

BURROWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th APRIL 2026

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: M.Jay declared an interest to Planning Application 51/24/0004

Welcome: S.Kirk, S. Wilton, M.Jay, I.Foster, D.Fothergill, D. House, Parish Clerk

Apologies: L.Jeanes, N.McGrath, H.Husain

1616. Question & Answer Session: Members of the Public: There were none

1617. Minutes of March's meeting: The minutes were signed once the action points were checked.

1618. Matters arising from the previous Minutes: The Bridge Magazine: Representatives of the magazine met with the Parish Councillors to discuss the financial position of running the magazine. The Magazine has been delivered for 19 years and advertisers have dropped from 40 to 13. The magazine is not attracting advertisers and this has the knock on effect to the budgets. A number of copies are being posted to residents and the residents will be asked if they could receive an email copy. The Councillors informed the meeting that the magazine is a crucial communication tool for Burrowbridge and will financially support the magazine. This will be around £400 pa. The more pages that are printed helps reduce the cost. The Clerk receives quite a number of flyers, posters etc and these will be included in the magazine as well as on the PCs Website. The Chairman will raise the continuation of the Bridge magazine at the APM.

1619. Finance: a. Update on Finance: The Clerk informed the meeting that the balance in the Business Active Savings Account is £8,646.41. Community Account £622.03. Coach House Account £437.78.

b. Parish Clerk's Salary. The Clerk's March Salary was authorised at the last meeting to enable payment prior to the end of the year.

c. Parish Clerk's Expenses: Expenses of £24.29 which include Stationery and mileage. SK proposed and SW seconded.

d. Defibrillator Replacement Parts – Stanmoor Road these have been ordered. But there is a delay in orders due to current world wide events. A cost isn't available at present. **Action: DH**

e. Any Other Financial Business: There were none.

1620. Planning Application: a) Planning Application 51/24/0004 Change of use from holiday let into 1 No. residential dwelling at The Old Exchange, School Lane Burrowbridge, Stath. The meeting supports this application but has made the observation that parking boundaries should be confirmed. M.Jay informed the meeting of his declaration of interest due to being a nearby neighbour. **Action: DH**

Comments for the above planning applications can be viewed on:

www.somerset.gov.uk/Planning-West-Apps

1621. Footpaths: Damaged Gate#9232 Path No: T 25/2. The Clerk has contacted another Footpath Officer who has confirmed that the report about the repair has been received. A date for the repair has not been confirmed **Action: DH**

1622. Highways: Flooding on Stath Road: Highways will be asked to re-commence repair works. Previous correspondence will be re-submitted. **Action: DH**

1623. Parish Land: a. Welcome Signs: Information and locations have been forwarded to the Clerk, who has requested that work will commence with Highways once the End of Year Accounts and after the APM.

Action: DH/SW

b. Community Garden: The Chairman will ask the gardener if he would like help with heavier work.

Action: SK

1624. The Coach House: Nothing to Report

1625. Flood Resilience: Two Flood Wardens have stood down. David Walker has been informed.

1626. SALC: Training Courses: Training course information was emailed to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

Action: All

1627. Neighbourhood Watch/Police Matters: The Clerk attended a very informative meeting, chaired by Avon & Somerset Police. The Speed Watch Team held their first Observation on Friday 3rd April 2026. All motorists monitored respected the speed limit.

Action: DH

1628. Correspondence: Nothing to Report.

1629. LCN: Forthcoming events have been emailed to Parish Councillors.

Action: DH

1630. APM: Paul Elliston, SRA, has asked if he could attend the APM. He has been asked if he would like to deliver a short presentation:

Action: DH

1631. Items of Information Council Only:

a. Meeting 24th March 2026 – Feedback has not been received about the meeting. The PC are fully aware that the flooding on our roads are a major problem and work will commence to get some commitments from Highways to resolve this problem.

Action: DH

b. Dredging Somerset Levels Funding £770,000.00. It has been asked why this funding was not mentioned during the meeting held on 24th March 2026. The PC can only presume that the information was only made known on the next morning after the meeting was wheld.

c. The Bridge Magazine: Please see the opening paragraph of these minutes.

d. Disposal of Sandbags: It is the resident's responsibility to dispose of any used Sandbags.

e. Flood Plan – Work in Progress

f. Fly Tipping – Grass Cuttings: A resident has raised concerns that domestic grass cuttings are being disposed of along the highways. Further information about fly tipping will be included in the Bridge Magazine.

g. Slinky Bus – M.Jay asked D.Fothergill if this Bus route could be more flexible help residents, who are no longer able to drive independently, attend doctors' appointments. D. Fothergill agreed to this request

Matters to be reported:

S. Kirk Chairman:

Date: 5th May 2026

Close of Meeting: 2030