BICKLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Bickleigh Parish Council held on Thursday 22nd October 2026 at 7.30pm at the Woolwell Centre

Present: Cllr Larry Taylor (Chair), Cllr Nicky Hopwood (Vice Chair), Cllr Paul Blight, Cllr Andrew Clarke, Cllr Marcus Laine, Cllr Geoff Pithouse, Cllr Jackie Taylor, Mrs Helen Broughton.

In attendance: 1 member of the public

Open Forum

The Chair of Woolwell in Bloom reported that the Remembrance services will take place on Sunday 8 November and Wednesday 11 November (evening service). The Parish Council would purchase 3 wreaths.
Regarding the trees in the Jubilee Garden, the ash tree has been cut back, but two hazel trees have also been identified as dead. An inspection will take place at the weekend.
The results day for Woolwell in Bloom is tomorrow and councillors wished Woolwell in Bloom good luck with the results.

1. There were no **apologies for absence**

2. **Non-pecuniary interests** were declared by Cllr Hopwood, Cllr Geoff Pithouse, Cllr Paul Blight and Cllr Andrew Clarke the nature of their interest being that they were trustees of the Woolwell Centre.

3. A **dispensation** had been received and granted for Cllr Marcus Laine to speak on items relating to the Woolwell Centre.

4. **Minutes**
It was resolved to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th September 2026.

5. **Reports and updates**
The County Councillor report had been circulated and there was no report from the District Councillors.
b. There was no update on local government re-organisation**.**

6. **Clerks Report**
The action list was noted. The bike stand and remembrance plaque were being delivered this week and the hedge cutting had taken place.

7. **Finance and Administration**

i. A grant request from the 1st Woolwell Brownies was considered and it was resolved to give a grant of £935.
ii. Receipts and payments against budget as at 30th September 2026 were noted.
iii. The bank reconciliations to the 30th September 2026 were approved.
iv. Income and expenditure forecast to the year-end were noted. A Finance Committee meeting has been arranged for 2nd November.
v. Items for the 2027/28 budget were considered. The Clerk would investigate the feed in tariff for the solar array.
vi. The following payments were approved.

Pre-paid

SUPPLIER	DETAILS	TOTAL	VAT	NET
Cutec	Monthly IT support	73.66	12.28	61.38

For approval

SUPPLIER	DETAILS	TOTAL	VAT	NET
H Broughton	Salary October	773.56	0	773.56
Nest	Pension September	77.34	0	77.34
South Hams DC	Dog bin emptying	156.00	26.00	130.00
Arborcure	Grass cutting September	1013.47	168.91	844.56
Tree surgery	Tree removal	2100	350	1750

8. **Planning**

Planning applications received and within the consultation period were considered and responses agreed:

2438/26/HHO - 45 Leat Walk Roborough PL6 7AT. Proposed detached garage with solar panel on south east elevation. **No comment**.

2719/26/TPO - 21 Leat Walk Roborough PL6 7AT. TPO562; G2 - Oak tree nearest to 21 Leat Walk - fell tree. Please see Reasons for Works document for further information. **No comment.**

2336/26/LBC - Hatshill House The Village Bickleigh PL6 7AH. Replacement windows and internal alterations. **No comment**.

9. **Open Space Maintenance**

i. A request that an Ash tree be moved to Parish Council land had been received. It was agreed to ask Arborcure to move the tree to a location (near granite bench) in Roborough Village. Cllr Hopwood would send the Clerk details of the location.

ii. An additional survey on trees at Leat Walk was noted. A quotation had been received to apply and carry out recommended works. It was noted that a resident had made a planning application to fell one of the trees so it was agreed to await the outcome of this application. If unsuccessful it was agreed to go ahead with the quotation to undertake the works.

10. **Woolwell Centre**

i. A quotation of £750 + vat on a Legionella Risk Assessment for the Woolwell Centre had been received. It was agreed to obtain further quotations with the Clerk delegated to proceed once received.

ii. Cllr Larry Taylor reported that he had received a copy of the draft lease. He would review this.

iii. New trustees were in place at the Woolwell Centre.

11. **Roborough Village Hall:** Cllr Pithouse gave an update and Cllr Larry Taylor agreed to look at an issue with the road at Hele Close.

12. The **date of the next meeting** was agreed as 26th November 2026

The meeting closed at 8.26pm