



# MILBORNE ST ANDREW PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Full Council held at the Village Hall, Milborne St Andrew on Wednesday 04<sup>th</sup> February 2026 commencing at 1900 hours.

## Present:

Cllr's Richard Macnair, Rob Greening, and Amy Stephens

19 members of the public

## Full Council

### 1. Co-option of Parish Councillor

Connor Claxton was proposed, seconded and duly co-opted as a Member for the Milborne St Andrew Parish Council.

### 2. Apologies for absence

Cllr's Helen Badger and Jane Macleod sent apologies, along with Cllr Parker (Dorset Council).

### 3. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

No declarations were made at this point.

### 4. Minutes of the previous Full Council meeting held on 07<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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

### 5. Clerk's report

The Clerk confirmed that the Weeping Willow works had been completed.

It was announced that the public consultation for the traffic calming measures would take place between **02<sup>nd</sup> March and 24<sup>th</sup> April 26**.

Dorset Council would conduct two drop-in sessions during this time so that residents could ask any questions of the scheme.

Cllr Greening asked if the bus stop box scheme could be brought forward and it had little impact on traffic calming.

**The Clerk agreed to contact Dorset Council on this matter.**

### 6. Chair's update

The Chair confirmed that additional sandbags had been secured over the flood period.

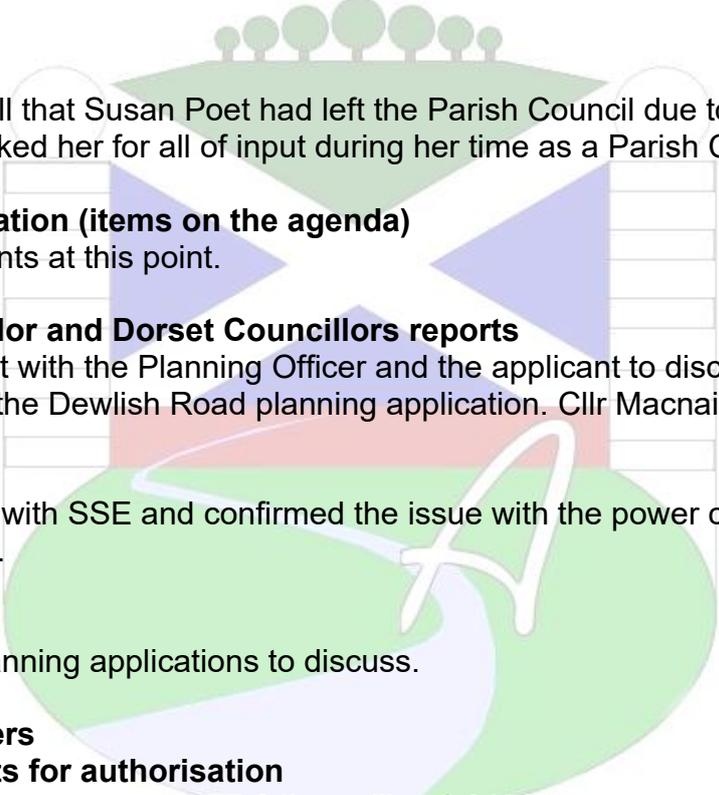
The Clerk also confirmed that two bags had been ordered.

It was also stated that used sandbags **MUST NOT** be returned to the store as they are deemed contaminated. Residents must dispose of them in an appropriate manner.

It was noted that vermin were spotted in the state.

**The Clerk would contact the Village Hall committee.**

It was also appreciated that members of the public had minimal contact with the Parish Council (which is a good thing) – as the appropriate agencies were dealing with the issues within their area of responsibility.



Cllr Macnair updated all that Susan Poet had left the Parish Council due to increasing work commitments. He thanked her for all of input during her time as a Parish Councillor.

**7. Public participation (items on the agenda)**

There were no comments at this point.

**8. Parish Councillor and Dorset Councillors reports**

Cllr Parker was to meet with the Planning Officer and the applicant to discuss a way forward towards a decision on the Dewlish Road planning application. Cllr Macnair will endeavour to attend if invited.

Cllr Stephens had met with SSE and confirmed the issue with the power cut and broadband was overload on old cables.

**9. Planning**

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

**10. Financial matters**

**a. Payments for authorisation**

There were **8** payments (**PV's 77-84**), totalling **£ 2150.36**, that were approved and authorised for payment.

**11. Antisocial behaviour matters**

Members reviewed the papers that had been submitted last month. It was felt that a trail cam and/or lighting would provide no or minimal benefit in tackling antisocial behaviour in the village. The Parish Council encouraged members of the public to report antisocial behaviour to the relevant authority.

**12. Annual Village Meeting**

Cllr Greening wished to make this a standalone event and suggested a date of **22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026**. The aim was to invite two guest speakers, the PCSO and hedgehog rescue, and to also provide a platform for all village clubs, societies and organisations to provide an update on their activities. It was felt it would also be an excellent opportunity for new residents of the village to come and meet and great and find out what is going on.

A free refreshment drink would also be provided.

**Members unanimously agreed to this plan.**

**13. Grants Policy**

It was recommended that the Parish Council move to a grants system where village not for profit organisations, societies and clubs could apply for a grant as and when needed as opposed to a grant window.

Funding would be met from the General Reserve and limited to cap as set by NALC.

**Members unanimously agreed to these changes.**

**14. External meetings update**

The meeting with Simon Hoare MP was cancelled due to the flooding.

The Clerk attended the Dorset Council planning meeting and updated all on the proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, the time frame on the Dorset Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans. A slide show had been distribution to Councillors.

**15. Parish notices**

Thus ensued a robust debate and discussion as to the recent severe flooding in the village. All were in agreement that it was an exceptional set of circumstances (three storms) back-to-back that caused the severe flooding and not obstructing of rivers or the blockage of drains and gullies.

It was felt that agencies support was very good, considering the speed of rising water, the scope of the area and the limited resources within the County.

It was agreed to look at ways to ensure the village remains as protected as it can be. These were as follows:

To ask the Environment Agency to use its power to ensure that riparian owners keep there clear to make sure that the water flows consistently.

To try and establish a location on the north side of the village for storage of sandbags.

To encourage a resident to become the Flood Warden and so provide guidance to the village.

To provide sign posting to agency websites in order to establish advice.

To ask Dorset Council if further engineering works could be undertaken to stop this now regular occurrence.

To Circulate a briefing note for discussion at next meeting

**16. Items and date for next meeting**

Full Council  
04<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Milborne St Andrew Village Hall at 7pm

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

**Richard Macnair** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair to the Milborne St Andrew Parish Council**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_