

WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes

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Minutes of Full Council held on **Wednesday 18th March 2026** in The Old School Room
Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

Councillors in attendance:
Julien Turner, Liam Deeney, and Geoff Eaton

There was **1** member of the public in attendance

FULL COUNCIL

1. Co-option of Parish Councillor(s) for Winterborne Whitechurch

Peter Cotterill and Heidi Stephenson were both proposed and seconded and therefore coopted as Members to the Winterborne Whitechurch Parish Council.

2. Apologies for absence

Ricky Trim, Chris Royle and Emma Parker (Dorset Council) sent apologies.

3. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

No declarations were made.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th February 2026

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

5. Clerk's report

The Clerk confirmed a meeting had been arranged by Simon Hoare MP, to discuss the recent flooding. This would take place at Milborne St Andrew Village Hall on 30th April starting at 7pm.

This would be advertised via community FB and a request to include the date would be made to the editor of the newsletter.

Cllr Turner would circulate a letter drop to the most effected properties.

It was also noted that the Government and Dorset Council had allocated funds to the vulnerable societies that were affected by the flooding.

6. Chair's update

The Chair was delighted to announce a reduction per property on the Precept for the third year running.

7. Public participation – items on the agenda only

There were no matters at this time.

8. Dorset Councillors report

No report was submitted.

9. Planning

There were no new planning applications.

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10. Financial matters

a. Payments for authorisation

There were **8** payments (**PV's 71-78**), totalling **£ 1421.58**, that were approved and authorised for payment.

11. Annual Village Meeting

A robust and informative dialogue ensued as to regards when this should occur.

It was agreed on a majority decision that the AVM should precede the already established two weekly Sunday lunch at the Village Hall, thus hopefully encouraging more attendees.

A free drink would be available from the bar prior to the start of the meeting.

Retrospectively, the date was set as 26th April, with a start time of 1130am.

12. Provisional End of Year Accounts

The following was approved:

Payments	1-78 totalling	£ 17354.53
Receipts	1-7 totalling	£ 57761.38
Precept Budget Spend		83.30%
General Reserve		£ 8315.85
Bank Account Balances		£ 58918.41 (including £40K solar fund)

It was agreed that all budget excess be offset against the General Reserves with the exception of the Traffic calming which would be transferred to the Traffic calming reserve.

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

It was told that the Parish Council should provide some white roses for the VC grave and provide some words on the designated day. **Clr Deeney would facilitate this request.**

It was mentioned that new residents of the village were encouraged by the idea of noticeboards.

14. Items and date for the next meeting	Annual Village Meeting	Sunday 26th April	1130am
	Full Council	20th May 2026	7pm
	Annual General Meeting	After Full Council	

There being no further business the meeting closed at **2022 hours**.

Julien Turner _____

Chair of Winterborne Whitechurch Parish Council

Dated _____