

Yeohead & Castleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting on 5th March 2026 at 7.30 pm in Osborne Village Hall

The following were present: Councillors Perryman, Buckland, Lacey, Stubbs, Wheadon, Dorset Cllr Legg and the Clerk

- 25.87 **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Dillon and Simnett
 25.88 **Declarations of interest:** None
 25.89 **The minutes of the meeting held 15th January 2026** were confirmed and signed.
 25.90 **Matters arising:** Cllr Stubbs raised the state of the pavement at the Batch, Poyntington which has been awaiting repair by Dorset Council for some time. The clerk will enquire.

- 25.91 **Adjournment Session:**
 Cllr Legg told the meeting that Dorset Council has allocated £5m for repairing flood damaged roads, plus £250k to proactively clear gullies. A consultation on fire station closures in Dorset is now open until May 15th. Councillors were invited to respond individually. A response from the parish council could be formulated at the May meeting.

- 25.92 **The financial report for the year 2025-26** to date was received and accepted. Payments in accordance with budget were approved: Clerk salary: £318.90, HMRC: £27.80, Osborne Village Hall: £20 hall hire, Clerk: £13.93 Reimbursement for Microsoft 365 Basic subscription for Sept 2025 – March 2026, Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance £240 – see item 25.98.
 Monthly direct debits paid in January and February: HugoFox Domain £9.99 + VAT, (Microsoft £1.99 paid by clerk – see above), Lloyds bank charges £4.25 plus HugoFox email £2.49 +VAT.

- 25.93 **Planning Matters**
Planning matters dealt with since the last meeting for approval or to be decided at this meeting are in bold:

Name & Address	Details /Reference	Status
The Manor, Poyntington	P/HOU/2026/00779/ 791 Alterations to stables and conversion of ground floor to extend existing first-floor residential annexe to form one self-contained annexe	Support
Townsend Farmhouse, Poyntington	P/CLE/2026/00476 Certificate of lawfulness to continue to use the property without Planning permission 1/N/89/0280F dated 21/09/89, condition 2 that states the occupation of the dwelling shall be limited to a person solely or mainly employed, or last employed, prior to retirement, in the locality in agriculture as defined in Section 290 (1) of the town and Country Planning Act 1971, or In forestry (including any dependents of such person residing with him) or a widow or widower of such a person. The dwelling has now been lived in for a period in excess of 10 years in breach of the occupancy condition 2.	No comments submitted
The Camp Haydon Lodge Entrance To Sherborne Park Haydon	P/PASO/2025/07127 Install solar panels on the roofs of the grain dryer and equipment stores.	Information only, no comments required Prior approval not required
Farm Close Cottage The Batch Poyntington	P/HOU/2025/07447 Erect Single Storey Side Extension.	Support,Granted 25.02.26

- 25.94 **Highways Issues:**
- a. A30 Osborne junction: Following a meeting with Cllrs Legg, Perryman, Lacey and Highways Officers at the junction, the position of Highways remains that this junction is not a priority for them to make changes. They are currently reviewing 125 sites where there have been 3 or more injury collisions in the last 3 years. The A30 Osborne junction has not recorded any injury collisions in the last 5 years. Ian Styring has agreed to request or carry out the cutting back of vegetation either side of the junction. Given this situation, the parish council agreed to submit an expression of interest in acquiring a strip of land along the wall to the west of the junction. It was agreed that villagers should report all near miss collisions.
- 25.95 **Mobile signal improvement:** Nothing to report.
- 25.96 **Neighbourhood Plan:** The designated area for the Sherborne and Yeohead & Castleton Neighbourhood Plan has now been registered by Dorset Council following a submission by Sherborne Town Council backed by a statement of consent from Yeohead & Castleton. The Town Clerk has asked the consultants to arrange a meeting of the steering committee to include the parish council representatives.
- 25.97 **Dorset Council Asset Listing:** The council agreed to write to Dorset Council to register an interest in acquiring parts of the county farm to the west of the village street when the current tenancy comes to an end. The parts of interest are: 1. The strip of land along the A30 with the purpose of moving the wall to improve visibility at the junction. This would also ensure the long term maintenance of the wall. 2. A section of land along Underdown Lane (going from the village street to the church) between the play area and the garden on the corner, with the purpose of creating a carpark for village events.
- 25.98 **Parish council S137 donations for 2025-26:** The council resolved to donate the £240 in this year's budget to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.
- 25.99 **Dates of future meetings in 2026:**
- 7 May, Poyntington
 - 2 July, Osborne
 - 3 September, Poyntington
 - 5 November, Osborne
- 25.100 **The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.**