

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 Wednesday 29th April 2026, commencing at 7pm

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

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

186	Apologies Apologies had been received from Cllr F Bailey and Cllr J Gillingham.
187	Declarations of Interest under the Upper Marshwood Vale Code of Conduct Cllr Forsey declared an interest in the payment to Marshwood PCC.
188	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 th of March 2025, having been previously distributed; were accepted as a true record.
189	Matters Arising Stoke Abbott Bin: Cllr Wyatt would contact Dorset Council regarding the site meeting for the bin. Speed Problems: The clerk informed the meeting that to enable a speed limit of 20mph to be investigated they would need to prove that the residents were in favour of this scheme. The costs of both the survey, implementation and maintenance would be down to the parish council.
190	Democratic Period

	<p>Several parishioners spoke about their concerns about the proposed change of use of the Shave Cross Inn to a dwelling. A recent meeting called to discuss this issue had attracted about 40 people.</p> <p>A resident spoke about road safety issues in Marshwood and her hope to have a meeting to discuss having a gateway at either end of the village.</p>
191	<p>Shave Cross Inn P/FUL/2026/01837: Change of use from Public House to Dwelling.</p> <p>Members were opposed to this application, feeling that it would be a loss of a community amenity. It was felt that with the right management to pub could make a profit. Agreed that the council would apply for the building to be listed as an Asset of Community Value. The clerk would be provided with a grid reference and map to assist him with this application.</p>
192	<p>Hunthorne Cottages, Lower Monkwood Farm</p> <p>Single storey dinning room extension and creation of garden room. Members would let the clerk know of their views on this application.</p>
193	<p>Determinations</p> <p>Higher Sminhay Farm. Lawful Development Certificate. Granted</p> <p>Annandale, Stoke Abbott. Tree works. Permission nor required</p> <p>Flat. Stoke Water, Beaminster. Alterations. Granted</p> <p>Horsehill Farm. Alterations to Listed Building. Refused</p>
194	<p>Accounts for Payment:</p> <p>Bettiscombe Hall £175.00, Marshwood PCC £300.00, John Bright Fencing £88.27, James Briggs £90.00, S Lee Garden Services 120.00, Ealing , HMRC PAYE £250.37, Community Transport £500.00, Rural Services Partnership £66.16, Dorset Fingerpost Services £2443.49 and DAPTC £331.04. Total £4364.33. The financial assets of the council as of 1st April 2026 were £28,380.62</p>
195	<p>Annual Governance Statement</p> <p>The statement was approved by the meeting</p>
196	<p>Annual Accounting Statements</p>

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197	Certificate of Exemption It was agreed that the council complied with the regulations, and that there would not be a need for an external audit
198	Highways and Rights of Way The gritbin at Pilsdon was now in place
199	Closing of Meeting The meeting was closed by the chairman at 7.45pm
200	Next Meeting Thursday 21 st May at 7pm

Signature of Chairman -----

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