

FOLKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Wednesday, 14th January 2026 at 7.00pm in Alweston Village Hall

Present:

Cllr David Cuff, Chair
Cllr Stuart Adams
Cllr Andy Harris

In attendance:

Parish Clerk, Penny Pitcher
Joseph Crocker - member of the public

Apologies

Cllr Trevor Rolls
Cllr Mike Lugg
Cllr Robin Legg, Dorset Councillor

25.75 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Rolls and Cllr Lugg gave apologies due to sickness. Cllr Legg gave apologies for a meeting clash.

Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate as there were three councillors present.

25.76 Declarations of pecuniary and other interests in relation to the agenda

There were no declarations of pecuniary or other interests in relation to the agenda.

25.77 To agree the minutes of the previous meeting on 12th November 2025 are a true and accurate record

The minutes of the meeting of 12th November 2025 were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by Cllr Cuff as Chair.

25.78 Matters raised by members of the public (15 minutes)

Mr Crocker advised that the car boot sales team were actively looking at resolutions for the traffic management issues raised at the previous meeting.

25.79 Issues arising from the last meeting

- Mundens Lane – hedges and car parking

Most of the hedges had been trimmed back. The car parking situation had improved.

- Chair to contact Sherborne Castle Estate re garages

Chair had spoken to the Estate. 'No Parking' signs had been placed on the gatehouse. The tree causing some of the issues would be worked on by the Estate by the end of March.

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- Replacement bench

The bench had been ordered and had arrived. It would be sited in the playground in the spring.

- Asset valuation of playing field

The valuation of the playing field for AGAR purposes was in hand.

- Defibrillator purchase

The defibrillator had been purchased and had arrived. It was to be installed on the wall of the village hall outside the kitchen.

Cllr Harris to arrange training on the defibrillator, and the date of the training would be advertised in the village magazine.

- Footpath maintenance

Cllr Cuff recently walked the footpath in question and reported the bridge had been repaired. The other required bridge repair was in hand.

25.80 Clerks Report

Clerk reported:

The Instant Access account had been set up with Lloyds. As this was an interest paying account, Clerk to transfer monies into interest account from the bank account, leaving a balance of £1500 in the bank account.

The new email address of clerk@folkeparishcouncil.gov.uk was now live.

Correspondence from Mr Ward re Mundens Lane had already been discussed.

In response to the query last meeting regarding the monies available to spend by the Parish Council for the benefit of solely Folke and Alweston residents, Clerk advised the amount was £11.10 per elector.

25.81 To receive report from Dorset Council

Cllr Legg had sent his apologies, no report was received.

25.82 To receive reports from Councillors attending meetings on behalf of the Parish Council

No reports were received.

25.83 Playing Field

As two of the parish councilors had given apologies, Chair decided to defer this item to the next meeting, to allow for a full discussion.

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25.84 Prospective councillors

Folke Parish Council have two vacancies for Councillors. The vacancies had been advised to Dorset Council and the notices advertising these vacancies had been placed on the village noticeboard. Mr Crocker advised he was interested in joining the parish council. As there are two vacancies, the Chair will also approach another resident to ascertain his interest.

25.85 To receive a finance report and to agree actions in response to proposals and payment approvals

Councillors noted the below payments made under delegated powers by bank transfer out of Council:

06/11/2025	F Cuff and Sons	Repair to noticeboard	£679.20
10/11/2025	Hugo Fox	Email Provision	£2.99
18/11/2025	Service charges	Bank service charge	£4.25
28/11/2025	P and R Pitcher	Salary November 2025	£121.25
28/11/2025	Hugo Fox	Website Provision	£11.99
01/12/2025	Microsoft	O365 Subscription Fee	£12.10
01/12/2025	Transfer to Instant Access Account	To open Instant Access account	£1.00
10/12/2025	Hugo Fox	Email Provision	£2.99
15/12/2025	DAPTC	Clerk Conference 2025	£75.00
19/12/2025	Service charges	Bank service charge	£4.25
29/12/2025	P and R Pitcher	Salary December 2015	£121.25
29/12/2025	Microsoft	O365 Subscription Fee	£12.10
29/12/2025	Hugo Fox	Website Provision	£11.99
5/1/26	St Johns Ambulance	Defibrillator	1771.80
5/1/26	LeisureBench	Replacement bench for playpark	212.00

Clerk requested that the above payments as listed be sanctioned. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

25.86 To determine a response to any planning applications received as listed below

None received.

25.87 Items of urgent nature subject to Chair's approval

Further discussion around the car boot sale traffic management process. Mr Crocker will contact Cllr Harris nearer the date to arrange for the setting up of temporary poles and ropes to direct the traffic across the field.

25.88 Confidential Matters (public and press to leave the meeting)

No confidential matters to discuss.

25.89 Date of next meeting – Wednesday, 11th March 2026 at 7.00pm

There being no further business to be transacted the meeting closed at 19.35 hours

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