

Osmington Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6th July 2026 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Mrs S Miller (Chair), Cllr Mrs H Ballard, Cllr Mrs L Bird, Cllr Mr M Johnson, and Cllr Mr J Medrecki.

Also in attendance: Miss Leigh Johnson (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

44/26 Public Participation Time

- 44.1 A resident stated that a meeting had taken place with the Playing Field Officer where the area at the bottom of the field and ideas for play area equipment were discussed. It was suggested that the community be encouraged to assist with the clearing of the area at the bottom of the field and consultation take place regarding the purchase of new equipment at the park.

It was noted that the grass had been well cut and maintained in recent months and collecting the cuttings made a difference to the overall look of the field.

- 44.2 A resident stated that he had not been spoken to directly by the Playing Field Officer regarding the rubbish heap at the bottom of the field. He felt that the concerns regarding his fence and posts had been resolved and he had arranged for the area to be cleared to allow access to his fence. This would be done annually and at his own expense.

45/26 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor N Ireland.

46/26 Declarations of Interest and Grants of Dispensation

There were no declarations of interest or grants of dispensation.

47/26 Minutes

- 47.1 It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 9th May (AGM and APM) and 15th June 2026 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.
- 47.2 Cllr Johnson informed members that Operation White Horse (Community Resilience) hoped to undertake a test scenario before Autumn and a meeting of the group was due to take place mid to end of July.

48/26 Planning Matters

- 48.1 There were no planning decisions to note.
- 48.2 **P/FUL/2025/04039** – Weymouth Bay Holiday Park, Preston Road, Weymouth, DT3 6BQ - Removal of a telecommunications mast and associated structures and installation of bases for the siting of static holiday caravans with decking and associated access, landscaping, drainage and other related infrastructure works (Planning Committee).

The parish council had previously submitted no comment regarding this application, however the concerns of Osmington residents regarding traffic were acknowledged.

49/26 Parish Amenities

- 49.1 The Playing Field Officer addressed comments made during public participation time regarding the area at the bottom of the playing field. He wished to clarify that although he not spoken in person to the resident, he had communicated by email regarding the issues raised. The area was an on-going challenge and it may be beneficial to involve the community to help clear the area. The concerns were discussed at length and it was agreed that the installation of a gate (at the expense of the resident) to allow access to the fence was a fair solution.
- 49.2 The Playing Field Officer had met with some residents regarding future plans for the play area and playing field. It was agreed that residents should be consulted regarding the type of play equipment that may be purchased to upgrade the play area. Once budgets and grant funding had been agreed, consultation with residents would take place.
- 49.3 It was noted that the grass would be cut every 2 weeks during the summer period and additional cuts could be requested for events. An additional cut had been arranged ahead of the summer fete.
- 49.4 There was potential for an area to be cleared at the bottom of the field behind the existing fence. This could be used to install a sports activity trail.
- 49.5 The Village Hall Officer informed members that despite several attempts, the original village hall lease had not been located. It would now be necessary to begin the process of formalising the revised lease with Pengillys.

50/26 Highways and Rights of Way

- 50.1 It was noted that the bus stop at Plough Close had been cleaned and looked great. This would be done annually with the option to undertake further cleans if necessary.
- 50.2 The road from Osmington Mills to Poxwell had been sprayed.
- 50.3 The footpath from The Smugglers Inn to Ringstead was overgrown and this would be reported.
- 50.4 The request for additional signage for Lower Dairy Farm was deferred until the next meeting.

51/26 Finance

- 51.1 Community Infrastructure Levy funding of £3657.87 was allocated to noticeboard maintenance/replacement, the upkeep of the pergola and play area improvements.
- 51.2 The cashbook balances, budget report and bank reconciliation were received and approved.
- 51.3 It was **resolved** to approve the following payments: -

Lantern Accounting Ltd – Internal Audit	£175.00
Richard Holland – clearing of bus stop	£10.00
HMRC – Tax for May and June	£142.40
Leigh Johnson – Clerk’s salary and expenses for May and June	£903.33
Dorset Council – Waste bin at Osmington Mills, admin fee and July collections	£105.20
Osmington Village Hall – Hire for June and July	£40.00
Weymouth Town Council – play area inspections	£113.40

It was **resolved** to retrospectively approve the following payment/s made in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.1.

Unity Trust – bank charges for May and June	£14.00
HugoFox – email fee for April, May and June	£62.97
Clear Councils Insurance renewal	£863.28
Dorset Council – waste collection for June and July	£154.08
HugoFox – Annual website fee	£143.86

52/26 Council Matters

- 52.1 The Clerk would check the DAPTC training for new councillor courses.
- 52.2 It was noted that the roadworks at Church Lane were due to be completed by 8th July.
- 52.3 The Clerk informed members that the casual vacancy notice had now expired and no requests for an election had been received. It was agreed that a Notice of Co-option would be published for the period of 7th July until 31st August 2026, after which all applicants would be considered at the meeting on 7th September.

The meeting ended at 7.56pm.

Chairman

Date