

High Bickington Parish Council
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Dear Councillors

You are summoned to attend the following meeting:

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 7.30 pm in
The Community Centre, High Bickington, First Floor Meeting Room
Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

- 1: Welcome from the Chair and notice of resignation of Councillor Copp:**
Proposal that Torridge District be informed of the resignation so that election can be organised if necessary.
- 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 May 2025.
- 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) Receive report from the Speedwatch Group
 - e) **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:** To consider the impact of the move to a unitary authority on the electors of High Bickington and to make such recommendations as may be deemed applicable to Devon County Council and Torridge District Council
- 6: 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. Further discussion and decision on remediation work on and near Mill Road copse
- 7:** To note the possible sale or closure of one or both public houses in the village and consider what options may be available to the community. Note on progress of survey.
- 8: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th July 2025**
- 9: Matters arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th July 2025**
- 10: Changes to Agar requirements 2026 regarding e-mail addresses and security of data. Clerk to report**
- 11: Police Matters –**
 - a) Update on any local police and/or Neighbourhood Watch matters
 - b) receive report on police activity since last meeting.
- 12: 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. Clerk to supply information of how the P3 Programme works

© Defibrillator update – Status on installation of solar powered housing.

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13: Finance:

To consider Accounts for current year to date

To approve new payments to be made

12: Planning

Response from Elgin Energy regarding Deptford Farm Solar Farm - Clerk

13. Correspondence:

To consider any urgent correspondence received by the Clerk or Councillors since last meeting

Correspondence with Devon CC School Transport regarding provision of additional bus stop and uniform issues. Correspondence begun and awaiting progress.

Date of next meeting, Wednesday 8th October at 7.30 pm

Alan Matthewman

Clerk to the Parish Council