BROADMAYNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2026

Present Cllrs R Macer-Wright, T Byrne, B Eason, A Evans, D Lewis

Also in attendance Mr T Watton (Parish Clerk), Dorset Cllr Roland Tarr and five members of the public.

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

Apologies for absence
26/069 Cllrs K Ellis and T Larkin.

Public participation
26/070 A resident of Rectory Road commented on the recent resurfacing of several residential roads in the village. He particularly expressed concerns about the significant delay between stripping off the old surface and putting the new one down. This resulted in a loose, pitted and pot-holed subsurface being exposed - which presented a safety risk to pedestrians and road users. Complaints and enquiries directed to Dorset Council Highways Department were passed by them to their sub-contractor to respond to, and some residents felt that by doing so DC had not taken sufficient direct responsibility for communication about the cause of the delay, the safety concerns expressed, or when the matters would be resolved. Residents also remarked that the final surfacing appears to be of an inferior quality. Dorset Cllr Roland Tarr responded by explaining that the delay between removal of the old surface and laying the new one was caused by the heatwave experienced at that time. Had the new surfacing been laid in the hot weather it would not have adhered properly and would have been damaged by vehicles passing over it. He accepted that it was unfortunate that the heatwave was prolonged and therefore extended the time before the new surface could be laid. The points made about the quality of the final surfacing were noted to query with DC Highways.

Another resident raised previously expressed concerns about what is happening on the land adjacent to Knighton Lane - opposite Old Brickfields. It was pointed out that despite the dry summer, water is running from the roadside bank in several places and on down the road. Concern was raised about the source of this water – querying whether it may contain effluent and represents a risk to public health, as well as potentially damaging the integrity of the roadside bank. Concerns were also expressed about the points previously raised with Dorset Council departments over the last two years about potential breaches of planning regulations on the site. It is understood these matters are in the hands of the Dorset Council Planning Enforcement team - but it is uncertain what actions they are taking on them. Clarification will be sought on this.

The matter of the current status of the village shop was raised by members of the public present. Cllr Eason reported that in July a residents' group was formed to look into the preparation of an application to Dorset Council to have the shop registered as an "Asset of Community Value" (ACV). An application was duly prepared and at its meeting in August the Parish Council agreed to submit the application to Dorset Council on behalf of the community – which was then duly done on 8th August. Beyond an acknowledgement of that submission, there has been no further response from Dorset Council yet - whilst they await comments from the business owners. Registration as an ACV would mean that if the business were to come up for sale a pause in the process would be put in place to enable any community group to consider whether it wished to prepare and submit a bid for it.
On a related matter, disappointment was expressed about recent commercial decisions affecting the shop – the current withdrawal of the Post Office services, and the reduction in opening hours.

A resident commented on the current condition of the bridleway between Washponds and Fryermayne (S9/19) which he felt had become very rough and narrow. This matter is to be raised with Dorset Council Rights of Way Team.

To receive any declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations
26/071 There were none.

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 2026
26/072 It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August are approved as a correct record and signed at the meeting. **RESOLVED**

Planning and Tree Matters
26/073(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. The DC Planning Portal shows that this application was approved by DC on 6th Aug 2026
26/073(b) Consultations Received. New Tree Preservation Order TPO/2026/0041 Land lying to the south of 19 Knighton Lane, Broadmayne, Dorchester. The Council members expressed their support for this proposal.
26/073(c) Any planning matters received after publication of the agenda. There were none.
26/073(d) Update on the change of approach by Dorset Council to the preparation of the Dorset Local Plan. The Parish Clerk explained that towards the end of July there was an announcement from Dorset Council, covered in local media and press releases, of a change in approach to delivering the Dorset Local Plan. DC had advised that this comes as a result of changes made to the planning rules by central government. New deadlines have left Dorset Council unable to prepare a sound Local Plan under the previous system. Deciding now to change their approach gives Dorset Council the best opportunity to carry forward work already completed, including the consultation on potential sites which was carried out last year and prompted 9,000 responses. DC's reasoning is understood to be that whilst adopting the new system will result in a minor delay overall, it will align Dorset with its Wessex devolution partners, and is promised to bring more transparency and be afforded more weight at an earlier stage than the previous approach.
There are expected to be three consultation stages of consultation of the Local Plan i.e.

i. A scoping exercise – outlining what the plan should cover, to be undertaken around Sept / Oct 2026
ii. The main consultation on the plan content and policies, to take place in early 2027 and,
iii. The final consultation on the draft plan, expected to take place in early 2028.

Oral Reports
26/074 Dorset Council Ward Member: Dorset Cllr Tarr drew attention to the current consultation on Dorset Council Ward boundary proposals being run by the Boundary Commission for England. The proposals include some changes to the Ward of which Broadmayne is a part. It is to be renamed "Broadmayne and Winterborne Vale" and it is to be enlarged to the south to take in Osmington and Ringstead. Cllr Tarr encouraged responses to the public consultation, which closes on 9th November 2026.
Playing Field Association: No report. However the Council Chair remarked that he had visited at the weekend whilst the football was in progress he observed that the parking was generally orderly and considerate.
Village Hall: Cllr Eason reported that three skylights were being replaced – to also be fitted with blinds.
DAPTC: Central area committee: It was noted that the DAPTC management team's current focus is on preparing for the forthcoming AGM. The Parish Clerk reminded those present that a second round of "Community Conversations" being run by Dorset Council is scheduled to take place in the near future.
Broadmayne Community Speedwatch: Cllr Byrne reported that one Speedwatch session had been held in August – which was also a training session for a new Speedwatch Group member. It was also attended by a police officer. During that session 367 vehicle journeys were observed and 2 vehicles were seen speeding. The top speed noted was 37mph.
PCSO: No report.

Financial Matters

26/075(a) The Clerk had prepared the August 2026 financial statements, which he had circulated to all members ahead of the meeting. This included the bank reconciliation to 1st September 2026, a listing of all receipts and payments for the month of August 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.

26/075(b) It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the following payments:

Payments already made	
Dorset Council (annual fee for Rights of Way Service Level Agreement)	£1558.80
Payments to be made	
T Watton (Salary, Sept, incl nat pay increase backdated to 1st Apr 26)	£801.12
HMRC (PAYE & ENI Sept, incl nat pay increase backdated to 1st Apr 26)	£288.08
WWCS Env Svcs Ltd (grounds maintenance – grass cutting inv 68722	£517.99
Water2Business (allotment water supply 04/03/26 – 12/08/26)	£508.80
T Watton (reimbursement of expenditure on behalf of council)	£27.50
Unity Trust bank (monthly bank charge (1-31st Aug)	£7.00
BDO LLP (fee for Annual External Audit)	£378.00

Proposed, B Eason; **Seconded,** D Lewis

26/075(c) To consider a grant application from Life Education Wessex and Thames Valley for any amount of up to £410 decided by the Parish Council to support their work locally. It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the award a grant of £410 for this purpose.

Governance Matters

26/076 The Parish Clerk reported that the External Auditors, BDO LLP had responded on the day of this meeting to advise that they had signed-off the AGAR for the year ended 31st March 2026 with their opinion that "*the information in sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met*". The Parish Clerk has arranged for the notice of conclusion of audit, and a copy of the signed-off AGAR to be put on display on the main notice board and on the website.

Other matters

26/077 To receive and note any update on the submitted application to Dorset Council for designation of the village shop as an Asset of Community Value. The remarks made under minute 26/070 above are relevant to this. The application for registration as an Asset of Community Value was submitted to Dorset Council on 8th August. It is understood that Dorset Council have written to the shop owners for their comments. There is nothing further to report at this stage.

26/078 To note actions in preparation for Remembrance Sunday. The Parish Clerk reported that arrangements for Remembrance Sunday are in hand; the usual road closure has been applied for, consultation letters have gone to all residents within the road closure area, revised date stickers for the road signs have been ordered, and the poppy wreath has been ordered.

Matters of report

26/079(a) The Clerk reported on the following matters:

(i) **Allotments:** Over the past month there have been another four new joiners to the allotment waiting list. This now makes a total of seven people actively waiting for a plot, with two further people wishing to stay on the list but not wanting a plot immediately. An inspection of the condition of the plots was undertaken on 5th September. An email has gone to the holder of one plot requesting that they deal with some areas of concern.

(ii) **Condition of rights of way:** Nothing to report back. However, the point raised by a member of the public as reported under minute 26/070 above about the condition of bridleway S9/19 from Washponds towards Fryermayne was noted for report to the Dorset Council Rights of Way Team.

(iii) **Highways faults reported:** The missing road name sign for Beech Close, and the faded name sign for South Drove have both now been replaced with new ones.

(iv) **Road works:** The re-surfacing works on Osmington Drove, Rectory Rd, Broadmead (cul-de-sac part) Bakers Paddock, and Woodlands have now been completed. A formal complaint, expressing concerns about public safety due to the loose and uneven sub-surfaces, was submitted to Dorset Council Highways Department during August about the length of time which had been allowed to elapse between removal of the old surfaces and the replacements with new.
Notification was received from Dorset Council Highways of a temporary closure of the C33 road at Woodsford on 7th Sept for up to 5 days to enable the provision of a safe working area for Wessex Internet to install fibre cabling. The effect on Broadmayne is as part of the traffic diversion route.
The usual temporary road closures will be in place on Sunday 20th September for the Annual Weymouth Ironman event. All local households should have received a leaflet covering the details. Further information can be found at https://www.ironman.com/races/im703-weymouth/traffic-impact

To note any matters received after the publication of the agenda
26/080 There were none.

Next meeting
26/081 The next meeting will take place on **Monday 5th October 2026** in the Methodist Church Hall, unless otherwise advised.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:47, thanking everyone for their attendance.

Signed: **Date:**

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