

# *Bridestowe Parish Council*

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## **Bridestowe Parish Council Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting held** – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm The Ark, Bridestowe

**In attendance:** Clerk, Parish Cllrs Young (Vice Chair), Thirtle, Proctor (Chair), Burder, Hodgson, members of the public (0)

### **1. Apologies.**

Cllrs Bickle and Pritchard, District Cllrs Southcott and Mott – apologies accepted.

### **2. Possible Declarations of interest.**

None.

### **3. Public Open Question Time.**

None.

### **4. Approval of minutes of meetings held July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.**

Cllr Young proposed the minutes be signed as a true record of the meetings, this was seconded by Cllr Thirtle and agreed by all. The chairman signed a copy.

### **5. Matters arising.**

None.

### **6. 'A' frame advertising.**

Cllrs acknowledged the report and agreed that as the matter is between the A frame owners and Highways no further action was required by the council.

### **7. Delegated authority for the Clerk to respond to planning applications.**

Cllrs agreed this was an appropriate action to take. Permission was granted for the Clerk to respond to planning application consultations. It was agreed that the delegation would only be used where a quorate meeting was not possible within the consultation period. If this instance should arise the Clerk will gather Councillors views to collate an appropriate response. Motion proposed by Cllr Proctor, seconded by Cllr Thirtle and agreed by all.

### **8. Cemetery regulations.**

Cllrs reviewed the regulations and discussed how might be best to manage the remaining plots. The Clerk will share a copy of the cemetery plan with Cllrs who will make a site visit and then discuss options for best managing the space at the next parish council meeting.

### **9. Station road flooding.**

Cllrs discussed the ongoing issue with flooding. Reports had been received that water originating from the top of Station Road had recently entered the pub located at the bottom of the hill. As a result, the owners have had to implement flood defence measures to protect the premises. Cllrs believe that the water is running off private land at the top of the hill, situated above a row of cottages. It was noted that residents of these cottages have also been affected by water ingress. It is understood that there was once a holding tank and drainage system in place on the private land, but that this no longer appears to be functioning. As a result, gravel and stone are being washed into the gullies, which then become blocked and ineffective. This water is flowing onto a public highway and causing danger to vehicles and pedestrians. This is a longstanding and recurring issue. Despite various interventions by Highways over the years, the problem remains unresolved. The Clerk was instructed to write to Highways requesting further investigation. Cllrs agreed that if no progress was made then it would be appropriate to contact the Environment Agency. The Clerk was asked to find out how to obtain more sandbags.

**10. Accounts for payment:**

**10.1 Grass cutting £820.80 x 2**

**10.2 Replacement defib battery £55.60**

**10.3 Tree Care in the Sporting Green**

Current account statement balance at August 27th, 2025, £15470.88. Cashbook circulated to all Cllrs.

Cllrs agreed to pay the invoices raised under items 10.1 and 10.2, proposed by Cllr Proctor, seconded by Cllr Burder, agreed by all. Item 10.3 will be approved once the invoice is received.

**11. Correspondence: Mostly circulated to councillors.**

**11.1 DALC, WDBC; DCC: Newsletters, District Cllr Reports, County Cllr Reports.**

Acknowledged.

**11.2 Wider Okehampton Cluster Group.**

Cllrs discussed and agreed to stay informed of the progress and outcomes of the first meeting.

**11.3 Traffic notice.**

Traffic notice for Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September on the road from Crosslanes to Watergate Cross was acknowledged.

**11.4 Bus services.**

Acknowledged.

**11.5 Trees in Crandford Close**

Some tree care is needed but ownership of the trees is not known. The Clerk is waiting for a response from Highways but will ask the school to clarify.

**11.6 Grass cutting in the orchard**

Cllrs confirmed this was previously agreed with the grass contractor. The Clerk will ask him to resume this.

**12. Date of next meeting and close (proposed dates Wednesday 12th November, Wednesday 7th January)**

he next full council meeting was agreed for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Cllr Hodgson gave apologies in advance. The meeting was closed at 8.23pm.