

Bridestowe Parish Council

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(DRAFT) Bridestowe Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting held – Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 7:30pm The Ark, Bridestowe

In attendance: Clerk, Parish Cllrs Thirtle, Young, Hodgson, Casey, Burder, members of the public (0).

1. Apologies.

Cllrs Pritchard, Bickle, Borough Cllr Mott – apologies accepted.

2. Possible Declarations of interest.

None.

3. Public Open Question Time.

None.

4. Approval of minutes of meetings held July 15th, 2026 and September 2nd, 2026.

Cllr Thirtle proposed the minutes of the meeting held July 15th, 2026 be signed as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Hodgson and agreed by all. Cllr Casey proposed the minutes of the meeting held September 2nd, 2026 be signed as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Thirtle and agreed by all. The vice chairman signed a copy.

5. Matters arising not already covered by the agenda.

None.

6. DCC P3 Footpath Scheme.

Three footpaths remain unchecked. Cllrs Thirtle and Young agreed to complete them.

7. Cemetery – topping, inspection and adornments.

Cllrs agreed that the volunteer group would be asked to top up the sunken graves over a period, starting with the oldest graves first. Guidance on the appropriate process had been obtained from the grave digger and will be passed on by Cllr Young. The motion was proposed by Cllr Thirtle, seconded by Cllr Burder and agreed unanimously. The clerk was asked to contact Cllr Bickle to establish whether he could remove some of the existing earth pile. The clerk will clarify who is responsible for topping up graves after the first twelve months and whether the Parish Council is responsible for checking the condition and stability of memorials within the closed churchyard. Cllrs instructed the clerk to write to the owners of adornments within the cemetery that do not comply with the cemetery regulations, requesting their removal whilst being mindful of any upcoming anniversary dates.

8. Warm hubs grant.

Cllrs discussed whether the funding could be given to The Ark to host an event. The clerk was asked to check if this would be permitted and how much funding would be available. It was suggested that the event should be held at a time suitable for families and the older community.

9. Correspondence: Mostly circulated to councillors.

9.1 Newsletters – (circulated prior to meeting) including All-Town & Parish Council Briefing,

Acknowledged.

9.2 Traffic Notice

MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2026 UNTIL SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026 - ROAD FROM THE SQUARE TO PIGS LEG CROSS, BRIDESTOWE FROM JUNCTION OF FORE STREET TO OUTSIDE DIGGAPORT - FIBRE CABLEING

9.3 Running Events Devon

Cllrs acknowledged the proposed dates of the running events on the Grantie Way with no objections.

9.4 Vale Down

Cllrs confirmed no complaints or concerns had been raised regarding work at Vale Down. Cllrs have no concerns if the relevant permissions have been sought.

9.5 Playground Equipment

The clerk shared details of a possible playground equipment grant, and Cllrs agreed she should look into it further.

10. Date of next meeting (proposed dates Wednesday 4th November 2026 and Wednesday 6th January 2027)
The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 4th November 2026.

****Part 2** (Closed to press and public)**

11. Enforcement
The clerk advised on the enclosure of an enforcement case.

12. Close.
The meeting was closed at 20:30pm.

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