

High Bickington Parish Council
Clerk: Alan Matthewman
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Dear Councillors

You are summoned to attend the following meeting:

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 17 June 2026 at 7.30 pm in
The Community Centre, High Bickington, Ground Floor Meeting Room
Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

- 1: a) Chair to appoint Parish Clerk as chair of the meeting to transact this business only.
Election of Chair of the Council for 2026-27.
Elected Chair assumes chair of the meeting
- b) Election of Council Vice-Chair 2026-27
Signature of consent to serve notices

- 1: **Apologies for absence** – to receive and accept any apologies for absence.

- 3: **Declarations of Interest** – All councillors to submit revised declarations of interest valid June 2026 regardless of whether any changes have been made.

- 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) **Presentation by Cheryl Cottle-Hunkin (Devon CC)**
 - b) **Presentation by Councillor Thomas Elliott (Torrige DC)**
 - c) **Presentation by Councillor Rosemary Lock (Torrige 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

- 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. **Current status of “20’s Plenty” Campaign**

- 5: **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2026**

- 7: **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th May 2026.**

- 8: **Approval of AGAR documentation and related issues for 2026**
 - 1: **Appointment of Internal Auditor – Paul Russell**
 - 2: **Approval of Certificate of Exemption**
 - 3: **Approval of Public Rights Document**
 - 4: **Approval of Governance Document (incl. Statement on**
 - 5: **Approval of Financial Statement**
 - 6: **Approval of Release of above to the Internal Auditor**
 - 7: **Election / Co-option of new councillors**

9: 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 regarding installation of new signage, including grant application to DCC.

10. Maintenance

- (a) Highways – To receive a report from Councillor Parker and discussion regarding DCC “20’s Plenty” Policy.
- (b) Footpaths and Byways – to consider appointment of new footpath warden.
- © Update on Barton Meadow Maintenance and oak tree therein.

10: To consider and approve the following policy documents for May 2026

- 1) Financial reporting and Control per revised Practitioners Guide 2025
- 2) Revised Risk Analysis
- 3) Revision of policy for IT Compliance including update of membership of WhatsApp Group.

11: Finance:

To consider and agree Agar Documents for 2025-26 including:

To agree release of payments already approved

12: Planning

- a: To receive and comment on other planning applications and any decisions reached
- b: to update situation on Neighbourhood benefit from solar farm.

13. Correspondence:

To consider any urgent correspondence received by the Clerk or Councillors since 12th February 2025

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 8th July at 7.30 pm
Alan Matthewman
Clerk to the Parish Council