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*Minutes of a special meeting held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 8th October 2025 at:
Upwey and Broadway Memorial Hall, Victoria Avenue, Weymouth DT3 5NG*

1. Present & Apologies

Present: Chair – Mr Charles Norman. Councillors: Mr Raymond Williams, Mr Graham Brant, Mr Roger Holehouse, Mr Alec Walters, Mr Oliver Wilson, Mr George Titley
Dorset Council: Mr Roland Tarr, Mr David Northam (part meeting)
Clerk to the Parish Council: Andrew Harrison. **Apologies:** Mrs Morag Titley
Members of the public: Several members of the public

2. Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations re items on the Agenda.

1.1. There were no declarations.

3. Reference to standing orders

3.1. The Chair made reference to the council's standing orders.

4. Planning Matters

4.1. Dorset local plan options consultation. The Clerk presented a document setting out the potential areas of concern for this council in the local plan options consultation. These were:

LA/BINC/001, 002, 003 and 004

Section 3.4 (Central Dorset area)

Section 5 (flexible settlements policy)

Section 6.6 (protection of employment sites)

Each section was discussed in turn. It was generally agreed that all the identified sections were appropriate for the council to comment on, with the following amendments:

The council's response to **LA/BINC/001 and 004** would, while still objecting to further outward expansion of Weymouth, acknowledge that proportionate and sensitive residential development might create a better interface between the urban area and the Dorset National Landscape.

The council's response to **LA/BINC/002 and 003** would be more limited as these lay outside the council's area.

The council's response to section 3.4 (Central Dorset area) would be as proposed, with the addition of the word "ribbon" in the final sentence which would now read "...continual, fragmented **ribbon** development..."

The council would respond to section 3.7 (infrastructure delivery) emphasising the importance of extending traffic, drainage and sewage infrastructure as part of development rather than later piecemeal approaches.

The council's response to **section 5 (flexible settlements policy)** and **section 6.6 (protection of employment sites)** would be as proposed.

The Clerk undertook to revise the draft submissions and circulate them to councillors prior to the end of the consultation period.

5. Matters of Interest, Information or other business - no matters were identified

6. Date and location of next Meeting – 19th November 2025 at Upwey and Broadwey Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 20:40
