UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 17th September 2026, commencing at 7pm.

Present: Cllr's E Rowe (Chairman), F Bailey, E Blackburn, S Forsey, J Gillingham, B Lumsden, J Piper, C Rabbetts and A Richards.

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

228	**Apologies** Cllr D Wyatt and Cllr S Christopher.
229	**Declarations of Interest under the Upper Marshwood Vale Code of Conduct** No Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct were made at this stage of the meeting.
230	**Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July 2026, having been previously distributed; were accepted as a true record.
231	**Matters Arising** **Stoke Abbott Waste Bin:** Cllr Lumsden and the Clerk had both contacted our Dorset Councillor asking him to try and sort this item out as it had been ongoing for over a year, with no positive outcome. It was also noted that we would possibly have the same problem with the request for a bin at Pilsdon. **New Inn:** Palmers Brewery were actively promoting this pub, and were hoping to get a new tenant **Shave Cross Inn:** Dorset Council has now registered this building as a community asset. Clerk confirmed that the registration of this building is not a

	negative to a potential purchaser of the pub as a going public house. He explained that there are many public houses that have this listing
232	**Colmer Stud** An email had been circulated to members from the owner of land at Colmer Stud. The clerk advised that he felt that this item should be dealt with in private under the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act of 1960; and the Local Government Act of 1972. The motion to do this, and therefore exclude the press and public from that part of the meeting was proposed by the Chairman; and agreed by all members.
233	**Democratic Period** A parishioner raised her frustration that the request for a bin at Stoke Abbott had still not been resolved, although she acknowledged that this council was doing all that it could to resolve the matter. A parishioner asked if a letter he had passed to the clerk, which was correspondence from a landowner to him had been circulated as requested. The clerk replied by stating that GDPR did not permit him to do so without the written permission of both parties. The parishioner outlined the history behind the Colmer Stud site and the expectations that a community shop would be built there. He did feel that the present economic climate, and the location, might not be a good business case in today's world The chairman replied that this item was to be discussed in the private part of the meeting; therefore, no further comment could be made at this stage of the meeting.
234	**Finger Posts** Cllr Lumsden had contacted Mr Beer regarding the fingerpost at Pilsdon He had quoted a price of £1,076 for the repair. There had also been a number of other fingerposts identified for attention. Cllr Lumsden would prepare a full financial report for the next meeting**.**
235	**Planning** There were no applications to be deal with at this meeting.
236	**Dorset Report** No report
237	**Accounts for Payment and Financial Update**

	Precision Peripherals £201.60, Website Solutions £359.97 and J Vanderwolfe £118.00. Total payments £679.57. It was also agreed to award a grant of £300 to Bettiscombe Church for the sole purposes of grass cutting.
238	**Register of Interest (ROI)** Following difficulties encountered in the country, the need for a councillors address to be placed on the public website has been removed. A new ROI site has been instituted, and the clerk has forwarded details to members. Members can now deal with Dorset Council direct, rather than through the clerk. You can contact them for help if you need it**.**
239	**Emails** The Clerk informed the meeting that Hawkchurch had decided to use the services of Parish Online for their emails, although this was actually through Local Authority Technology CIC. They had received a £100 switching fund grant, which had reduced the invoice to £275 plus Vat. Members agreed to use that company. Email address would be; First name. Surname. UMPC. Clerk would now work on getting this implemented as soon as possible,
223	**Highways** No issues
224	**Rights of Way** We await a decision from Dorset Council in relation to Bottle Lane.
225	**Speed Restriction Questionnaire** Members had been circulated with the draft questionnaire. They agreed that this was a good document. Agreed that it would be circulated to residents of Marshwood, Mutton Street and Birdsmoor Gate. Where hand delivery was not possible the council would refund postage. Council would cover cost of paper and envelopes. The possible inclusion of a gateway system would not form part of the questionnaire, as it was felt that it could confuse the issue. It was hoped to get the results of the questionnaire back in time for the next council meeting in November
226	**Colmer Stud**

	The meeting went into Part B to deal with this item due to the sensitive nature of the item being discussed.
227	**Closing of Meeting** The meeting was closed by the chairman at 8pm
228	**Next Meeting** Thursday 19th November 2026 at 7pm

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

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