

NETHERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 22nd SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESENT: Cllr Richard King (Chair); Cllr Kevin Goodfellow; Cllr Robert Bowditch; Cllr Luke Larder; Cllr Yvonne Dyke; Cllr Mark Roberts; Cllr Ryan Strong and Cllr Neil Eysenck.

ATTENDANCE: Jessica Teasdale (Clerk)

1. TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mark Rogers, Cllr Peter Bailey and Cllr Clare Handford and were approved by the council.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Larder declared an interest in item 14g.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A parishioner asked what the position was with replacing/repairing the bench which was located by the bridge in Netherbury. Cllr Rogers may be able to cast a concrete frame for a replacement. Cllr Bowditch stated that Wessex Water were due to donate £500 to the council following work carried out in Netherbury and that this could be used to purchase a replacement bench. The parishioner stated that village fund raising could be carried out to support payment for the bench.

Action: The Clerk to establish if the funds had been received from Wessex Water and to liaise with Cllr Bowditch.

A parishioner raised concerns about a driveway in Netherbury which, when it rains, gravel from the drive is pushed into a nearby drain.

Action: Cllr King to liaise with the owners to address the issue once the parishioner is able to supply the contact details of the property owner.

4. TO REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 14TH JULY 2026

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record by the council and were signed by the Chair.

5. MATTERS ARISING AND ACTIONS UPDATE (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

Item 3: Dorset Council have cleared vegetation from Bridge Street in Netherbury,

Item 5: Cllrs Larder, Bailey and Eysenck met with Highways to discuss parking concerns in Salway Ash. Road markings have been marked on the areas discussed. Cllr King has spoken to a landowner regarding a potential solution for an area of land to be used for parking for residents at Neddy's Close, Netherbury. They are not going to proceed with the option for residents to use the land. The parking situation at Neddy's Close is ongoing. Responsibility therefore returns to Magna, whose position is that parking pressure is a general rural problem across their estate and that they do not plan to act. Cllr Monks, councillor for Beaminster, may be able to support through a Magna Housing contact.

Action: Cllr Eysenck to follow up this up with Cllr Monks.

Action: The Clerk to continue to follow up with Highways, reinstating a layby near to Neddy's Close.

Action: Cllr Eysenck to continue to follow up road resurfacing in Oxbridge.

6. WARD COUNCILLOR NEIL EYSENCK REPORT

Cllr Eysenck reported that two events are taking place in Beaminster to discuss *Community Conversations* (7th Oct & 3rd Nov). The aim is to understand how organisations can work more closely with communities by exploring local challenges and opportunities.

Action: The Clerk to check that Cllr Handford is attending the sessions.

Dorset Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan is being consulted on. A parish council working party will meet before the deadline of 12th October to submit a parish council response.

Under the Local Government Boundary Commission's proposals, the parish council would move into a reconfigured Beaminster ward from 2029. It is felt that should the parish council join Beaminster ward, this could secure effective electoral equality. Councillors support the proposal. A Dorset Council overspend of around £8 million is currently forecast, broadly the same position as this time last year, when the final outturn came in roughly on budget. The overspend is driven by Children's Services and Adult Social Care.

7. POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER REPORT

The PSCO reported that on the evening of Saturday 15th August, a male was arrested on suspicion of drug driving in the area between Netherbury and Beaminster.

8. CORRESPONDANCE AND NOTICES

- a. Melplash Community Speed Watch Reports July and August
Councillors noted the two reports provided by the Community Speed Watch Team. In July 4,387 vehicles were monitored, with 64 reported as speeding. In August, 2,053 vehicles were monitored with 37 reported as speeding.
- b. Dorset Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation
See section on Rights of Way under item 6.

9. TO DISCUSS CONSULTATION FOR WEST DORSET WILDING LICENCE APPLICATION – EURASIAN BEAVERS INTO THE WILD IN BRIT VALLEY

Councillors discussed the survey which had been shared by West Dorset Wilding. Councillors voted in favour of not completing the survey as a parish council and that councillors were encouraged to complete the survey as individuals.

10. TO DISCUSS DORSET COUNCIL BOUNDARY CHANGES

See section on Boundary Changes under item 6.

11. TO CONSIDER 20MPH SPEED LIMIT REQUEST, NETHERBURY

Item 11 was discussed under item 3, after which a parishioner left the meeting. A parishioner attended the meeting to discuss introducing a 20mph speed limit in areas of the village. One concern is traffic coming down Drury Lane and cars speeding up as they leave the village. The main benefit for a 20mph was safer walking through the village.

Councillors noted that parked cars already keep speeds low and that a lower limit would not stop determined speeders. Budget implications would need to be considered for the parish council should speed surveys need to be carried out as there isn't a budget currently for surveys.

Councillors stressed that Dorset Council will want evidence, which in practice means a Community Speed Watch Team. A councillor pointed out that a recent WhatsApp poll resulted in 30 votes in favour of a 20mph limit but that it does not show what the wider community of around 670 people may think.

Action: The Clerk to request that Highways repaint the faded white lines at the bottom of Drury Lane.

Action: Parishioners to research the Dorset Council criteria and bring a worked-up proposal to the November or January meeting.

12. TO DISCUSS SALWAY PHONE BOX ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

The council owns the box and Salway Ash wish to bring it into use as a book swap.

Councillors discussed electrics in the box with the option to have the electrics disconnection at an estimated of £200–£300.

Cllr King proposed disconnecting the box, seconded by Cllr Roberts, agreed by a show of hands.

Action: The Clerk to contact National Grid for a formal quote and to action the disconnection.

Action: Cllr Larder to investigate installing and battery or solar light once the power has been disconnected.

13. ACCOUNTS

- a. To receive the finance report for 2026/27

Councillors noted the finance report and that in August the budget stood at £15,524. This includes £4,772 of Community Infrastructure Levy income.

- b. To note payment of £108 to CBReid (Payroll Services June, July & Aug 26)

- c. To note payment of £22.50 to Netherbury Village Hall (July Meeting)

- d. To note NALC Salary Award for 2025/26, pay adjustment and back pay for Clerk/RFO

- e. To note payment of £119.88 to Salway Ash Village Hall (Bin collections)

- f. To note payment of £26.08 to Clerk (Cork Boards)

Councillors noted items 13b to 13 f.

- g. To approve payment of £827 to Steve Strawbrige (Brandon Plot Garden refurbishment)

Cllr King proposed payment of £827, seconded by Cllr Roberts, approved by a show of hands.

- h. To approve quote of £266 to Steve Strawbridge (Netherbury bus stop refurbishment)

Cllr King proposed accepting the quote of £266, seconded by Cllr Roberts, approved by a show of hands. It was noted that £266 is half of the quote for the bus shelter and that Netherbury Garden Opens is covering the other half.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. P/FUL/2026/03749, Ashfield Farm Salwayash Bridport DT6 5JE, Revised application for retrospective retention & conversion of leisure building to provide facilities for glamping pods/provision of glamping pods and extension of footpath to village (PC comments ended 19/08/26)

Application withdrawn.

- b. P/FUL/2026/03706, Ashfield Farm Salwayash Bridport DT6 5JE, Extension of lambing shed (PC comments ended 26/08/2026)

Application withdrawn.

- c. P/VOC/2026/04212, Camesworth Old Rectory Camesworth Lane Oxbridge DT6 3TZ, Remove side entrance porch and erect single storey side extension with variation to condition 2 of planning permission P/HOU/2025/04063 (PC comments ended 28/08/2026)

- d. P/FUL/2026/04386, Ashfield Farm Salwayash Bridport DT6 5JE, Extension of lambing shed (PC comments ended 03/09/2026)

- e. P/HOU/2026/04497, Limbury Cottage Dottery Road Salwayash DT6 5HT, Refurbishment and second floor extension of the existing dwelling. Proposed external landscaping works, including a new vehicular access and parking area. (PC comments ended 11/09/26)

- f. P/LBC/2026/04930/04931, Myrtle Cottage Bridge Street Netherbury DT6 5LS, The restatement of the roadside wall abutting the garden of Myrtle Cottage. PC comments end 05/10/26)

- g. P/VOC/2026/04933, Meadow Barn Care Farm Ash Lane Salwayash DT6 5JA, Siting of a temporary rural worker's dwelling, erect extension to existing barn and change of use of land and buildings to a mixed use of agriculture and community education facility. PC comments end 05/10/26

The planning applications had been consulted on by councillors and councillors supported items 14c to 14f. Item 14g would be addressed within the parish council deadline of 5th October.

Cllr Larder noted that item 14g was showing as 'closed as invalid' on Dorset Council website.

Action: The Clerk to establish the status of this application.

Cllr King reported that Salway Ash Primary School has had a pre-school approved by Dorset Council.

Funds to support a play area for the pre-school may be needed and the parish council may be approached to see if they are able to contribute funds.

The next meeting will be held on 24th November 2026 and 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.