

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council: John Vanderwolfe FILCM Chartered MCIPD

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 15th May 2025, commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr's E Rowe (Chairman), S Forsey, E Blackburn, J Gillingham, J Piper, C Rabbetts, B Lumsden, D Wyatt

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J Vanderwolfe and eight members of the public.

079	Election of Chairman Councillor E Rowe was elected as chairman for the ensuing year. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Proper Officer.
080	Election of Vice-Chairman Councillor B Lumsden was elected Vice-chairman
081	Appointment to Outside Bodies Cllr E Blackburn would be our representative on the Bridport Local Area Partnership (BLAP) Cllr B Lumsden would be our representative on the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC).
083	Apologies Cllr F Bailey and S Christopher (Dorset Council). It was noted that A Cameron had resigned and that the clerk would inform Dorset Council, who would issue the necessary notices.
084	Declarations of Interest under the Upper Marshwood Vale Code of Conduct Cllr B Lumsden declared a pecuniary interest on planning application P/FUL/2025/01206 Middlebrook Farm. She would leave the room prior to any discussions on this item taking place.

085	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 20 th March, having been previously distributed; were accepted as a true record.
086	Matters Arising There were no items brought up to the meeting under this heading
087	Democratic Period A parishioner introduced herself as the new Pilsdon Warden. Concerns raised in connection with the lack of response regarding the attempt to get the route by Bottle Lane onto the definitive map.
088	Dorset Council Report No report
089	Accounts for Payment and Financial Update. The financial assets of the council as of the 14 th May 2025 were £34, 551.59. We are still trying to obtain an investment account. The following accounts were ratified: Rural Services Partnership £63.00, Parish Online £72.00, Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils £319.85, Arthur J Gallaher Insurance £257.76, Fly Software £7.19.
090	Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 The Annual Governance Statement was agreed
091	Annual Accounting Statement 2024/25 The Accounting statement was agreed
092	Internal Auditor's Report The Internal Auditor's report was accepted
093	Certificate of Exemption from External Audit 2024/25 Resolved, that as both income and expenditure were below the ceiling limit of £25k there was no requirement to have an external audit; and therefore, an exemption certificate would be issued
094	Finger Posts

	No update
095	Planning P/FUL/2025/01260 Middlebrook Farm, Cards Mill Lane, Whitchurch: Silage store. Support. P/HOU/2025/02400 Packham's Anchor, Stoke Abbott: Garden Room. Support
096	Highway Matters Concerns about standing water on Bramblehayes, possibly due to a blocked drain Concerns about subsidence of the road in Pilsdon Lane.
097	Training A training session has been arranged for the 25 th June at 2pm at Bettiscombe Village Hall.
098	Correspondence Relevant correspondence is emailed to members when the clerk receives it
099	Matters of Urgency Nil
100	Closing of Meeting The meeting was closed by the chairman at 8pm
101	Next Meeting Thursday 17 th July 2025 at 7pm.

Signature of Chairman -----

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