

BURROWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th May 2026

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There was none

Welcome: S.Kirk, M.Jay, I.Foster, D.Fothergill, L.Jeanes, I.Foster, David Fothergill, District Councillor,
D. House, Parish Clerk

Apologies: S.Wilton, H.Husain

1632. Question & Answer Session: Members of the Public: There were none

1633. Minutes of April's meeting: The minutes were signed once the action points were checked.

1634.Matters arising from the previous Minutes: The Bridge Magazine: The Councillors voted unanimously to financially support The Bridge Magazine. This will be around £400 pa. The Chairman will raise the continuation of the Bridge magazine at the APM.

1635 a. Finance: a. Update on Finance: The Clerk informed the meeting that the balance in the Business Active Savings Account is £14,646.41. Community Account £622.03. Coach House Account £437.78.

b. AGAR. The clerk informed the meeting that the end of year accounts have been submitted to the internal auditor.

c. CIL Balance: The Clerk has submitted the end of year CIL balance to Somerset Council for confirmation of the current balance is £2,488.68.

d. Parish Clerk's Salary. The Clerk's April's Salary was authorised. SK Proposed, MJ seconded

e. Parish Clerk's Expenses: Expenses of £17.54 which include Stationery and mileage. SK proposed and MJ seconded.

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

g. SALC Membership Renewal: It was agreed by all to renew membership of £249.98 **Action: DH**

h. Insurance Quotes: A significant saving has been achieved by changing the Community Insurance provider. The annual premium has reduced from **£819.19 to £477.52** for the same level of cover. The policy is now with Zurich. **Action: DH**

i. Gardeners Invoice: The Gardener submitted is invoice for £36.00. SK proposed, MJ seconded.

Action: DH

j. Any Other Financial Business: There were none.

1636. Planning Application: Nothing to Report

1637.Footpaths: Damaged Gate#9232 Path No: T 25/2. The Clerk is still waiting to hear from the Footpath Officer. A date for the repair has not been confirmed. **Action: DH**

1638.Highways: Overgrown hedges and damaged signs at the traffic light crossroads have been reported to Highways, supported by photographic evidence. **Action: DH**

1639.Parish Land: a. Community Garden: Brian Walker has maintained the Community Garden for many years, but some of the heavier work is becoming more difficult for him. **Craig Gillard (Levels Gardening)** has kindly offered to take on the heavy work throughout the year. As Craig lives opposite the garden, he will also cast an eye over the garden to check if anything needs doing to help Brian. Craig is providing his services **free of charge**, and in return his Garden Services will be advertised in *The Bridge*. Brian has asked if could purchase some bulbs and flowers to give the garden more colour. A budget of £150.00 has been agreed. **Action: DH**

b. Improved Signage: The Parish Council is now planning on installing new “Welcome to Burrowbridge” signage, funded by CIL money. We must work with Somerset Council’s Traffic Management team before installation can take place. Traffic Management has advised that standard signs cannot be altered. However, the Burrowbridge section of the A361 is scheduled for lining and signing maintenance, and they will review the village nameplate signs as part of this. The Chairman will be discussing our preferred options with Traffic Management. **Action: DH**

1640. The Coach House: Nothing to Report

1641. Flood Resilience: The 2025 Flood Plan is currently being reviewed and updated. Somerset County Council has agreed to pay for printing. The Flood Plan will be delivered to all residents along with *The Bridge Magazine*. **Action: DH**

1642. SALC. The annual renewal membership was approved. Proposed by SK, seconded by MJ. **Action: DH**

1643. Neighbourhood Watch/Police matters: Nothing to Report

1644. Speed Watch: The Clerk informed the meeting that the Speed Watch Team will meet during May. The Clerk who is the Speed Watch Co- Ordinator, will ask for other areas to be considered where traffic can be monitored. **Action: DH**

1645. Correspondence: Nothing to Report.

1646. LCN: Forthcoming events have been emailed to Parish Councillors. **Action: DH**

1647. APM: Preparations for the APM are being finalised. **Action: SK/DH**

1648.Items of Information Council Only:

Slinky Bus – It was raised at last month’s meeting that the Slinky bus is not currently servicing Burrowbridge. Slinky is a flexible bus service operating across six regional areas in Somerset. However, there is an anomaly in the mapping of service boundaries:

- The **Sedgemoor Slinky** follows the old Sedgemoor District Council boundaries.
- The **Taunton Slinky** does *not* follow the old Somerset West & Taunton boundaries.

As a result, Burrowbridge (formerly SW&T) is not being covered, despite surrounding villages such as East Lyng, West Lyng, North Curry, Othery and Aller being included. District Councillor **David Fothergill** has raised this with **John Perrett**, Service Manager for Transporting Somerset. John’s initial response is that Burrowbridge is served by the **Sedgemoor South Slinky**, but this is being confirmed. Once clarification is received on which service Burrowbridge should use, the Parish Council will publicise further information.

Matters to be reported:

S. Kirk Chairman:

Date: 2nd June 2026

Close of Meeting: 2030