

OWERMOIGNE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF OWERMOIGNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th MAY 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.30 P.M.

Public Open Forum

A member of the public raised concerns regarding excessive noise from cars and motorcycles travelling through the village. They explained that incidents had been reported, including the submission of witness observations, but understood that further action required independent evidence. Frustration was expressed regarding the current reporting process, with the view that continuous camera monitoring would be necessary to provide sufficient evidence.

It was **AGREED** that the Parish Council would continue to keep the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) informed of residents' concerns and would also consider writing directly to Dorset Road Safe.

A member of the public referred to the 20 is Plenty initiative in Broadmayne, advising that a recent three-day speed monitoring exercise had recorded approximately 50 speeding vehicles per month, although no subsequent enforcement action had been taken. They asked whether the Parish Council could investigate the use of speed cameras or other speed monitoring measures on the main road through the village.

In response, it was noted that there are restrictions on the installation of certain traffic enforcement measures depending on the road and speed limit. It was also observed that police enforcement vehicles are highly visible when carrying out speed checks.

A further member of the public advised that the Dorchester Traffic Action Group (DTAG) remained hopeful that a 20 mph speed limit would be introduced by the end of the year.

Another member of the public commented that concerns related to both vehicle speed and traffic noise. It was suggested that Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) may help encourage lower vehicle speeds.

AGREED: The cost and options for a Speed Indicator Device (SID) will be investigated and reported to a future meeting of the Council.

The meeting opened at 7.45 p.m.

Attendance: Cllr Paul Warren (Chair), Cllr Andrew Buckingham, Cllr John Chilcott, Cllr Kim House and Emma Evans (Clerk), Cllr Nick Ireland (DC Cllr).

Three members of the public and Cllr Nick Ireland.

1 Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Cllr House, seconded by Cllr Buckingham and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-** That Cllr Paul Warren be elected as the Chairman of Owermoigne Parish Council for 2026-27.

2 Election of Vice-Chairman

It was **AGREED:** That this item be deferred until next meeting due to the absence of Cllr Jo Chilcott, current Vice-Chairman.

3 Apologies for absence

Apologies for her inability to attend the meeting were received from Cllr Jo Chilcott.

4 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

No declarations were made on this occasion.

5 Parish Council Committees

To appoint Lead Councillors [current lead councillor/s]:

DAPTC representative [KH], Emergency Planning [KH, PW], Environmental [JoC], Finance [JoC], Flooding [AB] Highways, HOP [JoC], Planning [PW], Rights of Way [PW], Rural & Agricultural [JC], Winfrith & Solar [AB], Younger People [JoC]

It was **AGREED**: That this item be deferred until next meeting due to the absence of Cllr Jo Chilcott, current Vice-Chairman.

6 Minutes of previous Meeting

To confirm, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council on 18th March 2026.

It was proposed by Cllr Buckingham, seconded by Cllr House and **RESOLVED**

UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th March 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed.

7 Correspondence

- a) 20mph limit through Owermoigne - to note request received to revive application – *Clerk will review Minutes from March 2025 to ascertain status.*

The Clerk and Chairman will make further enquiries and liaise with the Dorset Council Road Safety Team regarding the current process, indicative costs, and any updated requirements. The Clerk reported that a speed survey is estimated to cost approximately £250, and will also confirm when the previous survey was undertaken.

- b) Wessex Internet – update – *Representative attended the Annual Parish Assembly to provide an update.*

It was noted that the presentation had addressed a number of residents' concerns, including clarifying that residents are encouraged to register their interest rather than commit to signing up for the service at this stage.

A member reported that the necessary wayleave documentation relating to land access had now been signed and queried the process for connecting properties. It was noted that residents are expected to receive further information within the coming weeks explaining the next steps. Members also noted that customers may be required to pay for the final connection to their property.

Members discussed the rollout in neighbouring areas and whether the same provider serves Crossways. It was commented that the service would be beneficial if available, although questions were raised regarding any potential hidden costs.

AGREED: The Clerk will contact neighbouring parish clerks to gather feedback on their experience of Wessex Internet and will invite a representative from Wessex Internet to attend a future Council meeting to provide a further update and answer Members' questions.

8 Dorset Councillor's Report

Members received the report from Dorset Councillor Nick Ireland, who provided the following updates:

Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

It was noted that the local PCSO has reduced their working hours. Councillor Ireland also agreed to follow up with Dorset Council regarding the appointment of a Highways Officer contact.

Highways Maintenance

Members noted that highway patching works at Holworth have been completed. Resurfacing works are planned for sections of the A352 and surrounding roads, including Warmwell to Crossways and towards Osmington. It was also noted that Wessex Water will be carrying out remedial works to rectify previous reinstatements.

Dorset Council Electoral Boundary Review

Councillor Ireland updated Members on the ongoing electoral boundary review. The proposals are based on projected electoral numbers and include changes to ward boundaries within the local area. A further period of public consultation is expected in September 2026. Subject to approval, the new warding arrangements are anticipated to come into effect for the 2029 local elections.

20 mph Speed Limit Programme

Members noted that Dorset Council has successfully delivered a number of 20 mph schemes through previous phases of its programme and that Phase 4 is now underway. Current proposals include schemes for Broadmayne and Warmwell, which are presently out for consultation. The discussion also covered the role of Community Speed Watch, police support for local initiatives, and the benefits of introducing comprehensive 20 mph zones rather than isolated sections of reduced speed limit.

9 Police Report

Dorchester Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Team Crime Report

To note reports from March and April 2026

Members noted that the reports contained no recorded crimes for Owermoigne during the reporting period. Residents were encouraged to continue reporting any incidents or concerns to Dorset Police to assist with monitoring and appropriate action.

10 Matters arising

Matters arising (not covered by this agenda) from the minutes of previous meetings

10.1 Wessex Water - to receive an update regarding any outstanding issues – EIR received 24th April 2026

Members noted the information received in response to the Environmental Information Request (EIR). Discussion included the terminology used by Wessex Water, particularly the distinction between "spillages" and "overflows", and concerns regarding historic sewage incidents and the regulation of sewage discharges.

Members also discussed the operation of sewage treatment works, the impact of new development on the sewerage network, the use of pipe lining to improve infrastructure, and initiatives supported by Wessex Water, including river groups and the Great Big Hedge Project. The importance of continuing to engage with Wessex Water regarding local sewerage issues was emphasised.

AGREED: Consideration of a letter to Lloyd Hatton MP regarding the Environmental Information Request will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

10.2 Footpath - Kit Lane to park – to note the Clerk will review previous minutes and report findings

It was noted that the Clerk would review previous minutes.

10.3 Adverse Possession/Property Ownership - to note the Chairman has been in contact with the new owners and a new fence erected along the correct boundary. Council to consider waste removal if needed.

The situation would be reviewed and an update provided to a future Council meeting.

10.4 Housing Needs survey – to note any updates

It was noted that this item would remain on the agenda.

10.5 Defibrillator Training and Financial Support - to consider arrangements for training and associated financial support – Training provider to be sought.

It was reported that the Defibrillator was now registered with The Circuit.

It was **AGREED**: That the Clerk would contact SW Ambulance Service for costs to provide training on Defibrillator use and report to the next meeting of the Council.

10.6 Ditch Clearance – March meeting It was **AGREED**:- that a multi-agency meeting be arranged on site with Dorset Highways and a representative from the Environment Agency to investigate potential solutions.

It was reported that the newly appointed Highways Officer had not yet taken post and therefore a meeting would be scheduled following that appointment.

11 Planning Applications

To receive and consider all planning, licensing matters and consultations. N.B. Any application received after the agenda publication date may still be considered during the meeting. For an up to date list of applications please check Dorset Council's website

For Information:

11.1 [P/LBC/2026/01562](#) Location: 42 Kit Lane Owermoigne DT2 8HP. Proposal: Replacement of garage doors and rear concrete path (*Comments until 23rd May 2026*)

No comment was made by Council.

Consultations:

11.2 The Local Government Boundary Commission

10-week public consultation inviting proposals for new council wards and ward boundaries for Dorset Council. *Consultation will close on 1st June 2026.* [Dorset | LGBCE](#)

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Buckingham would review the consultation information and report to Councillors.

11.3 Beaver Wild Release - Consultation on the potential for wild beaver release in the River Hooke and Frome Catchment, Dorset. Representative attended Annual Parish Assembly. *Consultation will close on 31st May 2026.*

It was **AGREED**: That Members would complete the survey on an individual basis.

12 Finance and Insurance

12.1 Community Benefit Fund

12.2 NS&I “ringfenced” account for longer term payments – Mandate changed and Clerk has access

12.3 Natwest – online form completed – awaiting access

12.4 Lloyds bank – form to vary bank mandate – following meeting at Lloyds bank with Chairman and Clerk a new form has been signed by previous signatories and will be

submitted to Lloyds for action

12.5 Insurance – The date for renewal would be confirmed for the next Council meeting.

12.6 Bank Balances and Payments – NS&I balance as at 10th April 2026 £6,141.59. Lloyds and NatWest to be confirmed.

12.7 Invoices - to approve Payments

Supplier	Invoice Number	Description	Amount £	Due Date	Status	Payment Ref/Cheque No	Notes
Wessex Ground Services	14352	Grounds Maintenance	145.69	31/03/26	Paid	1146	
Emma Evans	N/A	Salary	642.53	05/04/26	Paid	1145	
Wessex Ground Services	14422	Grounds Maintenance	151.51	30/04/26	Paid	1148	£145.69 paid by Chq o/s £5.82
Emma Evans	N/A	Salary	379.32	05/05/26	Paid	1147	
Emma Evans	N/A	Co-op APA goods	15.6	05/05/26	Paid	1147	£394.32 Chq total
		Total paid since March meeting	1328.83				
		Outstanding (Wessex invoice)	5.82				

It was proposed by Cllr Buckingham and **AGREED:** That the payments as listed be approved.

It was further noted that upcoming payments would consist of the Clerk's salary and the payment for Grounds Maintenance Services.

13 Date of next Parish Council meeting: Council Meeting - Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

It was noted that Councillor Briefing regarding Finance matters would be held on Wednesday 17th June 2026.

Members requested the Clerk to check whether weed clearance would be commenced by Dorset Council, prior to the Open Gardens Event being held 20th and 21st June 2026.

Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.