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Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend meeting(s) of the **Parish Council** to be held on **Wednesday 17th September 2025 at 7.00pm** in **The Old School Room**
Absence should be given to the Clerk/Chair prior to the meeting.

Wayne Lewin
Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer

The meeting is open for members of the public and press to attend. Members of the public are invited to ask questions of the Council concerning Agenda items or other matters. During the meeting, with permission of the Chair, any member of the public may comment on an issue being debated by the Council to provide information or clarification. This facility will normally be limited to a maximum of three minutes per person on the subject being debated.

Full Council

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest
3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on **16th July 2025**
4. Clerk's report
5. Chair's update
6. Public participation – items on the agenda only
7. Dorset Councillors report

8. Planning

9. Financial matters
   a. Payments for authorisation
   b. External audit report

10. Traffic Management measures update
11. DAPTC matters
12. Solar Hub goodwill funding gesture of £40K from Naturalis and Centrica
13. Village signage and gateways
14. Initial discussion and thoughts on Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation 2025

15. Public participation – items not on the agenda for discussion or update only

16. Items and date for the next meeting
    15th October 2025

W LEWIN **Parish Clerk** **10th September 2025**

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Minutes

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Minutes of Full Council held on Wednesday 16th July 2025 in The Old School Room
Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

Councillors in attendance: - Julien Turner, Liam Deeney, Ricky Trim, and Geoff Eaton
There were 9 members of the public in attendance

FULL COUNCIL

1. Apologies for absence
Cllr Alan Holford-Walker and Cllr Parker (Dorset Council) had sent apologies.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest
No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st May 2025
These were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Clerk's report
The Clerk had no matters to report.

5. Chair's update
The Chair reminded all of the importance of **self-help and self-funding**. Discussions by the Community **(not PC)** on C**ommunity Funding from the solar park** project were progressing albeit slowly. **New housing targets** for Dorset had increased to 3246 per year (from 1793) for the next 15 years. **Fun in the Field** has been cancelled for the foreseeable future. The Chair thanked the Chichester's for their years of dedication & perseverance.

6. Public participation – items on the agenda only
Nil.

7. Dorset Councillors report
The Ward Councillor had nothing to report.

8. Planning
There were no new planning applications.

9. Financial matters

a. Payments for authorisation
There were **12** payments **(PV's 11-22),** totalling **£ 1853.79,** that were approved and authorised for payment.

b. Q1 budget report
The budget spend at the end of Q1 was **22.58%.**

c. Q1 bank reconciliation

Lloyds Bank	**£ 23605.09**
Unity Trust Bank	**£ 110.00**
Outstanding Payments	**£ NIL**
Reconciliation	**£ 23715.09**

d. Internal audit report
There were no observations from the internal audit.

e. Transfer of funds
Members agreed to transfer £10000.00 from the Lloyds account to the Unity Trust Account with immediate effect.

f. Unity Bank Signatories
Cllr Deeney and Cllr Eaton both agreed to become 3rd& 4th Signatories.

10. Traffic Management measures update
Cllr's Turner and Eaton along with the Clerk had met with representatives from the Dorset Council Traffic management Team. It was deemed a positive meeting with a number of options taken away by Dorset Council. These included:

Reinstatement of the 40mph buffer zones
Pedestrian Island
Dropped curbs with in-builds to narrow road at a crossing point
Additional painting of 30mph and / or SLOW on roads
Additional signage at junctions and removal of advertising signage for clearer driver viewing

Dorset Council confirmed the policy of the 85th percentile – stating that these drivers were **UNEDUCATABLE,** which emphasised the Parish Council's point that only an engineering solution could rectify this matter.

Depending on feedback from Dorset Council on the above, the Parish Council would consider a rerun of the speed wires – at a more appropriate location.

11. Community enhancement projects and ideas
Councillor Eaton briefly explained the outline of a fresh approach to the engagement of the village residents in Parish Council activities as well as a general reinvigoration of grounds maintenance and upkeep around the parish. He expressed a hope that there would be an increasing involvement with the residents of Lady Bailey Park by the election of a council member from that area before the end of the year.

The Chair thanked Cllr. Eaton for his copious work and had, prior to the Meeting jointly agreed 3 Items that could be trialled forthwith … Liaison with Helen Hakimzadeh work on replacement to Valley News, Visible Public Reminders on PC Meeting days -- and closer liaison with the Village Hall. £100 Budget was approved by All mainly for Sign Writer work.

12. Initial discussion on DAPTC membership
Members agreed to receive all correspondence from DAPTC until the next meeting with a view to making a more informed discussion on future membership. Noted that the Volume of such extra correspondence would be likely minimal due to Summer Holiday period.

13. Replacement fencing between Fields Close and The Village Hall

The important Boundary Fence between Village Hall & Fields Close was now defunct. It was agreed to replace it at a cost not to exceed £500.00. Funds to come from the Community Assets Reserve.

14. Cutting of Rights of Way E32/2 and E32/1 at Parish Council cost

For the past 3 years the much-used Valley Footpaths had been cleared privately free of charge to the community. This could not continue indefinitely. It was agreed to enter into a one-year contract with Dorset Council, at a cost not to exceed £500, providing an explanation as to why this statutory obligation (on Dorset Council) was not being routinely carried out.

15. Delegated funding for Village Maintenance Working Group

It was approved that a sum not to exceed £500 per council year was delegated to Chair, for small matters that needed immediate attention. Payment would be made against Invoice.

16. Public participation – items not on the agenda for discussion or update only

It was confirmed that a village newsletter would be produced.
It was pleased to announce the Village Hall had received enough support to remain a going concern for the near future.
It was suggested that any future village projects could involve the school and PTA.
It was noted that the Village Hall would be holding a fund raiser for charity.
It was mentioned that the defibrillator bag had been changed but a torch was missing.
Mr Pringle would rectify as part of his periodic monitoring.

17. Items and date for the next meeting

Membership of DAPTC (May 2026 Onwards)
S137 grant funding for the Village Hall
Annual funding for village newsletter

Next Meeting is scheduled for 17th September 2025

There being no further business the meeting closed at **2045 hours.**

Julien Turner _____ Chair of Winterborne Whitechurch Parish Council

Dated _____

Winterbourne Whitchurch Parish Council Payments 2526																	10/09/2025	
				Chq							Community	Play		Traffic	Green			
Date	Payee Details	Item	PV	no	Amount	Wages	Expenses	Admin	Insurance	Pro fees	Fund	Park	Grants	Calming	Spaces	VAT	Reserves	Total
21/05/2025	Lloyds	Service Charge	1	PAY	4.25			4.25										4.25
21/05/2025	Mr W Lewin	April 25 Salary	2	725	407.75	397.75	10.00											407.75
21/05/2025	NEST	April 25 Pension	3	DD	86.42	86.42												86.42
21/05/2025	Lloyds	Service Charge	4	PAY	7.25			7.25										7.25
21/05/2025	Mrs H Hakimzadeh	VE Day 80 Grant	5	724	163.00						163.00							163.00
21/05/2025	Mr W Lewin	May 25 Salary	6	725	410.25	397.55	12.70											410.25
21/05/2025	NEST	May 25 Pension	7	DD	86.42	86.42												86.42
21/05/2025	Mr Cox	Grass Cutting	8	726	390.00										390.00			390.00
21/05/2025	DAPTC Ltd	Annual Membership	9	727	381.84					381.84								381.84
21/05/2025	DAPTC Ltd	Email Subsciption	10	728	47.75			47.75										47.75
16/07/2025	Mr W Lewin	June 25 Salary	11	729	433.65	397.55	10.00			26.10								433.65
16/07/2025	NEST	June 25 Pension	12	DD	86.42	86.42												86.42
16/07/2025	Nite Mode	Band Costs for FODS	13	730	200.00						200.00							200.00
16/07/2025	Lloyds	Service Charge	14	PAY	4.75			4.75										4.75
16/07/2025	HMRC	Employers NI	15	VISA	55.41	55.41												55.41
16/07/2025	HMRC	PAYE and NI	16	VISA	298.21	298.00		0.21										298.21
16/07/2025	Mr Cox	Grass Cutting	17	731	195.00										195.00			195.00
16/07/2025	Lloyds	Service Charge	18	PAY	6.75			6.75										6.75
16/07/2025	JP Consultants	Internal Audit	19	732	70.00					70.00								70.00
16/07/2025	Friends of Dunbury	Grant	20	733	100.00								100.00					100.00
16/07/2025	Grays Stores	Stamps	21	VISA	13.60			13.60										13.60
16/07/2025	Mr Cox	Grass Cutting	22	BACS	390.00										390.00			390.00
17/09/2025	Mr W Lewin	July 25 Salary	23	BACS	410.25	397.55	12.70											410.25
17/09/2025	NEST	July 25 Pension	24	DD	86.42	86.42												86.42
17/09/2025	Lloyds	Service Charge	25	PAY	7.25			7.25										7.25
17/09/2025	Mr W Lewin	August 25 Salary	26	BACS	475.63	465.63	10.00											475.63
17/09/2025	NEST	August 25 Pension	27	DD	89.20	89.20												89.20
17/09/2025	Zurich	Insurance Premiums	28	BACS	507.00				507.00									507.00
17/09/2025	Mr Cox	Grass Cutting	29	BACS	195.00										195.00			195.00
17/09/2025	Hugo Fox	Email Subsciption	30	DD	20.99			17.50								3.49		20.99
17/09/2025	Lloyds	Service Charge	31	PAY	4.25			4.24										4.24
17/09/2025	Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator Support	32	BACS	162.00							135.00				27.00		162.00
17/09/2025	BDO	External Audit	33	BACS	252.00					210.00						42.00		252.00
17/09/2025	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	34	PAY	6.00			6.00										6.00
17/09/2025	Mr T Cox	Groundwork and Grass	35	BACS	360.00										195.00		165.00	360.00
17/09/2025	Mr W Lewin	September 25 Salary	36	BACS	423.19	410.49	12.70											423.19
17/09/2025	NEST	September 25 Pension	37	DD	89.20	89.20												89.20
17/09/2025	HMRC	PAYE and NI Q2	38	BACS	386.81	386.81												386.81
																		0.00
Totals					**7,313.91**	**3,730.82**	**68.10**	**119.55**	**507.00**	**687.94**	**363.00**	**135.00**	**100.00**	**0.00**	**1,365.00**	**72.49**	**165.00**	**7,313.90**

Agenda item 12

Read ahead

Many of you will remember the various meetings on this matter.

As a background, the original company (Naturalis) – pledged a voluntary community donation of £7500 per year for up to 40 years.

After planning was granted, Naturalis sold the project to Centrica.

At this point may I thank Ian Bruce and Helen H who went into battle with both companies for release of the funds.

In short, Centrica denied that any community funding was part of the sell and therefore had no liability.

Naturalis stated that the community funding was voluntary and that they were no longer the stake holder and therefore had no liability.

However, both companies have offered a collective £40,000, as a goodwill gesture.

The Parish Council are minded to accept this offer on the premise that a goodwill gesture could be retracted at any point and further actions would have to be via legal channels and thus incur large costs.