

QUEEN THORNE PARISH COUNCIL

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You are invited to the Annual Council Meeting of the Queen Thorne Parish Council to be held on **Monday 11th May 2026** commencing at 7.30pm in Sandford Orcas Village Hall. Members of the public are invited to address the Council during the Open Forum.

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1. Apologies.
2. Election of Chairman and Chairman's announcements
3. Election of Vice Chairman
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Declaration of any conflict of interest with the parish council auditors
6. Co-option of new members for Nether Compton, Over Compton and Trent (if anyone comes forward)
7. Appointment of representatives
8. Minutes – to resolve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 March 2026
9. **Presentation from Wessex Internet on fibre broadband connection in the parishes**
10. **Report from Dorset Council**
11. **Business Items arising from Meeting 02/03/26**
 - a. Nether Compton Recreation Ground
 - b. Allotments
 - c. Neighbourhood Plan: Update from Max Snow
 - d. Highways issues, new issues and updates on:
 - i. A30 road safety at the Marl Lane junction, changed layout and unauthorised coach park
 - ii. Potholes
 - e. Highways issues, already reported and awaiting decision/works:
 - i. Hummer Bridge area, road surface repairs
 - ii. Shiller's Lane, wall / fallen trees
 - iii. Glebe Farm, OC, drains and state of road
 - f. Environment: Issues /reports
 - g. Wessex Internet fibre broadband connection
 - h. Mobile phone coverage in Sandford Orcas
 - i. Repair to the wall at Over Compton Triangle
 - a. Damaged pavement on Down Lane, Trent and by the Old School House, Sandford Orcas
 - b. Maintenance of trees in Sandford Orcas
 - c. Burst drain/flooding along Down Lane, Trent, at Abel's Lane junction
 - d. Request for funding from Friends of Mudford Action Group
 - e. Vehicle permanently parked in the access to Sandford Orcas Village Hall and update on SORN out of date car.
 - f. Dorset Council side verging contract 2026-27
12. **New Business:**
 - a. To review quotes for grass cutting at Nether Compton and Trent and agree a contract for the coming year
 - b. Proposed DMMO applications in Trent and Over/Nether Compton
 - c. Attacks by stray dogs in Nether Compton
 - d. Request for funding for replacement parts for Sandford Orcas Defibrillator

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13. Financial Matters

- a. To review risk assessment and list of assets
- b. To consider quotation and approve annual insurance renewal, part of long term agreement
- c. To receive internal audit report
- d. To consider and sign annual governance statement
- e. To consider, approve and sign annual accounting statement 2025-26
- f. To receive financial report year to date and agree payment of invoices
- g. Parish Council bank account, to remove unwanted signatories from the account and consider moving to a new bank

14. Planning Matters:

- a. To report on applications for comment by the Parish Council
- b. To report applications determined by Dorset Council
- c. To report on neighbouring applications to Somerset Council

15. Date of future Meetings.

16. Items for next Meeting