BROADMAYNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL ON 3rd AUGUST 2026

Present Cllrs R Macer-Wright, T Byrne, B Eason, K Ellis, T Larkin, D Lewis

Also in attendance Mr T Watton (Parish Clerk), and six members of the public.

The Council Chair, Cllr R Macer-Wright, opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Apologies for absence
26/058 Cllr A Evans.

Public participation
26/059 Two residents of Osmington Drove attended the meeting and explained their reasoning behind the installation of signs which they had installed to discourage parking on the drove at a point beyond the end of the section which is adopted highway – i.e. on the bridleway. They explained that their action was in response to increasing difficulties residents there are experiencing accessing their properties due to vehicle parking which has on occasions been inconsiderate. The Parish Council members noted this action and the reasons offered for it. The Council also made it clear that no funds administered by the Council had been used to contribute to the cost of installation of the signs. Neither did the Council have a particular stance on the matter - other than to encourage all residents and visitors to be courteous to one another at all times, and considerate when parking throughout the village.

To receive any declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations
26/060 There were none.

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2026
26/061 It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July are approved as a correct record and signed at the meeting. **RESOLVED**

Planning and Tree Matters
26/045(a) Decisions and correspondence/updates on previous applications
P/HOU/2026/03047 Nightingale 3 Holcombe Valley Cottages Broadmayne Dorchester DT2 8PW. Single storey flat roof extension to front and side with balcony above side extension. The DC Planning Portal shows that this application has not yet been determined.
26/045(b) Consultations Received. None
26/045(c) Any planning matters received after publication of the agenda. There were none.

Oral Reports
26/062 Dorset Council Ward Member: No report.
Playing Field Association: Cllr Ellis reported that the next BPFA Meeting is on 13 August; Agenda items include the Playing Field Lease and care of the pitch.
Village Hall: Cllr Eason reported that the most recent meeting took place on 15th July. It was noted that bookings are healthy and income from them is currently exceeding the hall running costs.
DAPTC: Central area committee: The Parish Clerk remarked on the initial round of "Community Conversations" being run by Dorset Council to understand how DC can work more closely together with local communities. The conversations involve a wide range of stakeholder organisations and are intended to consider future working relationships. Observations gathered by the Clerk from those who attended the initial session was that many attendees felt that it was rather unstructured and lacked a clear focus. The Clerk also took this further opportunity to remind Councillors of the importance of accessing the new DC Portal and making a fresh Declaration of Interests, if they have not already done so.
Broadmayne Community Speedwatch: Cllr Byrne reported that two Speedwatch sessions had been held in July. In total 928 vehicle journeys were observed and 17 were recorded exceeding the speed

limit within the village. The maximum speed recorded was 43 mph. It was pleasing to note that a further member of the community has come forward to join the Community Speedwatch Team.
PCSO: The monthly report from the Police Community Support Officer recorded one incident locally - a lorry seen in a field late at night. On investigation by the police this was found to be a legitimate visit by the landowner.
Performance of grass cutting / grounds maintenance contract: It was noted that prior to the date of this meeting no activity reports from the contractor had been received by the Council for at least three weeks. Council members are aware that this lack of reporting is contrary to the requirements of the contract. The concerns about this have been strongly expressed to the contractor's Operations Manager. This is now to be followed-up by the Clerk by reiterating to the Operations Manager what is expected; and indicating that both performance of the required works and the immediate reporting thereafter will be closely monitored ready for a critical review at the September Council meeting. The Council's options in the event of any further shortfalls in performance and / or reporting are being considered.

Financial Matters
26/063(a) The Clerk had prepared the July 2026 financial statements, which he had circulated to all members ahead of the meeting. This included the bank reconciliation to 1st August 2026, a listing of all receipts and payments for the month of July and a detailed budget report showing all receipts & payments vs budgets for all budget subheads for the financial year 2026-27 so far. A copy of these statements is associated at Appendix 1 to these minutes.
26/063(b) It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the following payments:
Payments to be made

T Watton (Salary, Aug 2026)	£668.96
HMRC (PAYE & ENI Aug 2026)	£230.07
WWCS Env Svcs Ltd (grounds maintenance – grass cutting inv 68642)	£517.99
K Jefferies (refund of allotment deposit)	£50.00
T Watton (reimbursement of expenditure on behalf of council)	£26.00
Unity Trust bank (monthly bank charge (1-31st July)	£7.00

Proposed, D Lewis; **Seconded,** T Byrne

26/063(c) It was noted that a grant application submitted on behalf of Life Education BLAH BLAH will be considered at the September meeting of the Council.

Governance Matters
26/064 There were none.

Other matters
26/065 To consider a proposal: That Broadmayne Parish Council submits an application for designating the village shop as an Asset of Community Value.
Reflecting residents' expressions of concern and appreciation of the importance of the local village shop to the community, the Parish Council unanimously **AGREED** to submit to Dorset Council an application for the designation of the village shop as an "Asset of Community Value".
It was clarified that if the application is successful the designation will last for a period of five years. Its effect is to create a 6-week interim delay in any sale, so community groups can say if they want to bid. If a community group then steps up, this triggers a 6-month total delay in the sale.

Matters of report
26/066(a) The Clerk reported on the following matters:

(i) **Allotments:** over the past month there had been no new joiners to the allotment waiting list, but one allotment holder had notified the Council that they reluctantly wished to give up their plot before the end of August. The plot was immediately offered to the person at the top of the waiting list and that person responded indicating their intention to take it on.
An inspection of the condition of the plots was undertaken on 1st August. The two plots giving cause for concern last month are both showing some improvement.

(ii) **Condition of footpaths:** Concerns about the condition of three Rights of Way were reported to DC Rights of Way Team following the July Council meeting – i.e. Bridleway

S9/10 (Osmington Drove), Footpath S9/2 between Knighton Lane and the church, and Bridleway S9/15 (Bramble Drove). The DC Team reported back on 13th July to confirm that they had visited and attended to S9/10 (Osmington Drove) to ensure it was passable.
Footpath S9/2 and Bridleway S9/15 (Bramble Drove) are subject to an annual Service Level Agreement between the Parish Council and DC. A Senior DC Ranger responded on these by investigating. He advised on 7th July that a team was due to come out to cut both of these Rights of Way in accordance with the SLA. Regarding the side growth of the hedge on private land to one side of footpath S9/2, this is the responsibility of the owner of the land on which it stands. This matter was also raised with the Senior DC Ranger and he replied to say that DC would write to the landowner accordingly.

(iii) **Highways Issues reported to Dorset Council:** Cllr Eason reported to DC Highways (ref Enquiry 1326361) a concern that the hedge on the junction of Rectory Road and Chalky Road is obscuring visibility at the junction as well as the overgrowth causing narrowing of the pavements on Chalky Rd on both sides of the junction. DC Highways have responded to say that as this is still the bird nesting season they are monitoring the situation.

(iv) **Road works notified by Dorset Council**: In mid-July the Parish Council received a confirmation / reminder notification of temporary road closures to enable safe working for contractors carrying out "essential maintenance work" 08:00-18:00 between 27th July and 6th August and 10th – 17th August on Osmington Drove, Rectory Rd, Broadmead (cul-de-sac part) Bakers Paddock, and Woodlands. Council members expressed concerns about the performance of DC Highways' appointed contractor for these works. The specific concerns relate to where the top surface had been stripped off and has left exposed a loose, pitted and / or potholed substructure which represents a tipping hazard for pedestrians. At the date of this meeting it was noted several local residential roads have been left in this unsafe condition for several days. The Parish Clerk is to take up this apparently poor scheduling of the works with DC Highways.

26/066(b) The Council Chair drew attention to the forthcoming Ironman event on Sunday 20th September which will necessitate the closure of local roads.

To note any matters received after the publication of the agenda
26/067 There were none.

Next meeting
26/068 The next meeting will take place on **Monday 7th September 2026** in the Methodist Church Hall, unless otherwise advised.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:46, thanking everyone for their attendance.

Signed: **Date:**

Appendix 1 – Bank reconciliation and accounts update to 1st August 2026.
See separate .pdf file