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FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Monday 2nd March 2026 at 8.00pm at Buckhorn Weston Village Hall

Item	<p>Parish Councillors Present: Tim Wilton (Chairman (TW)), Simon Stranger (SS), Phillippa Chapman (PCN), Matthew Trim (MT), Kevin Aldred (KA), Bob Farrand (BF)</p> <p>Dorset Councillor(s) Present: 1</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: A resident raised concerns of flooding on Harpitts Lane. The blocked drains cause a huge build-up of water which runs into his property and causes damage. Reports were submitted to DC in December, January and February but to date there has been no response or work undertaken. It was noted the drains need to be cleared regularly to avoid this situation recurring. Cllr Woode will follow this up with Highways, along with several other issues, see agenda item 105/25i.</p> <p>Action: Send copy of email requesting updates from DC to Cllr. Woode.</p>	Clerk
93/25	<p>To receive apologies for absence: Anna Grant (AG), Matthew Hoskins (MH), Safeena Allison (SA)</p>	
94/25	<p>Approve and adopt the minutes of the last Full Council meeting held on 5th January 2026: Cllr Farrand proposed “the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting as dated above be approved as a correct record”. Cllr Stranger seconded. Unanimously agreed. Resolved. Minutes signed.</p>	
95/25	<p>Matters arising from the previous minutes: None.</p>	
96/25	<p>Declarations of interest: None</p>	
97/25	<p>Planning:</p> <p>i. Decision notices from Dorset Council: No decisions to report.</p>	
98/25	<p>i. Enforcement updates:</p> <p>Land by railway line – update and consider face to face meeting with Dorset Council (BF): A request was made for an update from DC regarding the further breach and outcome of discussions due to be had with the DC team. No response to date. It is understood the case officer will be leaving his role in the near future and nobody has been appointed to cover as yet. BF has been away so not much has been done although he would like to take some legal advice with particular reference to the landowner not having a licence to manage waste and the contamination of land (e.g. two refrigeration lorries lying open and gas cannisters that have been in situ for years). It was noted that the Head of DC will be attending the meeting in May and the issue can be raised at that time.</p> <p>Action: Confirm Head of DC is still coming to the meeting and suggest inviting Cabinet member for Planning and Emergency Planning.</p> <p>Action: Prepare report for this meeting.</p>	Clerk BF

99/25	Buckhorn Weston: No issues were raised prior to the meeting although a travelling caravan has been noted on land opposite the industrial estate and a query was raised if this is a breach of planning. It was agreed to monitor for the time being.	
100/25	<p>Kington Magna & Nyland</p> <p>i. Update on KMPA lease negotiations (MH/SS): Members were advised MH has made contact with Strutt and Parker however, a planned meeting had to be cancelled. Talks will be ongoing.</p> <p>ii. ROSPA works update (SS): The weather has prevented the works being done. It is hoped to complete them in the next couple of weeks. A rat nest near the KMPA has been reported. SS has looked but been unable to locate it and will investigate further with SA.</p> <p>iii. Consider increased cost of KMPA grass cutting: The gardener has increased his fee by £5 per cut. The total cost for the year remains very competitive. Cllr Aldred proposed “the Parish Council agree to the increase in fees”. Cllr Wilton seconded. Unanimously agreed. Resolved. Action: Advise gardener of agreement to continue maintenance.</p> <p>iv. War Memorial refurbishment (SS): The memorial has been cleaned, it is believed, by a local resident.</p> <p>v. Update regarding run offs into the ditches on Back Lane (SA): DC have advised the works are complete.</p>	Clerk
101/25	Consider resilience plan for winter outages (SA): Defer to next meeting.	
102/25	Dorset Councillor’s reports: Cllr Ridout – DC budgets have been approved with £5.25m funding made available to tackle flood impacts, (£5m to target known hotspots and repair storm-damaged sections, £250,000 for a new gully cleaning crew to clear roadside gullies). Extended library hours in Gillingham allow residents to use the services beyond staffed hours. Members can upgrade to the extended access membership. Local tradespeople installing insulation, low-carbon heating or other energy saving measures can apply to join the national ‘Buy with Confidence’ scheme for half the price. The scheme is Trading Standards approved, helping people find reliable, vetted tradespeople working in their area. The Wessex Partnership , (leaders of Dorset, Somerset, Wiltshire and BCP councils), will allow the councils to work together on a joint growth plan for cross-boundary issues e.g. planning for new homes, improving transport, supporting the local economy, protecting the environment and keeping people safe. This involves preparing for the setting up of a Strategic Planning Board, bringing those councils together to plan for the future of the whole Wessex area. Cllr Woode – DC budgets have been approved. There will be a lot of investment for the improvement of services, housing and highways.	
103/25	Chairman’s report: The PC have had six bi-monthly full council meetings in the last year covering numerous topics from precept to enforcement. There have been six additional planning meetings in between the scheduled meetings with eighteen applications covered, not all of which were supported. A new councillor was co-opted for BW and two new councillors co-opted for KM, all of whom have been welcomed. Grit bins were filled ready for the winter season and the PC have been pursuing DC Highways over flooding issues, the emptying of culverts, cleaning of roadsides and the filling of potholes. Works are about to take place in Pound Lane.	
104/25	<p>Clerk & RFO Financial reports: The report and financial documents were circulated prior to the meeting. Bank Reconciliation: As at 28th February 2026 the current account balance was £15704.31. The Nationwide account balance was £5547.79. Receipts to date are £12199.12. Total payments out so far this financial year are £8743.30.</p> <p>i. To receive and approve accounts and payments for the period 1st January to 28th February 2026, including salaries and associated accounts: Cllr Aldred proposed “the Parish Council approve the accounts and payments as noted.” Cllr Farrand seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved.</p>	
105/25	<p>Other reports:</p> <p>i. Highways: There are currently eight local flooding issues reported to DC; two at Chapel Hill, one at Harpitts Lane, one at Church Hill KM, two for the lane outside BW village hall, one at the bottom of Hartmoor Hill and one for Hartmoor Hill to Templecombe Lane. A double pothole has developed at the bottom of Church Hill BW and another large pothole is outside the entrance to Hope Cross. Both have been reported but works are outstanding. Cllrs Woode and Ridout are following up on flooding issues. Hedges are overhanging the lane at the Quarr pinch point, causing damage to vehicles. This could be reported to DC who will cut back the hedges and charge the landowner for</p>	

ii. iii.	<p>the work however, it was agreed to approach the landowner in the first instance. Potholes in the same area need to be reported.</p> <p>Action: Speak to landowner regarding overhanging hedges and report potholes to DC.</p> <p>Community speed watch in Buckhorn Weston (AG): The last CSW session took place in early February. Cars were clocked doing between 35 and 45 mph, one of which has been noted twice in the past. The number of available volunteers or the weather has been against them over the last few months. The team are not allowed to operate when it rains and a minimum of four volunteers is required to do the job well. Weather permitting, it is hoped a session can be arranged sometime in the week beginning 9th March.</p> <p>Public Footpaths: No issues reported.</p>	MT
106/25	<p>Items for next agenda: Introduction of Head of DC and Q&A with Cllr Nick Ireland Resilience plan for winter outages Goat Farm BW</p>	
107/25	<p>Matters pertinent to this meeting: None.</p>	
108/25	<p>Date of next Meeting: Monday 11th May 2026 Kington Magna Village Hall KM APM = 7.00pm Full Council Meeting = 7.30pm</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 21.15.</p> <p>Signed.....Chairman Date</p>	

Items circulated with agenda:

Clerk/RFO report

Accounts and payments for the period 1st January to 28th February 2026

Reconciliation 28th February 2026

KMPA maintenance schedule and costs 2026/27

Full copies of all reports noted in the minutes are available on request from the Parish Clerk.