

OWERMOIGNE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF OWERMOIGNE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th JULY 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL. THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 7.30 P.M.

Public Open Forum

The following points were raised:

Wastewater/sewerage: Concern was raised regarding wastewater backing up onto a neighbouring property. Wessex Water attended within a couple of hours. Clarification was requested from Dorset Council that the proposed development at Crossways would not proceed without the capacity and condition of the wastewater services being properly considered. The resident will email supporting information to the Clerk.

Members queried the EIR response which stated that no fines had been issued in relation to the spills.

It was AGREED:- That the Clerk would draft a letter on behalf of the Parish Council to the local MP regarding the concerns raised and copy in Cllr Nick Ireland.

Surface water/run-off: Concerns were raised regarding surface water run-off. The provision of new drainage ditches was discussed.

Weed clearance: Concerns were raised regarding weed clearance. A multi-agency meeting is awaited. Cllr Nick Ireland is to provide the Clerk with the contact details of the relevant Highways Officer.

Dogs barking: Concerns were raised regarding persistent dog barking and the impact this is having on residents. It was AGREED:- That this matter would be included on an agenda for a future meeting.

The meeting opened at 7.35 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 Vice-Chairman

It was AGREED:- That the election of the Vice-Chairman of Owermoigne Parish Council for 2026-27 be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were received from Cllr Jo Chilcott and Cllr John Chilcott.

3 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests

No declarations were made on this occasion.

4 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 would be deferred until the next Council meeting.

5 Minutes of previous Meeting

To confirm, as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council on 20th May 2026.

It was proposed by Cllr Kim House, seconded by Cllr Andrew Buckingham and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 20th May 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed.

6 Correspondence

a) 20mph limit through Owermoigne – to consider information from Dorset Council Roadsafe team

The requested information from the Dorset Council Roadsafe Team had not been received in time for the meeting.

The positioning of the SID (Speed Indicator Device) was discussed, with only one suitable position available. It was suggested that traffic behaviour be monitored following the introduction of the 20mph speed limit, should this be agreed, and then consider whether the use of the SID recorder would be beneficial.

It was AGREED:- That this item would be deferred until the September Council meeting.

b) Wessex Internet – update – Clerk to contact neighbouring parishes

It was reported that the Clerk had contacted Crossways, Osmington, Chaldon Herring and Warmwell Parish Council's to enquire whether those areas were experiencing upgrades by Wessex Internet and to ask whether it would be beneficial to arrange a meeting with Wessex Internet and neighbouring parishes.

The Clerk was awaiting a response from the neighbouring councils.

7 Dorset Councillor's Report

To note report from Councillor Nick Ireland

A report was provided by Cllr Nick Ireland which included:

- **Out turn report** – An underspend of approximately £160,000 against budget.
- **Mileage rate** - To reflect the current cost pressures the annual mileage allowance had been increased to 55p per mile.
- **Boundary review** – The matter was agreed unanimously, with a recommendation to be brought forward in September following the recent consultation.
- **20 mph schemes** - Schemes are being progressed on a first-come, first-served basis. Consultation is taking place on 10 schemes this month, with a further 10 planned for next month. Warmwell and Broadmayne were in the consultation phase and an update would be sought regarding Crossways.
- **Dorset Council Car parking review** – A review of the council's car parks and charges is underway with initial consultation events being held online with discussion at cabinet and further consultation to follow.

- **Roadworks** - Surface dressing has been applied to road surfaces rather than full resurfacing. No road closures are currently known.

8 Police Report

Dorchester Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Team Crime Report

To note reports from May and June 2026

Members noted the contents of the reports

The report for May contained the following information relevant to Owermoigne:

04/05/2026 Drone being flown in the area – believed to be animal activists. Animal activists committed civil trespass earlier during the day at a barn.

04/05/2026 Anti-social use of Wareham Road between Warmwell Roundabout & Burton Cross Roundabout. This has been reported to Dorset Road Safe who will monitor. As per discussions please encourage reporting so that dates/times can be collated and highlight key times.

The report from June contained no reports for Owermoigne.

It was AGREED:- That an item on 'How to report to the police' would be included on the September Council meeting agenda.

9 Matters arising

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

9.1 Wessex Water - to consider drafting a letter to Lloyd Hatton MP

It was AGREED:- That the Clerk would draft a letter to the MP to circulate to Councillors for approval.

9.2 Footpath - Kit Lane to park – to note the Clerk will review previous minutes and report findings It was reported that this item was outstanding.

9.3 Adverse Possession/Property Ownership - Council to consider waste removal if needed

It was AGREED:- That this item would be deferred to the next Council Meeting.

9.4 Housing Needs survey – to note any updates

It was noted that this item would remain on the agenda for further consideration at a future meeting.

9.5 Defibrillator Training and Financial Support - to consider arrangements for training and associated financial support <https://www.swast.nhs.uk/request-a-free-cpr-and-training-session>

To consider potential attendees and dates (free training – at least three weeks' notice)

It was AGREED:- That this item would be deferred to the next Council meeting.

10 Council Meeting dates 2026/27

To note dates for Parish Council Meetings:

Council Meetings – To note an Extraordinary Council Meeting has been called by the Chairman on Wednesday 29th July 2026 (in order to approve the AGAR), 16th September and 18th November 2026, 20th January 2027 and Wednesday 17th March 2027.

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/HOU/2026/03651](#) Location: 2 Chilbury Gardens, Owermoigne DT2 8HR. Proposal: Raise the ridge of the roof, install rooflights and convert loft space to form bedrooms (*Comments until 28th July 2026*)

It was noted that an extension had been agreed for Council to submit comments by 30th July and therefore it was AGREED:- That this item would be deferred until the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 29th July.

11.2 [P/FUL/2026/03035](#) Location: Moignes Court, Moreton Road, Owermoigne DT2 8HY. Proposal: Change of use of land to enable 5 camping pitches and siting of associated facilities. (*Comments until 14th July 2026 – extension requested*).

11.3 [P/FUL/2026/03036](#) Location: Moignes Court, Moreton Road, Owermoigne DT2 8HY. Proposal: Change of use of land to enable the siting of 4 glamping units and associated facilities. (*Comments until 14th July 2026 – extension requested*).

It was AGREED:- That the Council raised no objection to both planning application P/FUL/2026/03035 or P/FUL/2026/03036.

Consultations:

11.4 DAPTC Community Emergency Response Plan Survey – completed

Upcoming:

Dorset Council Community Conversations – Clerk attending the Purbeck Cluster event 17th July 2026

12 Governance and Compliance

12.1 Internal Audit – to note the current arrangement for the internal audit of the council's accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2026

The Clerk anticipated the internal audit completion prior to the extension from the external auditors of 31st July.

12.2 External Audit – To note the current arrangement for the external audit 2025/26

It was reported that an extension had been granted until 31st July and the Clerk anticipated preparing the documentation prior to the end of the month, subject to bank account access.

12.3 Register of Interest – To note all Members will need to complete a new ROI

It was noted that Members would need to complete a new Register of Interest form via the online portal and information had been supplied in order for Members to complete the process.

13 Finance and Insurance

13.1 Community Benefit Fund – no update

13.2 Insurance – To consider renewal documents

It was noted that the renewal cost had minimally increased and therefore it was AGREED:- That the renewal for insurance from Clear Councils Insurance at a cost of £817.24 be approved.

13.3 Bank Balances and Payments

NS&I “ringfenced” account for longer term payments – Balance as at 10th April 2026 £6,141.59

Natwest – Balance as at 30th June 2026 £ (awaiting access)

Lloyds bank – Balance as at 30th June 2026 £ 19,393.35

13.4 Invoices - to approve payments:

Supplier	Invoice Number	Description	Amount £	Due Date	Status	Payment Ref/Cheque No	Notes
Wessex Ground Services	14497	Grounds Maintenance	157.33	29/05/2026	Paid	1150	Included £5.82 under-payment on previous invoice
Emma Evans	N/A	Salary	431.12	05/06/2026	Paid	1149	
Wessex Ground Services	14577	Grounds Maintenance	151.51	03/07/2026	Paid	BACS	
Emma Evans	N/A	Salary	405.12	03/07/2026	Paid	BACS	
		Total paid since May meeting	1145.08				
To approve:							
Clear Councils Insurance	LCO03036	Annual Insurance Premium	817.24	02/08/2026	Unpaid		
DAPTC	INV-0554	Annual Subscription	264.44	11/06/2026	Unpaid		
HMRC – Payments to be confirmed							
DM Payroll	INV-5396	April-September Payroll	79.20	10/07/2026	Unpaid		

It was proposed by Cllr Buckingham, seconded by Cllr House and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:- That the payments as listed above be approved.

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

- 14 Date of next Parish Council meeting:** Extraordinary Council Meeting - Wednesday 29th July 2026 and Council Meeting - Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.