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*Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 20th August 2025 at 7.00pm – at Elworthy Church Hall, Winterborne Monkton*

**1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:**

**Present:** Chair – Mr Charles Norman. Councillors: Mr Raymond Williams, Mr Graham Brant, Mr Roger Holehouse, Mr Alec Walters.

Dorset Council: none

**Clerk to the Parish Council:** Andrew Harrison. **Apologies:** Mrs Morag Titley, Mr Oliver Wilson, Mr George Titley

**Members of the public:** No members of the public

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.**

2.1. There were no declarations

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – no members of the public were present.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 21st May 2025. The minutes were accepted by the council and signed by the Chair.

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

5.1. It was generally agreed that all matters arising were covered by agenda items.

**6. DORSET COUNCIL UPDATE**

6.1. It was noted that Mr Tarr was not present.

**7. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS**

7.1. A352 at Whitcombe. The Clerk read the contents of an email from Mr James Hussey, Road Safety Technical Officer at Dorset Council. Mr Hussey stated that Dorset Council had conducted a speed and flow survey in April which they believed showed good compliance with the 50mph speed limit, and a site visit where officers checked the road surface and markings and verge markings and found them to be all in order. Mr Hussey concluded that while Dorset Council would continue to monitor the road through periodic analysis and would pass this council's concerns on to the police who might choose to undertake enforcement, it was not their intention to do anything further at this time.

It was generally agreed that this was disappointing news given the problems that parish councillors and others had experienced with the road. Cllr Walters acknowledged that the authorities possibly did not get to hear about a lot about the lower level but more persistent incidents. There was some discussion about keeping a diary of incidents to be able to demonstrate over time a pattern of poor driving along this road. Cllr Holehouse asked whether there might be value in contacting Dorset Community Speedwatch, although it was noted that local residents would need to volunteer their time to make this work.

- 7.2. Rainbarrow Farm anaerobic digester. The Chair informed the council that this planning application was approved at a meeting of Dorset Council's strategic planning committee in June although he noted that attending the committee meeting was a slightly frustrating experience.

The Clerk informed the council that one of the conditions of the approval of planning permission was that the applicant set up and ran a community engagement group, for which they had published and circulated a draft terms of reference. The membership would include representatives from Engie, Dorset Council, this council, Winterborne St Martin parish council, Winterborne Abbas parish council, Stinsford parish council and 'other local stakeholders'.

The first meeting would take place at Rainbarrow Farm on Thursday 2nd October and would meet quarterly thereafter. The Chair and Cllr Holehouse stated that they would represent this council on the group and report back any matters of relevance.

- 7.3. Definitive Map Modification Order - bridleways 39 and 14 (parts), Bincombe. The Clerk informed the council that this was the culmination of one of many applications made in 2005 by the Friends of Dorset's Rights Of Way (FODROW) to have certain bridleways upgraded to byways open to all traffic ("BOATs") - this one if successful would have created a BOAT between the A354 and the top of Goulds Hill.

This application (T388) was last considered by this council in 2019 and its determination had now been concluded by Dorset Council who had **refused** the application to upgrade the route to a BOAT. They did conclude however that the evidence supported the upgrade of a small section of the route (that around the A354) from a bridleway to a restricted byway - this still does not permit its use by motor vehicles.

There was some discussion about this small upgrade and Cllr Brant asked whether the Clerk could enquire as to the reasoning of this. The Clerk did this and received a reply from Mr Andy Hughes, Definitive Map Technical Officer at Dorset Council who stated "*When evidence is produced that suggests that a route requires modification on the Definitive Map and Statement we our [sic] bound to investigate and make the changes as shown by the evidence presented/discovered. It can create things like dead end Restricted Byways, there are many throughout the County, though they may seem odd they are necessary when it is the evidence we are given.*"

- 7.4. DAPTC smaller parishes survey. The Clerk informed the council of this survey, which was being conducted by DAPTC and sought responses from councillors, clerks and corporately from councils. He undertook to supply councillors with a link.

## 8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

*Full details of planning applications and decisions can be viewed at:*  
<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/>

- 8.1. **P/ESP/2025/03645** - Environmental Impact Assessment scoping opinion, residential and/or commercial development adj Goulds Garden Centre, LITTLEMOOR ROAD, WEYMOUTH. [[link](#)] Not a planning application at this time.

The Clerk informed the council that the rear part of this site appeared to lie within Bincombe as the boundary changes did not extend quite as far east as this site. The conclusion of Dorset Council was that an EIA would be required for such a development. It may be that a planning application is brought forward for this site in the fullness of time.

- 8.2. **P/CLP/2025/02976** - Certificate of lawful use, minor extensions to existing buildings, MONKTON PARK, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER DT2 9PS. [[link](#)] For information only, parishes are not consulted on certificate of lawful use applications.

The Clerk informed the council that this application appeared to be concerned with the infill of a small courtyard at the rear of the main building to create a stairwell, and some infill of gaps between the outlying buildings. Dorset Council as applicant state that “*the aim of the proposed extensions is to provide improved circulation and reception access, along with a few meeting, storage and wc spaces to the existing school.*”

- 8.3. **P/ESP/2025/02391** - Environmental Impact Assessment scoping opinion, development of nine houses, MARSH DAIRY, LITTLEMOOR ROAD, WEYMOUTH DT3 6AG. [[link](#)] Neighbouring parish (Weymouth), not a planning application at this time.

The Clerk informed the council that Dorset Council had concluded that an EIA would not be required for such a development. Again, there may be a planning application brought forward in the fullness of time.

- 8.4. **After-date planning matters - Dorset Local Plan options consultation.** The Clerk informed the council that this consultation had been launched after the publishing of the agenda. There were a number of items the council may wish to comment on, including but not limited to the allocation of some parcels of land around Bincombe for development, the policy for the central Dorset area, the flexible settlements policy and the policy for the protection of employment sites.

It was generally agreed that more time was required for councillors to properly read and consider what was proposed, and because the consultation period would end before the next scheduled meeting of the council the Clerk was asked to arrange a special meeting in late September or early October for this purpose.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 9.1. **Future email arrangements.** The clerk informed the council that there were a number of options for .gov.uk domain names that the council could choose. There was some discussion about this and **winterbornefarringdon-pc.gov.uk** was identified as being the most suitable.
- 9.2. **Banking arrangements** - the clerk provided an update on the adoption of online banking, he now had the required information to continue the mandate change request.
- 9.3. **Review of standing orders.** It was generally agreed to postpone this activity to a future meeting.
- 9.4. **Ironman 2025** - The Clerk informed the council that Ironman this year would be held on Sunday 14th September with the cycling event running with the normal route and timings.

- 9.5. Clerk's update. The clerk informed the council of a request for information from a member of the public, sadly this council did not hold the information they were seeking.

The Chair informed the council that the grit bin at Winterborne Monkton had been badly damaged and needed replacing before winter. The Clerk, who had been made aware of this before the meeting, had obtained a quote from Dorset Council of £329 + VAT to replace the bin and remove and dispose of the old one. Cllr Holehouse proposed that this be done at the quoted price, seconded by Cllr Brant, carried unanimously.

## **10. INTEREST AND INFORMATION**

- 10.1. No matters were raised.

## **11. TREASURERS REPORT**

- 11.1. Accounts 1st May - 31st July - circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 19th November**

*The meeting closed at 20:30 (8.30pm).*

**The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th November at the Upwey and Broadway Memorial Hall, Victoria Avenue, Weymouth DT3 5NG, commencing 19:00 (7pm)**