

WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

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Minutes of Full Council held on Wednesday 16th July 2025 in The Old School Room
Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

Councillors in attendance: - Julien Turner, Liam Deeney, Ricky Trim, and Geoff Eaton
There were 9 members of the public in attendance

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1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Alan Holford-Walker and Cllr Parker (Dorset Council) had sent apologies.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st May 2025

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

4. Clerk's report

The Clerk had no matters to report.

5. Chair's update

The Chair reminded all of the importance of **self-help and self-funding**. Discussions by the Community (**not PC**) on **Community Funding from the solar park** project were progressing albeit slowly. **New housing targets** for Dorset had increased to 3246 per year (from 1793) for the next 15 years. **Fun in the Field** has been cancelled for the foreseeable future. The Chair thanked the Chichester's for their years of dedication & perseverance.

6. Public participation – items on the agenda only

Nil.

7. Dorset Councillors report

The Ward Councillor had nothing to report.

8. Planning

There were no new planning applications.

9. Financial matters

a. Payments for authorisation

There were **12** payments (**PV's 11-22**), totalling **£ 1853.79**, that were approved and authorised for payment.

b. Q1 budget report

The budget spend at the end of Q1 was **22.58%**.

c. Q1 bank reconciliation

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Lloyds Bank	£ 23605.09
Unity Trust Bank	£ 110.00
Outstanding Payments	£ NIL
Reconciliation	£ 23715.09

d. Internal audit report

There were no observations from the internal audit.

e. Transfer of funds

Members agreed to transfer £10000.00 from the Lloyds account to the Unity Trust Account with immediate effect.

f. Unity Bank Signatories

Cllr Deeney and Cllr Eaton both agreed to become 3rd & 4th Signatories.

10. Traffic Management measures update

Cllr's Turner and Eaton along with the Clerk had met with representatives from the Dorset Council Traffic management Team. It was deemed a positive meeting with a number of options taken away by Dorset Council. These included:

Reinstatement of the 40mph buffer zones

Pedestrian Island

Dropped curbs with in-builds to narrow road at a crossing point

Additional painting of 30mph and / or SLOW on roads

Additional signage at junctions and removal of advertising signage for clearer driver viewing

Dorset Council confirmed the policy of the 85th percentile – stating that these drivers were **UNEDUCATABLE**, which emphasised the Parish Council's point that only an engineering solution could rectify this matter.

Depending on feedback from Dorset Council on the above, the Parish Council would consider a rerun of the speed wires – at a more appropriate location.

11. Community enhancement projects and ideas

Councillor Eaton briefly explained the outline of a fresh approach to the engagement of the village residents in Parish Council activities as well as a general reinvigoration of grounds maintenance and upkeep around the parish. He expressed a hope that there would be an increasing involvement with the residents of Lady Bailey Park by the election of a council member from that area before the end of the year.

The Chair thanked Cllr. Eaton for his copious work and had, prior to the Meeting jointly agreed 3 items that could be trialled forthwith ... Liaison with Helen Hakimzadeh work on replacement to Valley News, Visible Public Reminders on PC Meeting days -- and closer liaison with the Village Hall. £100 Budget was approved by All mainly for Sign Writer work.

12. Initial discussion on DAPTC membership

Members agreed to receive all correspondence from DAPTC until the next meeting with a view to making a more informed discussion on future membership. Noted that the Volume of such extra correspondence would be likely minimal due to Summer Holiday period.

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13. Replacement fencing between Fields Close and The Village Hall

The important Boundary Fence between Village Hall & Fields Close was now defunct. It was agreed to replace it at a cost not to exceed £500.00. Funds to come from the Community Assets Reserve.

14. Cutting of Rights of Way E32/2 and E32/1 at Parish Council cost

For the past 3 years the much-used Valley Footpaths had been cleared privately free of charge to the community. This could not continue indefinitely. It was agreed to enter into a one-year contract with Dorset Council, at a cost not to exceed £500, providing an explanation as to why this statutory obligation (on Dorset Council) was not being routinely carried out.

15. Delegated funding for Village Maintenance Working Group

It was approved that a sum not to exceed £500 per council year was delegated to Chair, for small matters that needed immediate attention. Payment would be made against Invoice.

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

It was confirmed that a village newsletter would be produced.

It was pleased to announce the Village Hall had received enough support to remain a going concern for the near future.

It was suggested that any future village projects could involve the school and PTA.

It was noted that the Village Hall would be holding a fund raiser for charity.

It was mentioned that the defibrillator bag had been changed but a torch was missing.

Mr Pringle would rectify as part of his periodic monitoring.

17. Items and date for the next meeting

Membership of DAPTC (May 2026 Onwards)

S137 grant funding for the Village Hall

Annual funding for village newsletter

Next Meeting is scheduled for 17th September 2025

There being no further business the meeting closed at **2045 hours**.

Julien Turner _____ Chair of Winterborne Whitechurch Parish Council

Dated _____