the one additional vacant position of new councillor. (Parish Clerk)
- 6: **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th November 2025**
- 7: **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th November 2025 and not listed in the current agenda**
- 8: **Police Matters –**
 - a) Update on any local police and/or Neighbourhood Watch matters
 - b) receive report on police activity since last meeting.
 - c) receive report from Speedwatch group
- 9: **Maintenance**

- (a) Highways – To receive a report from Councillor Parker.
- (b) Footpaths and Byways – to consider appointment of new footpath warden following the resignation of Councillor Keen.
- (c) Defibrillator update – Status on installation of solar powered housing.
- 4: Barton Meadow Maintenance: Update on progress and anticipated costs.

10: To consider and approve the following policy documents for May 2025:

Update on information regarding the implementation of Assertion 10 in the AGAR Programme Programme on other updates to be discussed in February 2026 meeting

11: Finance:

- To receive draft accounts for the period April 1 to December 31st 2025 and projected expenditure to March 2026 compared with budget.
- To receive a report on the activities of Barclays Bank in relation to access to the account.
- To approve new invoice payments due before February meeting:
- To receive update on financing for the supply and installation of the speed camera.
- To agree a budget for 2026/27
- To determine the final decision on the precept for 2026/27 and authorise Clerk to communicate the same to TDC

12: Planning

- a: To receive and comment on other planning applications and any decisions reached

Application 1/1000/2025/OutM as discussed in public access session 4 (d)

and determine form of response to TDC along with other substantial outstanding and pending Applications

13. Correspondence:

To consider any urgent correspondence received by the Clerk or Councillors since 12th November 2026

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 7.30 pm

Alan Matthewman

Clerk to the Parish Council