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FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Monday 5th January 2026 at 7.30pm at Kington Magna Village Hall

Item	<p>Parish Councillors Present: Tim Wilton (Chairman (TW)), Simon Stranger (SS), Ms Phillippa Chapman (PCN), Matthew Trim (MT), Ms Safeena Allison (SA), Bob Farrand (BF)</p> <p>Dorset Councillor(s) Present: 2</p> <p>Members of the public: There was 1 member of the public present</p> <p>Members of the press: There were 0 members of the press present</p> <p>In attendance: Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh (SM) Dorset Council (DC), Parish Council (PC), Buckhorn Weston (BW), Kington Magna (KM)</p>	Action
	<p>Public Session: Serious concerns were raised by residents affected by the Gigg Lane closure and the impact on their daily lives. The PC was notified on the 2nd January of an 18 month extended closure with even more limitations so repairs can be made to serious faults, the bridge having been declared unsafe. Questions were raised why weight restrictions were not introduced earlier. Other local residents have offered rights of passage but this was not considered a realistic solution. Temple Lane is also a designated route for the AD plant. The resident has approached Network Rail for compensation and an action plan and queried whether the PC can accelerate the process. A suggestion put forward was for Network Rail to temporarily re-open the barriers at Ascroft crossing to enable use of a small part of a track and for Network Rail to pay for any damage and making good. Cllr Ridout will look into this and the PC will draft a letter and copy in DC.</p> <p>Action: Write to Network Rail</p>	Clerk
77/25	<p>To receive apologies for absence: Kevin Aldred, Anna Grant, Matthew Hoskins, William Tremlett</p>	
78/25	<p>Approve and adopt the minutes of the last Full Council meeting held on 3rd November 2025 and planning meeting held on 22nd December 2025: Cllr Farrand proposed “the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting as dated above be approved as a correct record”. Cllr Chapman proposed “the minutes of the planning meeting as dated above be approved as a correct record”. Cllr Stranger seconded both. Unanimously agreed. Resolved. All minutes signed.</p>	
79/25	<p>Matters arising from the previous minutes: SA has been in contact with DC regarding the temporary diversion on Church Hill, KM for the toad crossing. DC’s costs to produce the signs and carry out a full closure are high but they have advised the volunteers and suggested they produce their own signs, using wording provided by them, and have approved their carrying out a temporary diversion using said signs and cones. The toad patrol volunteers expressed their thanks for the PC’s support. They will be putting a piece into Hear Here.</p>	
80/25	<p>Declarations of interest: SA regarding 84/25iv.</p>	
81/25 i.	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Decision notices from Dorset Council:</p> <p>P/FUL/2025/05109, Littlebrook Farm Hartmoor Hill Buckhorn Weston SP8 5HE, Revised highway access and track: granted</p>	
82/25	<p>Enforcement updates:</p>	

<p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p>	<p>Land by railway line – receive report on possibility of an environment report and associated costs (BF): No update has been received from DC regarding the further breach. BF & AG surveyed the land and took several photos. A number of environmental organisations were contacted, none of whom will take soil samples without the owner’s permission, and advised that others doing so is non-admissible. Abandoned refrigeration and lorries were noted to be the same as those in previous photos from many years ago. The landowner currently has permission for storage however, the definition of storage is ‘items to be used at a later date’ and as these items remain in situ after many years, they should be considered wastage with a possible report to DC’s waste department. BF will take some basic advice from a legal contact however, DC have a legal team in the EA department who can be approached so possibly a face to face meeting can be arranged – item for next agenda. BF will carry on investigating.</p> <p>Update regarding invitation to head of DC: Cllr Nick Ireland has agreed to attend the meeting in KM on May 11th.</p>	
<p>83/25</p> <p>i.</p>	<p>Buckhorn Weston</p> <p>Consider hosting Garden Produce Show 2026 in Buckhorn Weston and BF’s report regarding same: BF advised KM will continue to host the show this year and have invited him to get involved. A couple of people in BW are interested in helping in future.</p>	
<p>84/25</p> <p>i.</p> <p>ii.</p> <p>iii.</p> <p>iv.</p>	<p>Kington Magna & Nyland</p> <p>Update on KMPA lease negotiations (MH): SS will discuss with MH about taking this on as some progress must be made this year for the planning of legal expenses, etc.</p> <p>ROSPA works update (SS): Most of the work is done excepting the goal nets need to be sorted and a few minor bits of work such as more chippings. It is thought £100 should cover the costs. Members were reminded of the KMPA budget. Cllr Chapman proposed “the Parish Council agree an expenditure not exceeding £100 for additional work to the KMPA.” Cllr Allison seconded. Unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>Action: Purchase additional chippings and complete works.</p> <p>War Memorial refurbishment (SS): SS and TW will speak to others for an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Approach people for refurbishment of War Memorial</p> <p>Clearing of run offs into the ditches on Back Lane (SA): Due to runs offs being blocked with mud, water has been running down Back Lane and could cause flooding to enter houses as it did prior to the last clearing in December 2021. It is understood that an arrangement with DC is in place whereby the ditches should be cleared every 3 years. The ditches are on the highways side coming down from Barton Hill.</p> <p>Action: Report to DC Highways and chase up complaint of flooding at the top of Chapel Hill with the junction of Bourton Road.</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>TW,SS</p> <p>SA</p>
<p>85/25</p>	<p>Adopt IT Policy: An amendment was requested to emphasise the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and to include the word ‘must’ when using councillor supplied emails. Cllr Chapman proposed “the Parish Council adopt the IT policy with the amendment included”. Cllr Wilton seconded. Unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p> <p>Action: Amend IT policy and re-circulate to members.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>86/25</p>	<p>Dorset Councillor’s reports: Cllr Ridout - New VCS networks are being launched giving councillors, clerks and community partners the chance to meet local voluntary groups, share updates and explore opportunities to work together. The Shaftesbury and Gillingham VCS network will meet on 14th January at Motcombe Memorial Hall from 9.30am. A 12 month programme to stabilize the slopes of Dinah’s Hollow between Shaftesbury and Blandford will begin on Monday, 5th January. The Hollow will be closed for a year between the C13’s junction with Boundary Road, (the road leading to Compton Abbas Airfield) and its junction with the B3081. The proposed booking system for household recycling centres, including Shaftesbury and Sherborne, will be launched in early 2026. The Budget Setting Tool, designed to help residents understand the trade-offs involved in council budgeting, is open again and available online. Dorset Council will set out its budget proposals for 2026/27 early in the New Year. Gillingham’s 20mph scheme has received delegated authority meaning delivery dates can be confirmed, likely to be in February or March. The northern planning committee has approved an application for 316 dwellings with open space, access,</p>	

