

Yeohead & Castleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting on 15th January 2026 at 7.30 pm in Poyntington Village Hall (Rearranged from the meeting scheduled for January 8th due to bad weather and the number of councillors unable to attend)

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

25.73 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Dillon

25.74 **Declarations of interest:** None

25.75 **The minutes of the meeting held 6th November 2025** were confirmed and signed.

25.76 **Matters arising:**

None

Adjournment Session:

25.77 Cllr Legg reported on issues as they came up during the meeting.

25.78 **The financial report for the year 2025-26** to date was received and accepted.

Payments in accordance with budget were approved: Clerk salary: £415.70, (HMRC - £17.20 This will be deducted from the next payment or reclaimed at the end of the financial year), Poyntington Village Hall £20 hall hire, Poyntington PCC £875, Osborne PCC £875, Goathill PCC £390. Last three items were donations towards grounds maintenance as per budget.

Monthly direct debits paid in November and December: HugoFox Domain £9.99 + VAT, Microsoft £1.99, Lloyds bank charges £4.25 plus HugoFox email £2.49 =VAT.

Budget and precept 2026-27: The council agreed a budget of £8656 and a precept of £8797. The budget includes a £50 increase to each donation for grounds maintenance for the Osborne and Poyntington churchyards and play areas. There is a larger increase for Goathill Churchyard to reflect the anticipated increased costs moving to a non-voluntary arrangement. The council increased the grant aid for parish enterprises in anticipation of a funding request for the Poyntington play area refurbishment. A 3% increase in the clerk's pay was also agreed. As has been the case for the last 7 years the council allowed for the reserve carried forward to rise, thereby moving closer to the recommended level. The precept request will result in a 6% rise for a Band D property amounting to £2.56 on the annual bill.

25.79 **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 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
Farm Close Cottage The Batch Poyntington	P/HOU/2025/07447 Erect Single Storey Side Extension.	Support

25.80 **Proposed new solar farm at Wyke:** There have been no further updates from RWE. Cllr Legg noted that there is a new application for a solar farm close to an existing solar site south of Yetminster.

25.81 **Highways Issues:**

- a. A30 Osborne junction: The clerk reported that she had received no reply to her email to Highways requesting a meeting to discuss possible safety improvements at the junction and the speed limit on the A30. Cllr Legg said that he would follow

this up. The clerk will also write again. The meeting was informed of the recent accident on the A30 close to Blackmarsh Farm.

25.82 **Mobile signal improvement:** Nothing to report.

25.83 **Neighbourhood Plan:** It was resolved that Sherborne Town Council may act on behalf of Yeohed & Castleton Parish Council for the submission of the designated area request for the proposed Sherborne and Yeohed & Castleton Neighbourhood Plan. A statement of consent was signed by Cllrs Perryman and Simnett on behalf of the council. The clerk reported that it is expected a meeting of the steering committee will be arranged once the designated area request has been submitted.

25.84 **Dorset Council Asset Listing:** Since the last meeting Dorset Council had written to parish councils with a searchable list of all council owned assets and details of the asset transfer scheme. Much of the land in Osborne belongs to Dorset Council owned farms. Cllr Legg reported that Dorset Council is currently reviewing its stock of farms and land, but this is not expected to result in a large scale sale of the land. The council discussed the land in and around Osborne which might in future be used for community benefit, including nature restoration and biodiversity net gain as well as parking and facilities for village events.

25.85 **Items for the next Agenda:** Send to clerk.

25.86 **Dates of future meetings 2026:**

5 March, Osborne

7 May, Poyntington

2 July, Osborne

3 September, Poyntington

5 November, Osborne

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.