

# STRATTON PARISH COUNCIL



Chair Matt Garner

Clerk Wayne Lewin

## Minutes of Stratton Parish Council Full Council Meeting Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 starting at 7:00 pm in Stratton Village Hall

### **Present:**

Cllrs Matt Garner, Gill Slade, and Ali Tong  
1 members of the public  
Cllr David Taylor (Dorset Council)

### **FULL COUNCIL**

#### **1. Co-option of new Parish Councillor for Stratton**

Jane Dearling was proposed, seconded and unanimously coopted as a Councillor for Stratton Parish Council.

#### **2. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Rosie Barfoot sent apologies.

#### **3. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests**

Cllr Dearling declared an interest in items 14 and 15, as also a member of the Defibrillator group.

#### **4. To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

These were approved with one minor amendment.

#### **To confirm the minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

#### **5. Parish Council matters arising**

There were no matters that were not on the agenda.

#### **6. Update from the Chair and correspondence**

The Chair confirmed that the annual report was read out at the Annual Village Meeting – an amended copy correcting an error in the financial report & adding in items discussed at the meeting has been provided & uploaded to the website.

It was confirmed that 6 members of the public and three councillors attended the meeting.

The Parish Council received correspondence as to its policy on glasses and the consumption of alcohol allegedly from the pub, being taken into the Play Park.

It was stated that no such policy existed but requested that all users treated the facility respectfully. It was confirmed that no incidents had been recorded.

#### **7. Parish Councillor updates**

Cllr Slade commenced by saying that another accident occurred on the stretch of road under the bridge on the A37.

The following came as an update from Dorset Council to question raised by Cllr Slade.

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## **What are the plans for a more permanent safety barrier to replace the damaged barriers?**

Replacement guardrails are on order and we are awaiting delivery, as soon as they arrive, they will be installed.

## **When is the high friction surfacing to be installed?**

This has been paused for the moment as we are investigating another possible solution to waterproof the carriageway below the asphalt which will prevent any water from the river entering the carriageway and freezing. I have a site meeting early June and will report back asap.

## **When is the speed limit review to be undertaken?**

No answer provided.

Cllr David Taylor (DC) implied that it would be an either-or solution and not all.

He suggested that the Parish Council apply to Dorset Council to request a 30mph zone. Cllr Garner cautioned against conflating the potential temporary speed limit that was intended to mitigate any delay in the installation of the safety kerb and a permanent speed limit reduction.

Members also agreed that the Parish Council should have one single point of contact for these matters - as Cllr Slade, Cllr Garner, the Clerk and Cllr Taylor (DC) were all speaking to different people within the Dorset Council Highways. This person would be Cllr Slade, who would copy in Cllr Taylor and the Clerk in future correspondence.

For clarity Cllr Garner restated the Parish Council's understanding (based on correspondence & meetings with highways in October 2025)

- 1. The safety kerb improvement works have been completed (notwithstanding the outstanding question above)**
- 2. A temporary speed limit was to be considered as mitigation, if the safety kerb could not be installed in time for the (past) winter.**
- 3. A high-friction surface treatment would be applied to the section of the carriageway under the bridge – this is still to be completed.**

It was noted that water of the bridge was misleading as these water would run onto the carriageway regardless.

It was asked how much responsibility Dorset Council would take on the cycleway crossing the A37. This was impossible to answer as any case would be reviewed individually.

## **8. To receive a report from the Dorset Council**

Cllr Taylor stated that Wessex Water were embarking on a £6M scheme for improvements across Dorset.

He also mentioned that the Dorset Local Plan could have up to a 3-year delay.

## **9. Public participation period (items on the agenda)**

There were no further comments at this point.

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## 10. Planning

**P/MPO/2026/01413**

**Land North of Wanchard Lane Charminster Farm**

**Modification of Section 106 Agreement attached to planning permission ref.**

**WD/D/20/003259, to correct an error in clause 7.3.5 which refers to Schedule 3 (Public Open Space) when it should refer to Schedule 2 (affordable housing)**

Members had no comments on this application.

## 11. Financial update

### a. Payments for authorisation

There were **11** payments (**PV's 1-11**), totalling **£ 2315.57**, that were approved and authorised for payment.

## 12. Matter arising from the Annual Village Meeting

The first matter was of dog waste and additional bins.

Cllr Dearling (retrospectively) agreed to review bins and bring forward any suggestions for additional bins and the location.

Next, it was mentioned that the Queen's Jubilee plaque was in the wrong location.

Cllr Garner agreed to move it to a more appropriate location.

It was agreed that publication of village facilities can be looked into.

It was agreed that a more joined up approach between organisations could be beneficial.

The road sign at the entrance to the village was noted, and to be reported to Dorset Council.

A review of activities for older children and making better use of the Playing Field was a good idea and to be considered in the time ahead.

## 13. Removal of the wooden bus shelter on Dorchester Road and make the area safe

Members agreed that the bus shelter was in poor repair and as Stratton no longer has a commercial bus route, it was unanimously agreed that it get removed.

Councillors agreed to the quote of **£1360.00** from Rolls Landscaping.

## 14. Procurement of an ecofriendly solar and wind defibrillator housing unit

Councillors agreed to the recommendation from the Heart of Our Community to purchase the solar powered housing unit from Aivia.

The actual purchase would be discussed once the site is cleared as per minute number 13.

Cost estimated to be £3K.

## 15. Procurement of a second defibrillator and support package for Dorchester Road

In addition to minute 14, the defibrillator would be purchased from defib4life. The cost estimated to be £1K.

A support package would be looked into.

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**16. Repairs to the zip line frame**

The issue to the wooden step had been resolved and the trip hazard of the safety bolt removed.

**17. Community discussion (not for resolution)**

There were no further matters.

**18. Items and date for next meeting**

A37 matters

Inspection reports

Defibrillator support package

**14<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

There being no further business

**Meeting closed at 20:25**

Matt Garner

Chair

Signature

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