

Yeohead & Castleton Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting on 2nd of July 2026 at 7.30 pm in Osborne Village Hall

The following were present: Councillors Lacey, Buckland, Simnett, Stubbs, Wheadon, the Clerk and Dorset Councillor Legg.

- 26.27 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Dillon
- 26.28 **Declarations of interest:** None. The clerk told the council that Dorset Council and DAPTC have updated the online digital register of interests to remove councillors' addresses. Everyone will need to check there own section of the register and make sure it is up to date.
- 26.29 **The minutes of the meeting held 7th of May 2026** were confirmed and signed.
- 26.30 **New member for Osborne:** Cllr Lacey is making the vacancy known in the village and speaking to people who might be interested.
- 26.31 **Matters arising:** Cllr Legg has submitted an alternative proposal for the revision of ward boundaries to Dorset Council. The clerk missed the consultation deadline. Cllr Buckland told Cllr Legg about difficulties in getting a waste collection being experienced by a new business. He also raised the matter of highway signs being left at the side of the road after works have been completed. Cllr Legg agreed to make enquiries with the relevant Dorset Council officials. Cllr Stubbs told the council that access to the public footpath above the church in Poyntington had been obstructed. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the landowner.
- 26.32 **The financial report for the year 2026-27** to date was received and accepted. Payments in accordance with budget were approved: Clerk salary: £346.30, HMRC PAYE £64.20, Osborne Village Hall £20 hall hire. Payments since the last meeting: Poyntington Village Hall: New play equipment donation £200. Playsafety: Osborne play inspection £109.20 reimbursed by Osborne Play Association as agreed at previous meeting.
- 26.33 **New bank mandate:** Cllr Lacey was given an application form to complete to be added to the bank signatories. Cllr Simnett also signed to authorise this.
- 26.34 **Planning Matters**
Planning matters dealt with since the last meeting for approval or to be decided at this meeting are in bold:

Name & Address	Details /Reference	Status
Terrace Playing Fields, The Terrace Clubhouse Sherborne Hill Sherborne	P/FUL/2026/02846 Erect 2no. floodlights	No objection
Land at Lenthay Road, Sherborne	P/OUT/2025/07170 Erection of up to 37no. dwellings (outline application to determine access only)	Objection Awaiting decision by DC

- 26.35 **Mobile signal improvement:** Atlas has written to say that the land on the other side of the junction at Wheatsheaf Hill is not geographically suitable for a mast. Elsewhere there is either no suitable power source and quotes for connection are too high, or landowners have not wished to participate. Atlas is now in discussion with Dorset Council about smaller single village schemes which may be suitable for Poyntington.
- 26.36 **Dorset Council Asset Listing:** The clerk has not received a response from Dorset Council to the parish council's expression of interest in land at the junction alongside the A30 and the adjacent old stone barn and outbuildings as well as the area currently used as an occasional village car park adjacent to the play area. Cllr Legg offered to follow

this up.

- 26.37 **Neighbourhood Plan, update:** Prior to the meeting the clerk circulated an email from Sherborne Town Council which indicated that some confusion has arisen with the consultant over how preparation of the plan should proceed and who should pay for it. Councillors asked the clerk to write and suggest that a meeting of the steering committee takes place before any further meetings with the consultant.
- 26.38 **Fingerposts:** Jason Perryman had very kindly left a piece of oak which will be suitable for a small finger. Cllr Stubbs offered to speak to a potential source of offcuts and Cllr Buckland gave the clerk a phone number of another possibility.
- 26.39 **Sewage contamination in the stream at Goathill:** Since the last meeting this had been reported to the Environment Agency and Wessex Water by a member of the public and followed up on behalf of the council by the clerk and Cllr Buckland. The problem has now been resolved, though Wessex Water did not admit responsibility.
- 26.40 **Funding request from South Western Ambulance Service:** The council agreed to donate £270 on the understanding that a CPR training session would be provided in Poyntington.
- 26.41 **Review of parish council data and IT policy documents:** The council will review draft documents for discussion at the next meeting.
- 26.42 **Items for the next Agenda:** Send to clerk
- 26.43 **Dates of future meetings:**
3 September, Poyntington
5 November, Osborne
The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.