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Councillors you are summonsed to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 7.30pm (following the Annual Parish Meeting) in the Committee Room, West Buckland Village Hall.

AGENDA

1. Election of:
 - a) Chair. The elected chair to sign a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
 - b) Vice-chair.
2. To receive apologies for absence.
3. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda. *Councillors are reminded of the need to disclose or declare an interest in any of the items to be discussed. Please declare your interest, and leave the room if necessary, when the item is reached.*
4. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 28/04/26 as an accurate record of the meeting.
4. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda (for information only).
5. Reports
6. Democratic Period.
7. To continue to discuss broadband issues in the parish
8. Planning:
 - a) To consider any planning applications received by the Parish Council prior to the meeting. No applications received when the agenda was published.
 - b) To receive decisions from planning applications determined by Somerset Council.
46/25/0011 Change of use of outbuilding into 1 No. dwelling with erection of single storey extension and erection of detached garage at Haywards Farmhouse, Haywards Road, West Buckland. Decision: refusal
46/26/0001 Change of use of car park into a self-storage container yard (including garage building) on former car park of Blackbird Inn, Wellington Road, West Buckland (retention of part works already undertaken) as amended by agents email of 2 March 2026 and Dr Nos. 2725.3.a and 2725.4.a. Decision: refusal.

- c) To receive information about the timetable for the new Somerset Local Plan
 - d) Any other planning matters.
9. Highways.
- a) To note any required work to be reported to SC.
 - b) Dates for meeting with Highways Officer re outstanding highways work (Kerb at Dyers Close and drainage in Silver Street.
 - c) Update on missing drain cover and confusion about who is responsible
 - d) Any other highways matters.
10. Arrangements for the monthly Talking Cafe on 27th May
11. Finance:
- a) To agree and authorise any payments.
 - b) To note any receipts since the last meeting and the bank accounts balance
 - c) To review bank signatories
 - d) to agree who will check the bank reconciliations for 2026-27
 - e) Bank reconciliations for 31.03.26 and 30.04.26
 - f) To approve internal auditor for 2025-26 audit
12. Playing Field:
- a) Any points to note from the regular inspection
 - b) Review of Playing Field Policy to include increase in security
 - c) To discuss replacing the goal nets
 - d) Any other playing field matters
13. Any footpath matters.
14. To report on the installation of a new ethernet cable for the EV Charging Point.
15. Correspondence.
16. Any urgent business at the Chairman's discretion (Not for Decisions).
17. To note the date of the next meeting. 30th June 2026

Jill Larcombe 20th May 2026