

# WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes

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Minutes of Full Council held on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026** in The Old School Room  
Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

### **Councillors in attendance:**

**Julien Turner, Geoff Eaton, Ricky Trim, Alan Holford-Walker and Chris Royle**

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

### **FULL COUNCIL**

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Deeney sent apologies.

#### **2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest**

No declarations were made.

#### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

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

#### **4. Clerk's report**

The Clerk was delighted to announce that the request by the Parish Council for a 20 mph for the north side of the A354 had been supported by Dorset Council.

This was likely to be implemented by Easter.

The request for traffic management for the A354 had been chased but no information was forthcoming.

The Chair confirmed that additional banner signage as currently seen in Winterborne Kingston would be allocated for the new 20mph zone would be supplied by Dorset Council.

#### **5. Chair's update**

On going projects were all straight forward, and he wished to thank Members and members of the public for all their contributions.

#### **6. Public participation – items on the agenda only**

It was reminded that no submission procedures for the Solar Fund were in place, and that the Solar Panel were to meet on 25 Mar 26 to expand on the implantation.

It was noted that the police were conducting regular speed watch patrols.

It was confirmed that the 20-mph enforcement would be exactly as it is at the moment.

The question was asked about inconsiderate / illegal parking in Old Oak Way.

The public were guided to speak to Dorset Council or Dorset Police as appropriate.

It was asked about bird fouling within the village.

The public were guided to Environment Health at Dorset Council.

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### 7. Dorset Councillors report

Cllr Parker reiterated the points made as to Traffic Calming. It was mentioned that yellow lines could be applied for parking areas.

It was asked about gully clearance. It was confirmed that Dorset Council have a non-published schedule, but if gullies are blocked then clearance can be requested via Dorset Council.

### 8. Planning

There were no new applications to discuss.

### 9. Financial matters

#### a. Payments for authorisation

There were **11** payments (**PV's 53-63**), totalling **£1852.81**, that were approved and authorised for payment.

#### b. Q3 budget report

The Clerk confirmed that the Q3 budget spend was **64.92%**

#### c. Q3 reserves report

The Clerk confirmed that the general reserve stood at **£7437.22**

#### d. Bank reconciliation

The Clerk confirmed that the cumulative bank balance stood at **£ 64432.22** (which includes the independent £40K allocated to the Solar Fund).

It was asked if the Clerk could request that the domain could be moved higher up the google search list.

### 10. Parish History – looking back and moving forward

Cllr Eaton wished to start a process of improving the village, looking at displays for history, walks, and signage.

**Members supported this idea with this matter on a future agenda.**

### 11. Review of grass cutting contract

It was agreed to continue with the current contractor for the next year.

### 12. Grant request for grass cutting at the church

Members awarded a grant of £1050.00.

### 13. Dorset Transport Community Grant with Lady Baily Bus Shelter update

Members agreed not to go with the contractors quote for installation of £2700.

It was also agreed to apply for a Transport Community Grant to potentially offset the cost of this project.

### 14. Meetings with Simon Hoare MP and Dorset Council – questions and attendees

Cllr Eaton volunteered to attend this meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January 26.

If members had any collective questions to ask the MP, it was requested to pass them on to Cllr Eaton who would raise (as appropriate and possible) at the meeting.

The Clerk would attend both the DAPTC conference and the Dorset Council planning meeting.

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### 15. Play Park inspection report and maintenance proposals

The inspection report showed no issue with the equipment.

### 16. Application request from Solar Fund for traffic management

Cllr Turner had drafted one suggested application for a request for funding.

It was requested that any comments, new options or amendments be forwarded to the Clerk by the end of January, with a view to ratifying at the February meeting.

### 17. Setting the Precept for 26/27

Members agreed to request a cost neutral Precept of **£17000.00**

It was asked why it was kept the same, and if residents had been consulted as to whether they would want to pay more and get more in return.

**It was stated that members of the public have an opportunity at every Full Council meeting or via email to suggest projects for the future.**

**As none had come in, it was felt that keeping the Precept the same was the appropriate way forward.**

The Chair confirmed that this was a net decrease as the Tax Base had increased.

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

It was asked if the Parish Council owned the path by the side of the Village Hall.

It was suggested it was very unlikely, and that the issue of a trip hazard should be reported to Dorset Council Highways.

### 19. Items and date for the next meeting

**18<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

There being no further business the meeting closed at **2007 hours**.

**Julien Turner** \_\_\_\_\_ Chair of Winterborne Whitechurch Parish Council

**Dated** \_\_\_\_\_