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FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Held on Monday 7th September 2026 at 7.30pm at Kington Magna Village Hall

Item	Parish Councillors Present: Tim Wilton (Chair (TW)), Simon Stranger (SS), Matthew Hoskins (Vice Chair (MT)), Anna Grant (AG), Matthew Trim (MT), Safeena Allison (SA), Bob Farrand (BF), William Tremlett (WT) Dorset Ward Councillor(s) Present: 3 Members of the public: There were 2 members of the public present Members of the press: There was 1 member of the press present In attendance: Parish Clerk: Sandra Mackintosh (SM) Dorset Council (DC), Parish Council (PC), Buckhorn Weston (BW), Kington Magna (KM)	Action
35/26	Public Session: The AD plant near Wincanton has a new owner. The legal status of the vehicle routing plan between Somerset Council and the new owner is unknown and needs to be clarified however, recent traffic movements appear to be adhering to the plan. It was noted that another plant will be built near Shaftesbury on the A30.	
36/26	To receive apologies for absence: Phillippa Chapman	
37/26	Approve and adopt the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 6th July 2026 and planning meeting held on 28th May 2026: Cllr Grant proposed "the minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting as dated above be approved as a correct record". Cllr Stranger seconded. Cllr Hoskins proposed "the minutes of the planning meeting as dated above be approved as a correct record". Cllr Trim seconded. Both unanimously agreed. Resolved. Minutes signed.	
38/26	Matters arising from the previous minutes: None.	
39/26	Declarations of interest: SA see agenda item 44/26.	
40/26 i. ii.	Planning: Decision notices from Dorset Council: P/FUL/2025/05287, The Barn Shepherds Hill BW, Erection of 1no. Dwelling (revisions): granted P/FUL/2026/02749, Unit 2 Filleybrook Business Park BW, Change of use to B2 for vehicle repair workshop, including MOT testing facility: granted P/FUL/2026/02524, Higher Farm, Nyland Lane Nyland, Install 12 panel ground mount solar array: granted P/TRT/2026/03266, Old Rectory Farm, Back Lane KM, T1 - Oak – Fell: refused P/CLP/2026/03542, The Shieling Shepherds Hill BW, Certificate of lawfulness for stationing 1 no. single unit caravan/garden cabin and 1 no. shepherds hut: granted Consider application P/HOU/2026/04710, Rose Cottage Templecombe Lane Buckhorn Weston SP8 5HL, Erect two storey rear extension (Demolish Conservatory): The applicant advised there has been a lot of communication between themselves and the neighbours regarding the proposal with no objections received. Regarding loss of privacy next-door, an outbuilding sits between the two properties which should mitigate this. The expansion of the house will allow for a young family to grow whilst remaining in the village. Cllr Trim proposed the "PC support the application. The materials are in keeping, being natural stone to match the existing with timber cladding to the upper floor complementing said stone. The two storey proposal and its intended materials meets	

	the criteria as laid out in the Neighbourhood Plan's governing design and development principles." Cllr Grant seconded. Unanimously agreed. Resolved. Action: Submit comments to DC planning portal.	Clerk
41/26 i. ii. iii.	Enforcement: Land by railway line update: No updates have been received and the clerk is unaware of the new case officer. Cllr Shane Bartlett has also not responded to the PC as promised and Cllr Ridout has not received an update either. BF noted additional caravans, many of which look habitable, have appeared with evidence to suggest the intention is for people to live there. Going onto the site from the road, it is nigh on impossible to follow the footpath with a fence having been put up. Cllr Ridout will try to chase for an update from her end. Action: Produce a report for the clerk to send to Cllr Shane Bartlett. Copy in ward councillors. Enforcement DFY859518807 Dayspring Nurseries: DC requested photos which were sent but no further updates have been received. A request for an update has been submitted. Enforcement EN/2026/00318 Shutes Lane Goat Farm (Filleybrook Farm): The issues reported have been resolved in that DC are satisfied the caravan is being used as a welfare facility, not for residential purposes, and with two of the three boats originally on the land having been removed, the remaining boat does not constitute a material change of use.	BF / Clerk
42/26 i.	Buckhorn Weston: Hedge cutting Weston Street (KA): Deferred to next meeting.	
43/26 i. ii.	Kington Magna & Nyland ROSPA report and see saw repairs update: The KMPA repairs are outstanding. SS will make repairs when he can and is currently looking to remove the thistles as reported. Some protruding nails were also noted. The lease renewal is awaiting Strutt & Parker manager's agreement regarding a new value. A resident who suggested fund raising for additional equipment has been advised to hold off until further clarity is received on the lease renewal. Action: Remove thistles, make safe protruding nails and complete KMPA repairs as per ROSPA report. Action: Chase up lease renewal value. Replacement of table and benches in cemetery: The table and benches have rotted away. It was agreed to remove them and make the area safe. If necessary, replacement furniture can be provided in future. Action: Organise for table and benches to be removed.	SS MH Clerk
44/26	Reports on Events attended, 'Community Conversations' & letter to DC (SA): Community conversations were advised better engagement would be achieved by sending the questions for discussion in advance for consideration at a parish council meeting. The next meeting is 15 th October. Cllr Woode advised it is early days and the exercise will probably evolve and improve over time. The car parking review is in phase 2 of the brief, benchmarking payment charges. Phase 1 surveyed underused/overused car parks in DC. Suggested charges linked to emissions was not welcomed. New parking machines are being rolled out despite queries over their ease of use being raised. ANPR has not been installed but more traffic officers will be employed. Limited community and public transport for villages is hoped to be improved with additional funding from parking charges. Cabinet meets in October to make decisions which could possibly change in March dependent on the public consultation results. Attendee comments regarding charges and underused car parking were not received. Ward councillors were made aware of the PC's dissatisfaction at DC bringing forward proposals, which although for discussion, appear to be already decided on.	
45/26	Update regarding resilience plan for winter outages (SA): A few meetings have taken place with several contributions received. Matters are progressing with funding being sought. This is a three pronged action with the production of a resilience and emergency plan document, engagement with villagers who could be key people and key areas to help out in times of emergency. The project is currently a work in progress. KM church could potentially be a second hub, along with village hall, dependent on capacity, insurance, etc. Any assets would be PC owned. Further updates to follow.	

46/26	Dorset Councillor's report: Cllr Ridout: Government's new plan-making system has doubled Dorset's housing requirement. DC are looking at 30 months to prepare the new Local Plan with adoption, best estimate, February 2029. A parking review and emerging strategy was held to improve parking services, the Local Transport plan and the provision of better bus/community transport countywide. Community Conversations is a 12-month programme to enable DC to work more closely with community organisations, with dialogue between DC, Town and Parish Councils, Ward Councillors, local voluntary organisations and statutory partners. Grants ranging from £1,000 to £5,000 are available until 30th September for not for profit community groups. For more information, email: communities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk (non-cultural applications) or leisure@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk (cultural applications). Key4Me Scheme is a landlord incentive to help households across the county be re-housed into the private rented sector. The scheme supports landlords to house tenants, with ongoing assistance available from DC. Leaders of Dorset, Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole, Somerset and Wiltshire issued a joint statement on 12th August, expressing a clear interest in becoming a Mayoral Strategic Authority. The DC UK WhatsApp is now available to receive updates and information. Register to browse all available funding for your organization via: https://funding.idoxopen4community.co.uk/dorset/Register The Annual Vote canvass is currently underway. Look out for a letter/email from the Electoral Services team and follow the instructions. Dorset homeowners are invited to explore whether solar panels and battery storage could help them generate their own renewable energy. DC has secured £1.1m to help prevent homelessness and rough sleeping. Children and young people in Dorset aged 18 and under are invited to share their experiences, ideas, hopes and concerns for the future through The Big Future Survey. The survey closes on Friday, 23rd October. Cllr Potheary: New ward boundaries are being proposed for the DC area. Residents and organisations can share their views until 9th November 2026. Further details and comments can be made via The Boundary Commission website. Motcombe and Marnhull will be out of the ward boundary. DC Rights of Way Improvement plan consultation ends on 12th October. Free school meals will be available to any child whose parents/carers receive any level of Universal Credit. Apply through DC's website. The National Planning Policy Framework has had many changes, most of which are considered unhelpful to the area. The PC were advised to review the Neighbourhood Plan, particularly the housing need. Ward councillors at planning committee meetings now have to work from an "assumption of approval" basis. Action: Write to owners of Cross's Garage advising of the assumption of approval basis.	Clerk
47/26	Chairman's report: A recent lack of attendance at council meetings was mentioned however, most members were present on this occasion. It was reiterated that official PC business must be conducted via the councillor gov.uk email addresses as voted in by members. The purpose being for Freedom of Information and the circulation of all material received by the clerk via the now statutory clerk gov.uk email address.	
48/26	Clerk & RFO Financial reports: The report and financial documents were circulated prior to the meeting. Bank Reconciliation: As at 31st August 2026 the current account balance was £17,258.46. The Nationwide account balance was £5614.14. Receipts to date are £6617.69. Total payments out so far this financial year are £4458.98. i. To receive and approve accounts and payments for the period 1st July to 31st August 2026, including salaries and associated accounts: Cllr Wilton proposed "the PC approve the accounts and payments as noted." Cllr Grant seconded, unanimously agreed. Resolved. ii. Consider National Salary Award for Clerk (SCP11 @ £15.07ph): The hourly increase is 0.48p with the advised back dated amount equating to £48. The annual increase is £115.20. Cllr Allison proposed "the PC agree to the salary increase." Cllr Grant seconded. Unanimously agreed. Resolved. The clerk expressed her thanks. iii. Register of Interests: A couple of registers of interests have not been reviewed on the new system. The outstanding ROIs are passed the deadline and must be carried out urgently for the PC and its website to be compliant.	
49/26	Other reports: i. Highways – updates and matters to report: DC Highways have been chased regarding the clearance of ditches at the top of Chapel Hill. It has been reported that mud is collecting again near	

ii.	the drains in the Bowden area and only one of the two drains at the top of Church Hill were jetted leaving the higher one still leaking. Action: Report to DC Highways. Community speed watch in Buckhorn Weston (AG): The latest session took place Monday morning between 8 and 9. The usual high speeds were clocked in and out of the village, ranging this time between 35 and 48 mph. The Police are hoping to set up a Week of Action in October which the group will take part in. It is hoped that another session will take place in the next couple of weeks.	Clerk.
iii.	Public Footpaths: 4 stiles/gates have been reported in BW. Footpath N66/12 in KM still needs the landowner's permission for clearing. Action: Speak to landowner regarding clearance of footpath N66/12.	MT
50/26	Items for next agenda: ROSPA repairs and maintenance works at KMPA Update on KMPA lease agreement with Strutt & Parker (MH) Hedge cutting Weston St, BW (KA) Dogs off leads and dog fouling issues (SA)	
51/26	Matters pertinent to this meeting: None	
52/26	Date of next Meeting: Monday 2 nd November 2026 Buckhorn Weston Village Hall 7.30pm	
	Meeting closed at 21.16. Signed.....Chairman Date	

Items circulated with agenda:

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Clerk/RFO report

Accounts and payments for the period 1st June to 31st August 2026

Reconciliation 31st August 2026

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