

WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes

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Minutes of Full Council held on **Wednesday 15th July 2026** in The Old School Room
Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

Councillors in attendance:

Julien Turner, Liam Deeney, Geoff Eaton, Chris Royle, and Heidi Stephenson

There were **8** members of the public in attendance
Cllr Emma Parker (Dorset Council)

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1. Apologies for absence

Cllr's Ricky Trim and Pete Cotterill sent apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

Cllr Deeney declared an interest in item's 10 and 15.

Cllr Royle (retrospectively) declared an interest in item 15.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th May 2026

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

4. Chair's update

The Chair reminded members to complete their Register of Interests.

It was confirmed both (new) bus shelters work was nearly completed. Lady Bailey just required some additional footing, whilst the Old School Room's perch seat needed installation.

The first contract grass cut on Right of Way E32/2 had been completed (although not in its entirety). Feedback had been sent to Dorset Council.

5. Clerk's report

It was mentioned that HMRC Motor Mileage Allowance has increased from 0.45 per mile up to 0.55 per mile.

6. Public participation – items on the agenda only

There were no matters at this time.

7. Dorset and Parish Councillors reports

Cllr Parker from Dorset Council updated on the following matters:

No answers on Chescombe Lane planning as Officer on leave.

The Traffic Management team had been tasked with working up preliminary designs for the A354.

The Highways team had requested some dates of the Flood Warden, with a view to an on-site meeting to discuss the flooding issues of the previous January.

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It was also confirmed that the Drainage teams had visited the village, and no blockages or damages were noted.

The MP had said that matters to do with flooding were moving forward but did not stipulate what these were.

Cllr Parker had reminded the MP of the statement from the Environment Agency that they had no resources to ensure that riparian owners conformed with their legal responsibilities.

Cllr Geoff Eaton mention that the village information boards were now in the design stage, with a view to discussing locations with landowners.
This would be on the September agenda.

8. Planning

There were no new planning applications to discuss.

9. Financial matters

a. Payments for authorisation

There were 8 payments (PV's 17-24), totalling £ 1917.89, that were approved and authorised for payment.

b. Q1 budget report

The Q1 budget spend against Precept was 26.23%.

c. Q1 bank reconciliation

The bank balances as at 30th June 26 totalled £ 63610.69, which included the £40K set aside for the Solar Fund.

10. Resolution on erection of 4 poles on Field Close to carry high speed internet

The request from Wessex Internet to install the four post was declined by the Parish Council. It was felt it provided no benefit to the community.

3 members voted to declined, with 1 abstention and 1 declaration.

The Clerk would formally write to Wessex Internet.

11. Installation costs for erection of a new SID pole on Chescombe Lane

As part of the 20 is plenty scheme, it was requested that a new SID be installed.

The cost of the pole was estimated at £497.00. This was passed.

The Clerk would contact Dorset Council to get this project started.

12. Purchase of a new SID for Whatcombe / Chescombe Lane

As part of the 20 is plenty scheme, it was requested that a new SID be installed.

The cost of the device was estimated at £2300.00. This was passed.

The Clerk would contact the provider for the purchase.

13. Internal Audit report

The internal audit report had no issues.

This was approved subject to any questions from the exclusive public rights to view the accounts.

14. Removal of Parish Council noticeboards from 2 Bus Shelters on A354

Cllr Turner suggested that the noticeboards be removed as they are no longer legally required and in a poor state of repair.

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This motion was declined by members, as they believed they provided valuable options for the public to read.

However, it was suggested that the noticeboards be replaced.

Cllr Eaton agreed to look into this, with a view coming back at the September meeting.

15. Grant request from Village Hall for children's Christmas Party

Members agreed to a £300.00 donation to this event.

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

A landowner wished to publicly apologise for 'the stink' that occurred the previous week.

This was due to issues whilst spreading waste on the ground.

Concerns were raised as to the perceived non-activity of the recommendation on the Village Flood Plan.

The Flood Warden confirmed that this was only endorsed at the May meeting and would be looked into this, noting minute number 7, a future meeting with Dorset Council Highways.

It was requested that the Parish Council supported endeavours by residents to get the speed limit along Lower Street and Rook Lane reduced.

The Parish Council absolutely **SUPPORTED** this project and were happy to accompany or facilitate any meeting with Dorset Council Highways once the planned Meeting with private households had taken place.

17. Confidential Business

To consider the exclusion of the press and public for item 18 on the grounds that information about an individual member of staff is confidential between the council and the staff member

Members agreed that the agenda item was confidential to exclude the public.

18. Job evaluation – Parish Clerk

It was agreed to increase the scale point for the Clerk to 23 (with associated pension Benefits). This to take effect from 01st April 2027.

19. Items and date for the next meeting

Village Information Boards

Bus Shelter Noticeboards

Updates from meetings with Dorset Council

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There being no further business the meeting closed at **2010 hours**.

Julien Turner
Council

Chair of Winterborne Whitechurch Parish

Dated
