



Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2025 in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm

Present: Jon Abbott (Chair), John Bridges, Nikki Hutchison, John Scadding, David Stone and David Wilson.

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk).

1	Apologies for Absence The meeting received apologies for absence from Cath Law.		
2	Chair's Announcements The Chair made the following announcements: Christmas Tree The Chair thanked John Bridges, John Scadding, John Law and Diane for their help in putting up the Christmas Tree. Grounds Maintenance The Chair informed the meeting he had arranged to meet Coombe Garden Services to discuss progressing tasks previously agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A second flood mitigation dam at Binegar Bottom.• The rear playground fence.• Clark's Pool.		
3	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.		
4	Minutes It was RESOLVED to sign the Minutes of the 4 November 2025 meeting as a correct record.		
5	Local Government Reports The December report had been circulated by the Clerk. The Chair highlighted the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The electoral boundaries were being reviewed again following an error in process.• The County CCTV team were being proactive in assisting with criminal incidents.• The use of mobile AI enabled cameras was proving effective in logging driving offences.• The list of useful links to report various issues to County services.		
6	Local Community Networks The Chair informed the meeting that he had attended the Highways Working Group that afternoon and made the following points of note: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Well attended but no Highways Officers were in attendance.• Work to improve the junction at Burntwood Crossroads is due to commence in April 2026.• Work to improve the Beacon Hill Crossroads was also planned but not scheduled.• The next LCN is on Tuesday 13 January 2026 at Wells Golf Club and will include a presentation from the Police and Crime Commissioner.		
7	Planning applications There were no planning applications for consideration.		
8	Financial matters 1. Financial Position The meeting noted the financial position to date. 2. Receipts noted since the last report: £906.50 – P Coombs – Land Rent £1,000.00 – Selway – Land Rent £17.50 – C & G Collections – Textile Bank Standing order payments noted since the last report:		



	<p>£xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – November salary payment</p> <p>3. Online banking payments noted since the last report:</p> <p>£230.00 – Dave Hickory – Village Children’s Party Entertainment</p> <p>£17.00 – Trophies of Radstock – Memorial Bench Plaque</p> <p>4. Quarterly Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>The meeting noted that the Quarterly Bank Reconciliation was due and Cllr John Bridges undertook to carry out the reconciliation.</p>		
9	<p>Budget and Precept -2026-2027</p> <p>The meeting received and considered the draft budget and precept for 2026-2027 and RESOLVED to accept the budget and set the Precept for 2026-2027 at £14,500.</p>		
10	<p>Playground</p> <p>The meeting noted the playground report. It was agreed that a refurbishment / replacement programme was required for some of the equipment. The Clerk undertook to research potential grants.</p>		
11	<p>Interpretation Board</p> <p>The meeting noted that the final artwork had been received and sent for production.</p>		
12	<p>Events Attended</p> <p>The meeting noted the Chair had attended the Highways Working Group meeting that afternoon.</p>		
13	<p>Highways and rights of way</p> <p>There were no highways and rights of way issues raised.</p>		
14	<p>Dates of future meetings</p> <p>2026: 3 February, 3 March, 7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July – 6.30pm</p>		

The Chair closed the meeting at 6.48pm