

Bridestowe Parish Council

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(draft) Bridestowe Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting held – Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 7:30pm The Ark, Bridestowe

In attendance: Clerk, Parish Cllrs Thirtle, Pritchard, Hodgson, Burder, Casey, Borough Cllr Mott, members of the public (0).

1. Apologies.

Cllr Young – apologies accepted.

2. Possible Declarations of interest.

None.

3. Co-option – consider applications received.

Cllrs reviewed the co-option application received and agreed to co-opt Stuart Casey to the parish council. The motion was proposed by Cllr Pritchard, seconded by Cllr Burder and agreed by all. Cllr Casey signed acceptance of the role and joined the Cllrs table.

4. Public Open Question Time.

None.

5. Approval of minutes of meeting held May 21, 2026.

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

6. Matters arising.

Cllr Pritchard signed the declaration of acceptance to office as chairman that was carried over from the previous meeting.

7. DCC P3 Footpath Scheme.

Cllrs confirmed that most footpaths had now been surveyed. The clerk will follow up with Cllr Bickle for his survey forms and await the final few from Cllrs before submitting. The clerk will share the information and online footpath map with Cllr Casey.

8. Playground Maintenance.

The Clerk reported that the football posts had been painted and an invoice for £68.95 was received. Cllrs agreed to share the ROSPA report to see if any further recommended actions could be undertaken.

9. Cemetery enquiry.

Cllrs reviewed the request to erect an iron cross memorial and agreed it was outside of the cemetery regulations and could not be permitted. The clerk will respond.

10. Baker Estates – review proposed street names.

Cllrs consulted on the proposed street names for the new development taking into consideration the surrounding area. It was agreed to suggest the following – (green) Great Links Way, (blue) Little Links Close, (purple) Branscombe Close, (orange) Great Nodden Cose. The motion was proposed by Cllr Pritchard, seconded by Cllr Thirtle and agreed by all.

11. Accounts for payment:

11.1 The Ark meeting room £80

11.2 Volunteer group fuel £8.97

11.3 Martin Ashley grass cutting £1094.40

11.4 Playground maintenance (item 8) £68.95

All payments were approved. Proposed by Cllr Burder, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and agreed by all.

Current account statement balance on June 16th, 2026, £21401.59 Cashbook circulated to all cllrs.

12. Correspondence: Mostly circulated to councillors.

12.1 Newsletters – (circulated prior to meeting) including DNPA Notice of Intent and History Hunters.

Cllr Mott emphasised the importance of public engagement with the DNPA consultation as the opportunity for local impact is becoming rarer. The clerk will re-circulate it and ask Cllr Young to share it in BaSE.

12.2 Temporary Traffic Notice.

VARIOUS ROADS BETWEEN JNCT A30 MINEHOUSE FARM & ALDER QUARRY, Bridestowe.

12.3 Cllr Mott advised that an announcement regarding Local Government Reorganisation was due tomorrow, but the new structure would not take effect until April 2028.

12.4 Foliage is obstructing visibility on the left-hand side when joining the A386. The clerk will report this to highways.

13. Date of next meeting (proposed dates Wednesday 9th September, 2026 and Wednesday 4th November 2026)

The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 9th September 2026.

***** PART *** (Closed to press and public)**

Cllr Mott left the meeting.

14. Enforcement.

The clerk provided an update on an enforcement case within the parish.

15. Close.

The meeting was closed at 20:10pm.