

**NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
24 MARCH 2026 at 7.20PM  
SALWAYASH VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Richard King (Chair), Ryan Strong, Luke Larder, Mark Roberts, Peter Bailey, Clare Handford and Robert Bowditch.

**ATTENDANCE:** Natalie Bealing (Acting Clerk). There were members of the public in attendance.

**1. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Rogers and Eysenck (Dorset Council), and from PCSO Alex Bishop and approved by the Council.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

Cllrs King and Bowditch expressed an interest in agenda item 7c.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public attended the meeting to request that the Parish Council considers the installation of an illuminating speed sign (Speed Indicator Device) within Salway Ash. The main road through Salway Ash serves as a key route for the Primary School, Church, Village Hall and the pub. Residents have grown increasingly concerned about vehicle speeds in the immediate vicinity of these four hubs, where pedestrian activity, particularly involving children and pub patrons is highest. Specifically, she asked the council to discuss a potential site assessment by the Dorset Highways SID team; available funding or grant options (such as the UK Shared Prosperity Fund) and the possibility of a mobile unit that could be shared or rotated to keep costs down.

She was happy to help coordinate a small group of volunteers if a Community SpeedWatch or SID rotation team is required.

Action: The Clerk to explain next steps to the parishioner.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – TO REVIEW AND APPROVE**

The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 27 January were confirmed as a true record, unanimously approved by the Council and duly signed by Cllr King.

**5. MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION LIST UPDATE**

Item 10:

Cllr King had followed up with PCSO Bishop regarding Neighbourhood Watch schemes. The scheme has been replaced by 'Dorset Alerts' and a volunteer is needed to field the email alerts and disseminate as appropriate.

**Action:** The Clerk to sign up to Dorset Alerts.

Item 12:

Cllr Eysenck had heard from Dorset Council School Transport and First Bus about the merger of school bus routes. The general tone of the responses is that they agree there have been changes but state that these all fall within the legal requirements for school bus routes (for travel time and distance). DC appear to indicate that there may be an option to revert back but this may just be said in the hope that any issues go away over the course of time. Essentially his take on the responses is that parents need to put together clear evidence of precisely what the issues are in order to try to build a decent case for proving there is an issue in order to changing the route again.

He had arranged to meet with a local community highways officer (CHO) to discuss the road closure regarding the village hall and overhanging trees complaint from the bus company on Friday 27 March at 9am at Salway Ash village hall. There is a road closure planned by Wessex Internet for that section of road that has already been submitted so it may be possible for the village hall to cut their trees using this same road closure providing Wessex Internet are happy with this. Works are scheduled for 8-19 June.

## **6. TO NOTE YEW AND ASH TREE INSPECTION REPORT**

Noted. The Acting Clerk confirmed that she had submitted an application to Planning at Dorset Council regarding the Yew Tree as it is in a conservation area.

## **7. ACCOUNTS**

- a. To receive the finance report for 2025/26

Accepted

- b. To consider quotes and approve quote for yew and ash tree maintenance

A discussion ensued and the lowest of the three quotes was accepted.

**Action:** The Clerk to follow up after the date has passed for the Council to consider the Tree Planning application which had been lodged by the Acting Clerk.

- c. To consider donation request of £500 towards hedge laying, Netherbury Playing Field

Cllr King introduced the agenda item and then withdrew from the conversation due to a conflict of interest. More money is needed for hedge laying. The Council confirmed that it was happy to contribute £500 towards the cost (all Cllrs present were in agreement) and asked if the funding could come from CIL.

**Action:** The Clerk to follow up.

- d. To note payment of £39 to Netherbury Village Hall (November and January Meeting)

Noted.

- e. To note payment of £84.99 to Clerk (Microsoft 365 subscription)

Noted.

- f. To note payment of £155.85 & £46.96 to N Bealing (Jan & Feb 2026 temp staff)

Noted.

- g. To note payment of £50.00 to N Bealing (SWA Village Hall 24/03/26)

Noted.

- h. To note payment of £114 to CB Reid (Payroll Services Jan & Feb)

Noted.

- i. To consider payment request for Brandon Plot maintenance

One quote had been submitted. A discussion ensued. The Council asked that the Lengthsman be invited to quote and for a meeting to take place at the site between the Lengthsman, Cllr King, Heather (the local homeowner who had kindly volunteered to help with the work) and a representative from the Nature Group to discuss options.

**Action:** The Clerk to obtain a quote from the Lengthsman.

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P/FUL/2026/00325 Ashfield Farm Salwayash Bridport DT6 5JE. Retention and conversion of leisure building to provide facilities for glamping pods / provision of glamping pods (PC Comments ended 18/02/26 – the Council submitted comments to the Planning Team)

P/HOU/2026/00517 Higher Paverlands Dottery Road Salwayash DT6 5HT. Conversion of an existing outbuilding to provide additional accommodation incidental to the main residential use (PC Comments ended 24/02/26 – no response submitted)

P/HOU/2026/00828, Jasmine Cottage St James Road Netherbury DT6 5LP. Demolish conservatory and erect two-storey rear extension (PC Comments ended 10/03/26 - Support)

**9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Internal planning application process.

Date of next meeting (Annual General Meeting): 19 May 2026 @ 7pm, Reading Room, Netherbury

The meeting closed at 8.35pm