

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 19th March 2026, commencing at 7pm

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

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J Vanderwolfe, Cllr S Shristopher (Dorset Council) and three members of the public

171	Apologies No apologies received.
172	Declarations of Interest under the Upper Marshwood Vale Code of Conduct Cllr S Forsey declared an interest on the application for a grant from Marshwood PCC, as she is a member of that authority.
173	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 8 th of January 2025, having been previously distributed; were accepted as a true record.
174	Matters Arising Stoke Abbott Bin: A site meeting is required before Dorset Council will move forward with the provision of this bin.
175	Highway Safety Meeting of 4th February 2026 The clerk reported on the meeting held regarding speeding problems near the school at Marshwood. Surveys could be undertaken to investigate the possible provision of a 20mph speed restriction near the school. The community would need to support this provision. The cost would be borne by the parish council. The highway representatives stated that if a gateway was to be installed it

	would need to be maintained if it was to prove a deterrent to speeding problems. Agreed to move forward with a survey.
176	Democratic Period The speed watch team leader reported that the average speeds recorded were 40mph in the 30mph limit. Cars must park on the other side of the road to the school, which presents a hazard crossing the road
177	Dorset Council Report Cllr Christopher referred to a public consultation regarding the possible closure of fire stations in Somerset and Dorset. Charmouth was one of the stations under review. He urged people to make their opinions know. Survey is open until early May.
178	Accounts for Payment and Financial Update. Following accounts were sanctioned for payment: Dorset Fingerpost Services £1,458.30, S Lee Garden Services £1,140.00, J Vanderwolfe £81.99. Balance of funds on 1 st March 2026 was £33,120.97.
179	Annual Business Risk Assessment Members had reviewed the risk assessment document and agreed that they had done all within their power to protect the assets of the council
180	Planning P/LBC/2025/07485 Horsehill Farm, Stoke Abbott: Replace and enlarge extension and works to chimney. Support.
181	Churchyard Grant Resolved that a grant of £300 be made to Marshwood Church. Church must provide a copy of their 2025 accounts as soon as possible. Further applications should include accounts.
182	Highways and Rights of Way Cllr Christopher is trying to get additional funds for local road repairs in the Marshwood Vale area. A detailed report had been completed regarding grit bins. Agreed that scoops would be purchased for each bin.

183	<p>Former Telephone Box in Marshwood</p> <p>The CLT are to approach landowner to get hedge and vegetation cutback prior to any use of the former telephone box</p>
184	<p>Closing of Meeting</p> <p>The meeting was closed by the chairman at 8pm</p>
185	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 21st May at 7pm</p>

Signature of Chairman -----

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