



Minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2025 in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm

Present: Jon Abbott (Chair), John Bridges, Cath Law, John Scadding and David Stone.

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk) and one member of the public.

1	Apologies for Absence The meeting received apologies for absence from Nikki Hutchison and David Wilson.		
2	Chair's Announcements The Chair made no announcements.		
3	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.		
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 2 September 2025 meeting as a correct record.		
5	Local Government Reports No reports received.		
6	Local Community Networks The meeting noted that the Chair and Clerk had joined the LCN meeting (on-line) which proved to be unworkable. The Chair has emailed the LCN chair and co-ordinator suggesting there should be a review of holding future LCN's at a fixed central location.		
7	Planning applications The meeting noted a planning application for installation of solar panels to provide renewable energy to the Morris and Perry quarry. The site is in Ashwick.		
8	Financial matters 1. Financial Position The meeting noted the financial position to date. 2. Receipts noted since the last report: £4.20 – C & G Collections – Textile Bank £63.17 – National Grid – Wayleave £120.00 – Forsey & Son – Cemetery – Hill memorial £50.00 – Cash donation 3. Standing order payments noted since the last report: £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – September salary payment 4. Online banking payments noted since the last report: £177.60 – Playsafety Limited – Annual RoSPA Inspection		
9	Budget and Precept -2026-2027 The meeting received and considered a draft budget and precept for 2026-2027 and after discussion it was agreed to bring it back to the November meeting.		
10	Playground The meeting noted the playground report.		



11	Assertion 10 Preparation The meeting noted the Assertion 10 preparation briefing had been postponed and rescheduled for 27 October. The item would be brought back to the November meeting.		
12	Land Rent The meeting noted that the Clerk had raised the Michaelmas land rent bills.	DA	
13	Interpretation Board The meeting received an update on the design of the board and requested a drawing of the village shop be added.	All	
14	Macmillan Coffee The Chair thanked everyone who helped and baked cakes. Cath informed the meeting that £340.00 had been raised.		
15	Remembrance Silhouettes and Poppies It was noted that the Clerk would order new poppies as previously agreed.		
16	Village Clean-up The meeting agreed to hold a village clean up on Saturday 8 November. The clerk undertook to publicise in the village magazines.		
17	Christmas 1. Christmas Tree The meeting agreed to the purchase of a Christmas tree to be delivered and erected on 28 November. 2. Village Carols The meeting noted a request from the PCC to hold village carols at the Christmas tree. Date to be confirmed. 3. Village Hall Children's Party The meeting noted that the Children's Christmas would take place on Sunday 23 November.		
18	Events Attended The meeting noted the Clerk and Chair had attempted to attend the September LCN meeting.		
19	Highways and rights of way White Lining The meeting noted that Somerset Highways had renewed white lines at junctions around the village. Cath informed the meeting she had thanked the highways officer. Vegetation Concerns were raised regarding the growth of bamboo adjacent to the junction at Binegar Bottom and a buddleia on the island at the post office. Clarkes Pool It was agreed the vegetation should be cleared around the seat at Clarkes Pool and that the bench should be moved to a new location. Highways • Potholes – Whitnell Lane • Dirty signs – A37 viaduct • Vegetation – A37 viaduct		
20	Dates of future meetings 2025: 4 November, 2 December – 6.30pm.		

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.24pm