

WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

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Minutes of Full Council held on **Wednesday 20th May 2026** in The Old School Room
Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

Councillors in attendance:

Julien Turner, Liam Deeney, Geoff Eaton, Ricky Trim, Chris Royle, Heidi Stephenson and Pete Cotterill

There were **6** members of the public in attendance

FULL COUNCIL

1. Apologies for absence

All members were present.

Cllr Emma Parker (Dorset Council) sent apologies.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

Cllr Deeney declared an interest in agenda item 15.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th March 2026

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

4. Chair's update

The Chair confirmed the Annual Village Meeting had taken place with 6 members of the public in attendance.

The Chair attended a DAPTC meeting along with 7 others. He had provided feedback to the organisation.

Also, the Chair went to the EA meeting at Winterborne Stickland which was informative.

All these after the Flood Meeting which was chaired by Simon Hoare MP at Milborne St Andrew.

Unfortunately, the answers which were needed about ownership and responsibilities of the culverts under the A354 were not forthcoming.

Many present had written accordingly to MP at his own request

To conclude, the new bus shelter at Lady Bailey would be erected the next day.

5. Clerk's report

The Clerk confirmed that the 20mph speed limits were now in place. Dorset Council would conduct a review in due course. Once they were satisfied of its merit, the Parish Council would move to the next phase of an additional SID for the Chescombe / Whatcombe area.

The A354 traffic calming project had moved to the design team, but no action had been taken at this point due to the large case load.

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6. Public participation – items on the agenda only

There were no comments at this point.

7. Dorset Councillors report

In the absence of the Ward Councillor, the following was read out by the Clerk.

A new Community Highways Officer was in post and would be taken for a Ward visit in due course.

Assurance had been given that the waste team would collect the fly tipping by the end of the week.

Planning application P/FUL/2026/00320 had hit numerous technical issues that needed clarification, so a discussion was not likely in the near term.

8. Planning

There were no new applications to discuss.

9. Financial matters

a. Payments for authorisation

There were **16** payments (**PV's 1-16**), totalling **£ 2881.32**, that were approved and authorised for payment.

10. Matters from the Annual Village Meeting

Only a few matters came out of the meeting.

Hedge cut at the Play Park – now completed

Ownerships of the culverts – awaiting feedback from Simon Hoare MP

Sandbag store – see agenda item 12

Speeding in the village – see agenda item 5

11. Additional seating at bus shelter close to the Reading Rooms

Members agreed to buying this bench at a cost of around £200.

12. Confirmation of sandbag store at the Village Hall

The Village Hall had agreed to offer space in the green shed.

The Clerk had ordered 4 pallets, which would be about 160 sandbags. These would be due from September.

13. Lower Winterborne Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

The Parish Council had no comments and wished Lower Winterborne Parish Council all the very best.

14. Ratification of Winterborne Whitechurch Flood Plan

There were no comments on this plan and therefore ratified and uploaded the Parish Council website.

15. Fibre optic poles on Field Close – approval and wayleave receipts from Wessex Internet

There were 2 members of Wessex Internet present who took a plethora of technical questions from Councillors and Members of the Public.

To that end, members were content they would have enough information to be able to pass a resolution at the next Full Council meeting.

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

It was confirmed that the Clenston fete was now on 04 July 26.

It was noted as to the matter of conservation issues with any poles that may be erected.

It was mentioned that a private landowner had offered a temporary pole in Queens Square.

17. Items and date for the next meeting

Purchase of an additional SID for Chescombe / Whatcombe Roads

Funding for the SID pole

Resolution on erection of poles on Fields Close green for fibre optic broadband by Wessex Internet

Internal Audit report

Q1 financial reports

Full Council 15th July 2026
The Old School Rooms 7pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at **1944 hours**.

Julien Turner
Council

Chair of Winterborne Whitechurch Parish

Dated
