



Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2026 in the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm

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

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk).

1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> The meeting received apologies for absence from John Bridges.		
2	<b>Chair's Announcements</b> The Chair informed the meeting he had met with Coombe Garden Maintenance at Binegar Bottom to discuss the location of a second pond to retain flood water.		
3	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations of interest.		
4	<b>Minutes</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to sign the Minutes of the 3 February 2026 meeting as a correct record.		
5	<b>Local Government Reports</b> No local government reports received.		
6	<b>Local Community Networks</b> The meeting noted the following dates for LCN meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Main LCN - Wednesday 29 April.</li><li>• Active Travel Working Group - Tuesday 10 March.</li><li>• Highways Working Group - Tuesday 31 March.</li></ul>		
7	<b>Planning applications</b> There were no planning applications for consideration.		
8	<b>Financial matters</b> <b>1. Financial Position</b> The meeting noted the financial position to date. <b>2. Receipts noted since the last report:</b> £10.45 – C & G Collections – Textile Bank £79.38 – Openreach – Wayleave £26.46 – Openreach - Wayleave <b>Standing order payments noted since the last report:</b> £xxx.xx – Parish Clerk – February salary payment <b>3. Online banking payments noted since the last report:</b> £1,716.00 – Nature Sign Design – Interpretation Board £150.00 – Combe Garden Maintenance – Clarkes Pool clearance £28.71 – J Abbott – Expenses – Interpretation Board postcrete and Cemetery gravel		
9	<b>Asset Register 2025-2026</b> The meeting received and <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the Asset Register for 2025-2026.		
10	<b>Risk Register 2026-2027</b> The meeting received and <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the Risk Register for 2026-2027.		
11	<b>Playground</b> The meeting noted the playground report and the change to weekly inspections for from April.		



	Playground maintenance was discussed and it was agreed that there was a need to fundraise and seek funding to replace the shelter. Routine maintenance tasks to be carried out when the weather permits.		
12	<b>Playground Bins</b> The meeting considered and <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve a quotation of £1,027.00 from Somerset Council for playground bin emptying for the financial year 2026-2027.		
13	<b>Interpretation Board</b> The meeting noted that the Interpretation Board had arrived and been installed. The Chair thanked John and Patsy Scadding and Diane for their assistance in installing the board.		
14	<b>Leased Land and Wayleaves</b> The meeting noted that Clerk had raised Lady Day rent letters to be sent at the end of March.		
15	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> The meeting considered dates to hold the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk undertook to check the availability of the hall.		
16	<b>Spring Village Clean Up</b> The meeting considered and agreed to holding a Spring Village Clean up on Saturday 25 April.		
17	<b>Donation Requests</b> The meeting considered donation requests from Crimestoppers Southwest, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and the Parochial Church Council. It was agreed to support Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance (£250) and the Parochial Church Council's costs to repair the church flag pole (amount to be agreed once the overall cost is confirmed).		
18	<b>Events Attended</b> No events attended.		
19	<b>Highways and rights of way</b> No new issues raised.		
20	<b>Dates of future meetings</b> 2026: 7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July – 6.30pm		

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.25pm