

**UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026, commencing at 7pm**

**Present:** Cllr's E Rowe (Chairman), J Gillingham, B Lumsden, J Piper, C Rabbetts, D Wyatt and A Richards

**In attendance:** The Clerk, Mr J Vanderwolfe

<b>156</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies had been received from Cllr's E Blackburn, S Forsey, F Bailey and Dorset Councillor Cllr S Christopher.
<b>157</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest under the Upper Marshwood Vale Code of Conduct</b> No Declarations of Interest made at this stage of the meeting.
<b>158</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2025, having been previously distributed; were accepted as a true record.
<b>159</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> The chairman welcomed Cllr Richards to his first meeting. Parts for finger posts were being prepared at the Bridport Foundry.
<b>160</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b> <b>No items raised in this section</b>
<b>161</b>	<b>Dorset Council Report</b> Cllr Christopher had submitted a brief report
<b>162</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment and Financial Update.</b>

	<p>S Lee £840.00 and HMRC PAYE £241.20</p> <p>Balance of accounts as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 was £36,426.61</p>
<b>163</b>	<p><b>Budget and Precept 2026/27</b></p> <p><b>Resolved that the precept for 2026/27 be £13,600.</b></p>
<b>164</b>	<p><b>Emails</b></p> <p>Agreed that the clerk would arrange for .GOV emails for all members.</p>
<b>165</b>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>An application (P/LBC/2025/07485) For Horsehill Farm for alterations was supported. The other application for same location (P/FUL/2025/07486) was also supported.</p>
<b>166</b>	<p><b>Determinations</b></p> <p>Members noted that an application to reduce a Hornbeam tree at Manor Farm, Stoke Abbott had been accepted.</p>
<b>167</b>	<p><b>Highways and Rights of Way</b></p> <p>All gritbins would be inspected and a report prepared.</p>
<b>168</b>	<p><b>Former Telephone Box in Marshwood</b></p> <p>The box needs cleaning and there is some vegetation around it. Community to be consulted on possible future use.</p>
<b>169</b>	<p><b>Closing of Meeting</b></p> <p>The meeting was closed by the chairman at 7.45pm</p>
<b>170</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm</p>

**Signature of Chairman** -----

**Date** -----