

**High Bickington Parish Council**  
**Clerk: Alan Matthewman**  
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***Parish Council Meeting***  
***Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 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 .**
- 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.
- 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.  
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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and consider any matters arising therefrom.**
- 7: To consider any claims of grants in the coming year and, if appropriate, agree a timetable for payment**
- 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.
  - ©** Defibrillator update – Status on installation of solar powered housing.
  - e)** Speedwatch Report – Finance situation
  - 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. Reports requiring approval in March are Finance Report in accordance with updated NALC recommendation, Risk Analysis, Capital Valuations and AGAR updates. Clerk to circulate proposals in advance of 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 approve new invoice payments due before March meeting:

To agree the budget for 2026/27

**12: Planning**

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

[Conversion of redundant surgery to 1no. dwelling](#)

**Planning Application**

**Old Stables Surgery High Bickington Umerleigh Devon EX37 9AX**

**Ref. No: 1/0030/2026/FUL | Received: Wed 14 Jan 2026 | Validated: Fri 16 Jan 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration**

**Requests for consultation**

Letter Reference:	Consultee:	Date Requested:	Expiry Date:
DC/0000/T8UXOOQKGYC14	Parish / Town Council	Tue 20 Jan 2026	Fri 13 Feb 2026

**Planning Application**

**Agricultural Building At Grid Reference 262114 121659 High Bickington Devon**

**Ref. No: 1/0067/2026/AGMB | Received: Tue 27 Jan 2026 | Validated: Tue 27 Jan 2026 | Status: Pending Consideration**

**Requests for consultation**

Letter Reference:	Consultee:	Date Requested:	Expiry Date:	Days to Expiry:
DC/0000/T9IUY0QKH5Z0E	Parish / Town Council	Wed 28 Jan 2026	Sat 21 Feb 2026	15

**13. Correspondence:**

To consider any urgent correspondence received by the Clerk or Councillors since 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Date of next meeting, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.30 pm**

**Alan Matthewman**

**Clerk to the Parish Council**