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Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 7.00pm – at Upwey and Broadway Memorial Hall

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

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

Dorset Council: Mr Roland Tarr

Clerk to the Parish Council: Andrew Harrison. **Apologies:** 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. Cllr Morag Titley declared an interest in item 7.5.

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

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 20th August 2025. The minutes were accepted by the council and signed by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING

5.1. There was some discussion regarding correspondence relating to the Definitive Map Modification Order (MIN 25-08 / 7.3)

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

6. DORSET COUNCIL UPDATE

6.1. Mr Tarr provided an update. He described winter readiness activities within the highways department, noting that Dorset's roads were not in a bad state when compared with local authority areas around the country.

Mr Tarr informed the council that West Farm at Bincombe, which had been compulsorily purchased by Dorset County Council as part of the Weymouth Relief Road works some fifteen years ago, would be let to the Salvation Army for use as part of a supported living scheme for 18 to 25 year olds who were at risk of becoming homeless. It was envisaged that it would open in January 2026. Mr Tarr undertook to provide the clerk with contact details for the home's manager. Councilors hoped the manager, or a representative from the Salvation Army, might be able to attend a future meeting of the council once the home was up and running.

Mr Tarr concluded that he would soon be meeting with Dorset Council's new chief executive Catherine Howe, who had recently started in post.

7. PLANNING, ROADS AND FOOTPATHS

7.1. Local plan. The clerk informed the council that he submitted the agreed response to the

consultation ahead of the deadline which was in any case extended until the end of October. Dorset Council would collate all the responses and use these to inform a draft local plan which would be drawn up in the coming year, with publication of a draft local plan and consultation later in 2026.

- 7.2. A352 at Whitcombe. There was some discussion. Mr Tarr said he would continue to press the issue at every opportunity.
- 7.3. Rainbarrow Farm anaerobic digester - community engagement group. The Chair informed the council that he had attended the community engagement group meeting at Rainbarrow Farm on 2nd October, along with representatives from Stinsford and Charminster parishes. There had been a tour of the site and a discussion about its use and impact on local traffic movements. Mr Tarr noted that it would be good if more affected parishes would send representatives. He further noted that the site owner Engie was willing to spend money locally to improve environmental factors relating to the site.
- 7.4. Changes to the definitive map and statement - Weymouth and Bincombe - the clerk informed the council that last year's boundary change has had the effect of transferring a number of paths and rights of way from Bincombe to Weymouth which have had to be renumbered as a result. The definitive map of rights of way has been updated to show this and the council had been informed as a result.
- 7.5. Highways deposits, land at the Came Estate. The clerk informed the council that these documents were 'landowner deposits' indicating that the landowner, or their representative, did not intend to designate any new rights of way over the land in question. This would protect their holdings from claims to record new public rights of way (albeit not where these claims are supported by historic evidence). These deposits were for Higher Came, Lower Came, and Came Down golf course. This was presented for information only.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Full details of planning applications and decisions can be viewed at:

<https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/>

- 8.1. P/CLP/2025/02976 - Certificate of lawful use, minor extensions to existing buildings, MONKTON PARK, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER DT2 9PS. [[link](#)] No objection from WFPC, approved on 25th September.
- 8.2. P/FUL/2025/05863 - Retention and extension of agricultural building, LAND NORTH OF GREENACRES, WINTERBORNE MONKTON, DORCHESTER DT2 8NP. [[link](#)] No objection from WFPC, still under consideration.
- 8.3. After-date planning applications - there were no after-date planning applications.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1. Future email arrangements. The clerk informed the council that DAPTC had recommended the services of a community interest company called Parish Online who were offering domain registration and a simple email service to small councils free of charge. The offered service met the council's requirements and could be extended with cost options should the council's needs change in the future. He recommended that the council make use of this free service,

which was generally agreed.

- 9.2. Banking arrangements - the clerk provided an update on the adoption of online banking; having had the mandate changes completed he discovered that Lloyds would require him to be a signatory on the account to be able to enable and use online banking. It would therefore be necessary to carry out another mandate change to add the clerk to the account as a full signatory. This was proposed by Cllr Brant, seconded by Cllr Morag Titley and carried unanimously.
- 9.3. Review of standing orders. It was generally agreed to postpone this activity to a future meeting.
- 9.4. Clerk's update. The clerk did not have anything further with which to update the council

10. INTEREST AND INFORMATION

- 10.1. Cllr Brant informed the council that there had been a road traffic collision a couple of months previously at Culliford Tree. While the corner had been flattened out and visibility improved, the fingerpost whose refurbishment had been arranged and partially funded by this council, was now at an angle. Cllr Brant continued that he had reported this to the highways department but it had not yet been fixed. Mr Tarr undertook to follow this up with the highways department.
- 10.2. Cllr Brant informed the council that hiring fees for the Memorial Hall would unavoidably increase from January, this was noted.

11. TREASURERS REPORT

- 11.1. Accounts 1st August - 31st October - circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.
- 11.2. Precept for financial year 2026-27 - the clerk presented the precept calculation and accompanying paper with the usual two options, to increase the clerk's salary in line with current rates of pay in conjunction with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services National Salary Award pay scale, or to leave it as-is. He noted that the replacement of the grit bin at Winterborne Monkton would produce a higher than usual increase which would hopefully reduce in 2027-28.

The Chair proposed the adoption of option two (increase the clerk's salary in line with the national pay scale) without alteration, this was seconded by Cllr Brant and carried unanimously.

- 11.3. Payment - Dorset Council - Monkton grit bin - £394.80. Proposed Cllr Holehouse, seconded Cllr Morag Titley, carried unanimously.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 18th February 2026

The meeting closed at 20:02 (8.02pm).

<p><u>The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th February at the Upwey and Broadway Memorial Hall, Victoria Avenue, Weymouth DT3 5NG, commencing 19:00 (7pm)</u></p>
