

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 12th August 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.
 Signature of consent to serve notice
 Elected Chair assumes chair of the meeting
 b) **Election of Council Vice-Chair 2026-27**
 Signature of consent to serve notices
 C: **co-option of new councillor(s)**
- 2: **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 (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
- 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
- 5: **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th July 2026**
- 7: **Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2026.**
- 8: **Internal Audit Report and Clerk's commentary – to be circulated beforehand**
- 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 on updates on Highways**

- (b) Footpaths and Byways – to consider appointment of new footpath warden.
- © Update on Barton Meadow Maintenance and oak tree thereon.

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

- 1) Standing Orders – document circulated
- 2) Revised Risk Analysis

11: Finance:

Agree accounts to 30th June 2026

Approve payments made since last meeting and proposed further payments

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 July 2026

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 9th September at 7.30 pm
Alan Matthewman
Clerk to the Parish Council