

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 20th November 2025, commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr's E Rowe (Chairman), E Blackburn, S Forsey, C Rabbetts

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J Vanderwolfe, Cllr S Christopher and four members of the public

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| 139 | Apologies Apologies had been received from Cllr F Bailey, Cllr B Lumsden, Cllr J Gillingham, Cllr J Piper and Cllr D Wyatt. |
| 140 | Declarations of Interest under the Upper Marshwood Vale Code of Conduct No Declarations of Interest made at this stage of the meeting. |
| 141 | Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 th of September 2025, having been previously distributed; were accepted as a true record. |
| 142 | Matters Arising a) Stoke Abbott Bin: awaiting a photo of the proposed location. b) Marshwood Gateway: Awaiting a site meeting c) Finger Posts: Understood some parts are at the foundry d) Bottle Lane: Rights of Way hope this will be investigated in the first part of 2026. |
| 143 | Democratic Period |

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| | <p>A resident of Stoke Abbott expressed her concerns that placing the bin near Norway Lane would serve no useful purpose. She would email the clerk with the ideal location.</p> <p>It was understood that fittings have been put in place to replace the missing footbridge.</p> |
| 144 | <p>Dorset Council Report</p> <p>Cllr Christoher informed the meeting that some locations shown on the draft Local Plan for areas for development have had to be withdrawn because the landowners had stated that that area was not being offered for development.</p> <p>Cabinet had agreed that one of their owned farms would be a solar farm.</p> |
| 145 | <p>Accounts for Payment and Financial Update.</p> <p>Accounts for Payment: S Lee £132.00, HMRC £253.85, James Briggs £269.98, S Lee £180.00 and J Vanderwolfe £150.59. The total being £986.42.</p> <p>The bank balance as of 2nd November 2025 was £37,063.21. Noted that Vat return had been made, and there will be a refund of £42.00 from HMRC.</p> |
| 146 | <p>Casual Vacancy</p> <p>Disappointment that the new councillor had contacted to say he was unable to attend this evening's meeting. Members agreed that he be permitted to sign his declaration at the January meeting.</p> |
| 147 | <p>Emails</p> <p>Clerk would provide costings to next meeting for providing specific emails to the clerk and members.</p> |
| 148 | <p>Planning</p> <p>P/HOU/2025/06591 Pucks Knoll, Mutton Street, Marshwood, DT6 5QT</p> <p>Ground floor extension, roof alterations, installation of a balcony and replace Garage. Support.</p> |
| 149 | <p>Appeal</p> <p>The clerk informed the meeting that notification of an appeal by Mr Phillips against the decision of Dorset Council to refuse change of use and various buildings at Bridge Farm, Cards Mill Lane. The appeal will take the form of</p> |

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| | written representations, with a closing date of the 16 th of December 2025. There is no requirement for the parish council to resubmit its earlier comments, as they will be taken into consideration by the Planning Inspector. Noted. |
| 150 | Determinations Members noted planning determinations as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Stephen's Access Road. Lift crown of tree. Granted • Pilsdon Dairy Farm: Prior approval determined not required • Church Cottage, Bettiscombe. Tree works. Refused • Higher Sminham Farm. Solar Panels, Granted • Anchor House, Stoke Abbott. Fell Silver Birch. No objection • Manor Farm. Reduce Sweet Gum. No objections |
| 151 | Correspondence Relevant correspondence is emailed to members when the clerk receives it |
| 152 | Matters of Urgency Nil |
| 153 | Items for Next Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of former telephone box |
| 154 | Closing of Meeting The meeting was closed by the chairman at 7.40pm |
| 155 | Next Meeting Thursday 8 th January 2026 at 7pm |

Signature of Chairman -----

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