

WINTERBORNE WHITECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes

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Minutes of Full Council held on Wednesday 21st May 2025 in The Old School Room
Meeting commenced at 7.45pm following on from Annual Village Meeting

Councillors in attendance:

**Julien Turner, Liam Deeney, Ian Bruce, Ricky Trim,
Geoff Eaton and Alan Holford-Walker**

There were 6 members of the public in attendance along with
Cllr Emma Parker (Ward Councillor)

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1. Apologies for absence

All members were present.

Cllr Parker left after attending the Annual Village Meeting.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or other interest

Cllr Deeney declared an interest in agenda item 12.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th March 2025

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

4. Clerk's report

The Clerk confirmed that the full data on the traffic monitoring had been requested.

5. Chair's update

The Chair had no further matters to update from his Annual Statement at the Annual Village Meeting.

These notes are attached to the minutes.

6. Public participation – items on the agenda only

There were no further matters than those to be discussed at agenda item 14.

7. Dorset Councillors report

There was no report submitted.

8. Planning

There were no new applications.

9. Financial matters

a. Payments for authorisation

There were **10** payments (**PV's 1-10**), totalling **£ 1984.93**, that were approved and authorised for payment.

10. Traffic Management measures update

Cllr Bruce expressed his continued frustration as the lack of engagement from Dorset

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It was agreed that the speed wires were located in the wrong location, and the Dorset Council measurement of average speed was flawed due to the fact many vehicles were either braking to turn into one of the four junctions, or accelerating from the same junctions to leave the village.

Either way, this would dramatically affect the measurement of average speed.

The Clerk would write to Dorset Council to express these concerns with a view to an onsite meeting.

11. Eco Hub funding update

Cllr Bruce (in a private capacity), had managed to establish correspondence with senior management in Centrica.

It was confirmed that Centrica had said that they did not know of the £7500.00 per year for 40 years funding obligation that Naturalis had pledged.

He would continue with this matter.

Cllr Bruce was thanked for all his time. It was confirmed that at this stage it was no longer a Parish Council matter, but the offer to hold any funding within the Parish Council bank account still stood.

12. Grant towards Dunbury Friends of School fund raiser

Members agreed to the following funding:

£200, in the form of a s137 grant to be paid directly to the band.

£100, as a donation to fund raiser, to be used as they felt appropriate, with no receipts needed.

The Clerk would inform the applicant.

13. Change to new email system

The Parish Council had been informed by DAPTC that the current email system contract would expire in May 2026.

Members were in agreement to move to the gov.uk system at the earliest opportunity.

14. Matters from the Annual Village Meeting (held prior to this Full Council)

The subject of community engagement and its enhancement was discussed.

A plethora of ideas were mooted.

Cllr Eaton offered to put together a paper of options and possibilities prior to the next meeting.

This would be on the July agenda.

It was agreed to discuss the management issues of the Village Hall in more detail.

Chris Mullen, was requested to produce a paper on what the scenarios(s) would look like if the current circumstances continued in September.

This would be on the July agenda.

15. Public participation – items not on the agenda for discussion only

It was confirmed that the eco funding would not currently be pursued by the Parish Council.

It was stated that s137 funding would be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

It was announced that a new defibrillator bag had arrived for the Village Hall.

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16. Items and date for the next meeting 16th July 2025

Village Hall Matters
Community Enhancements and Engagement
Membership of DAPTC from 2026/7 onward.
Delegated funding for Village Maintenance Working Group

There being no further business the meeting closed at **2135 hours.**

Julien Turner _____ Chair of Winterborne Whitechurch Parish Council

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