

Melchet Park & Plaitford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held at New Forest Post Production Studio on 16th March 2026

Present

K Curtis (Chairman)

N Curtis

Councillor G Bailey (TVBC)

S Bowles

CS Stacey

PJ Cross

9/26 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs AW Porter and Cllr N Adams-King (TVBC, HCC).

10/26 *The minutes of the 19th January 2026 meeting were agreed and signed.*

11/26 Interests

No interests were declared.

12/26 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

13/26 Members' Reports

Cllr Bailey informed the meeting that the decision regarding the Local Government Reorganisation should be made by the end of the month.

14/26 Church Path Project

Quotation had been received from each of the contractors approached.

It was agreed that the contractor providing the more favourable quote should be approached with a view to further discussions regarding the parking/passing place. Cllr Cross suggested that the meeting should be held with some members from the PCC present as it was also looking for a price for making the path through the churchyard wheelchair-friendly. The Clerk agreed to set up the meeting once she knew the availability of interested members of the PCC.

15/26 Finance

a) The Budget Control Report was received.

b) No income was received, none was expected

c) D/Ds already paid: £102.68 to HMRC ((PAYE) (paid 22 January 2026 for periods 6 October to 5 January); £2.99 to HugoFox (mailbox, paid 18 Feb); £4.25 to Lloyds Bank (standing charge, paid 17 Feb) were noted.

d) BACS payments: £355.80 to J Wright (Clerk's salary); £107.88 to J Wright (reimbursement plus expenses) were approved.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Date of Next Meeting

11th May 2026 in Plaitford Village Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 7.00 pm and the Parish Council AGM will follow contiguously.