

Iwerne Minster Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting at the Abingdon Hall on the 8th of December 2025 at 7pm

Minutes of the Parish Council are not verbatim

Present: Cllr P Le Prevost – Chairman, Cllr K O'Connor – Vice Chairman, Cllr J Goodliffe, Cllr K Skinner, Cllr H Overton, Cllr T Brown and Cllr T Freestone
In attendance: N Phillips – Clerk, there were 2 members of the public present

Public Consultation: The ongoing matter of the bus stop being moved at Preston Lane was raised. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council will continue to work on making the new bus stop a safe area for people to stand.

25/53. To receive and accept apologies of absence.

Dorset Councillor Jane Somper.

25/54. Declaration of interest and dispensations: There were none.

25/55. Approve minutes from the meeting dated 13th of October 2025.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr K O'Connor and seconded by Cllr K Skinner; all Councillors present agreed that they were a true and accurate record of this meeting; the Chairman duly signed them.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes dated 13th of October 2025 (25/55 no budgetary provision required)

- **To agree precept/budget for 2026-2027** – The Chairman had circulated details of a proposed precept and budget for 2026/2027, including an attachment giving more details. After debate, Cllr J Goodliffe proposed to set the Precept for 2026/2027 at £27,200.00 to cover the budget of £27,200.00, an increase of £4,128.00; this works out on a band D property at an increase of £8.22 a year and 68p a month. This was seconded by Cllr K O'Connor, with all in favour.
RESOLVED: to set the budget and precept at £27,200.00 for 2026/2027 (25/55 Precept). It was noted that in Covid time, the Parish Council did not increase their precept for two years but are now faced with rising costs. The Parish Council are required to ensure that their Precept covers their budget and ensure reserves allocated to projects are not used up for running costs.
- To consider financial support for setting up a Village Website – Cllr K O'Connor tabled a proposal for financial support for some residents to set up a Village Website enabling the local organisations involved to provide information of their services to the general public. After debate, it was agreed that the Parish Council would financially support this proposal, to the sum of £120.00 towards the setting up of the website.
To consider grant for Abingdon Hall – Abingdon Hall had submitted a grant application for internal decorating in the Abingdon Hall. The grant request is for the sum of £150.00. After debate, it was agreed to award a grant of £150.00 to Abingdon Hall.
RESOLVED: To award a donation for setting up a Village Website for the sum of £120.00 and award a grant to Abingdon Hall for the sum of £150.00 (25/55a – grants and donations).
- Update on play area project – Cllr O'Connor reported that work is being done on a new design for the new proposal for the play area, which would be sited at the Parish Field. Once a working design has been tabled, Cllr O'Connor will present it to the Parish Council before asking the residents of the village for their comments. Work is also continuing to obtain grants for this project but we have failed to fulfil the requirements for a National Lottery Grant.
- Update on Dog Waste Bin replacement – the Clerk confirmed that Dorset Waste Partnership are having recruitment issues and at the moment are using agency staff to ensure that the residents bins are collected when they are scheduled to be. Other projects are on hold at the moment but they are still obliged to replace the broken bin, which remains on their works schedule.

- Update on request for road markings to be re-painted – the Clerk had contacted the head of Highways at Dorset Council to ask for the road markings to be re-painted. The Parish Council received a response stating that no road markings will be re-painted until the better weather. It was noted for the Clerk to suggest that when Dorset Council lay the new road markings for the temporary reduction in speed limit on the A350, due to the C13 being closed for a year, they could do the marking in and around the Parish at the same time. It was also noted that a request for signage stating that Tower Hill is not suitable for vehicles over 7.5 ton has been put forward to Dorset Council regarding the road closure. Cllr J Goodliffe also agreed to put forward a detailed plan to evidence what the Village requires. **Action – Clerk & Cllr J Goodliffe**

25/56. To consider planning application received.

P/TRT/2025/06089 – Clayesmore School – tree works – **no objections**

P/TRC/2025/06275 – The Cottage – tree works – **no objections**

P/TRC/2025/06056 – Farmhouses – tree works – **no objections**

It was noted that SSE are doing tree works within the village, to clear branches from their power lines. Private residents will have or will be contacted regarding these works.

25/57. To receive Dorset Council's Unitary Councillor Jane Somper's report

Cllr J Somper's sent a note to state that she will send regular updates on the proposed road closure on the C13. It was agreed for the Clerk to send any relevant information to Miss Susan Trim; and to request she puts the information out on the Next Door and WhatsApp media sites. After discussion it was agreed that the village should ask for a 7.5ton restriction on Tower Hill. **Action- Clerk**

25/58. Chairman's report – Nothing to report.

25/59. Accounts

To ratify the payments made for October and approve the payment schedule for November 2025, listed below. Cllr T Freestone proposed the payments, which was seconded by Cllr H Overton, all in favour.

Payee	Detail	Expense Amount
N Phillips DD	Clerk wages Oct	£ 631.48
ICO Information Commi	Annual subscription	£ 52.00
Cllr H Overton	Repairs to notice boards	£ 53.47
Zurich Insurance	Insurance	£ 695.00
Microsoft 365 N Phillips	Annual subscription	£ 104.99
Abingdon Hall	Hall Hire	£ 20.00
Parish Magazine	Invoice 013510 lost	£ 89.95
Nest DD	Pension	£ 92.10
Vision ICT	Website hosing for 2026	£ 228.90
HMRC DD	Paye/ni/payeni/tax/pension	£ 221.14
N Phillips	Clerks expenses Oct	£ 73.09
Lloyds DD	Service Charge	£ 4.25
October Payments		£2,266.37

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Nest DD	Pension Clerk	£ 92.10
R Tachell	Repairs to bus stop A/P	£ 200.00
Cllr H Overton	Repairs to notice board	£ 34.79
Iwerne Valley Lawn ma	Grass cutting	£ 734.85
Andrew Jenkins	Grass cutting/strim/hedges	£3,305.00
HMRC DD	Paye/ni/payeni/tax/pension	£ 221.14
Lloyds DD	Service Charge	£ 4.25
Parish Magazine	Invoice 14002	£ 89.95
November Payments		£5,386.65

RESOLVED: to ratify the payments made in October £2,266.37 and agree the payments for November 2025 for the sum of £5,386.65 (25/59 Current Account).

Cllr H Overton approved the Bank Reconciliation.

25/60. Officers' reports:

Governance & IT: Cllr Le Prevost reported the following: A new term of reference document has been drafted for Parish Council Working Parties; this will be circulated for approval at the next zoom meeting and adopted at the following Parish Council meeting.

Emergency Planning: Cllr Overton reported the following: Cllr Brown reported that due to recruitment commitments, officers from Clayesmore School are unable to commit time toward the Emergency Plan at the moment. It was also confirmed that if the school needs to reach out to the Parish, that they contact Miss Susan Trim or Cllr K O'Connor, who would be able to put the necessary information out on the Community WhatsApp.

Highways: Cllr Goodliffe reported the following: Nothing to report.

Footpaths and Rights of Way: – Cllr Skinner reported he continues to walk the Public Paths in the Parish, they are all accessible at this present time. A report that a wooden bridge accessing the solar farm is not fit for purpose but that a gate has been left open so that people can still use the footpath, without having to cross the bridge. Cllr Skinner will send details to the Clerk, for her to forward on to Dorset Rangers.

Cllr T Brown reported that he reached out to the carpentry department at Clayesmore School, to ask if they would consider making new wooden footpath signs, to replace those in the Parish that have rotted away. The school will be happy to produce new footpath signs. Cllr Brown will forward Cllr Overton's contact details to take this project forward.

Recreation: Nothing further to add.

Environment and Community Resilience: Cllr Goodliffe reported that whilst a resident was moleing his grounds for underground cables, it produced a layer of Greensand, where fossils have been found.

Village Features: Cllr H Overton reported that the repairs to the bus stop have been completed. The Notice Board on the Chalk was to have 2 new posts fitted as the old ones have perished.

Other Organisations/Groups:

- **Clayesmore:** Nothing further to report
- **Speed Watch:** Updates on the speed watch has been provided for the latest Newsletter.
- **Neighbourhood Watch:** Cllr K O'Conner to provide information for new residents of how to sign up for the Neighbourhood Watch in the Parish. It was also reported that the Village Directory for new residents was being updated.
- **Abingdon Hall:** Cllr Skinner had attended the Abingdon Hall committee meeting, where the detail of re-decorating the hall was raised. He also reported that he was now the hall's Treasurer.
- **Village Defibrillator –** Nothing to report
- **DAPTC –** Any information received is circulated by the Clerk.

25/61. Clerk Report: Nothing to report.

25/62. To consider any other matters arising from recent correspondence:

Nothing to add.

25/63. Items for next agenda – Adopt Terms of Reference for Working Parties document.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 9th of February 2026**
At **7.00pm**, at Abingdon Hall, Iwerne Minster

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed by the Chairman

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