

Iwerne Minster Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting at the Abingdon Hall on the 9th of February 2026 at 7pm

Minutes of the Parish Council are not verbatim

Present: Cllr K O'Connor – Vice Chairman, Cllr H Overton, Cllr T Brown and Cllr T Freestone
In attendance: N Phillips – Clerk, Dorset Councillor Jane Somper, there were no members of the public present

At this point, the Vice Chairman asked all to stand in remembrance of Irene Milton and Jean Kennard

Public Consultation: nothing raised

25/64. To receive and accept apologies of absence.

Cllr P Le Prevost, Cllr J Goodliffe and Cllr K Skinner

25/65. Declaration of interest and dispensations: There were none.

25/66. Approve minutes from the meeting dated 8th of December 2025.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr H Overton and seconded by Cllr T Brown all Councillors present agreed that they were a true and accurate record of this meeting, and the Vice Chairman duly signed them.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes dated 8th of December 2025 (25/66 no budgetary provision required)

Update on play area project – Cllr K O'Connor reported that work is being done on securing funding for the project.

Update on Dog Waste Bin replacement – the Clerk confirmed that Dorset Waste Partnership have confirmed that they have the replacement bin on their schedule of works.

Update on C13 Road Closure and requested actions – Dorset Councillor Jane Somper has an up-to-date report on her monthly ward report, which will be available on the Parish Council's website, or a copy can be obtained from the Clerk.

Update on relocation of bus stop and issues regarding the hedge – Cllr K O'Connor and Cllr H Overton met with the resident that has issues regarding the sighting of the bus stop. The resident has now confirmed that he is happy for the bus stop to be relocated. DC Cllr J Somper reported that Dorset Council have agreed to complete these works, at no cost to the Parish Council. The resident will be informed and will also be made aware that no notice of the works commencing can be given as Dorset Council schedule of works may change day to day. A thank you to DC Cllr Jane Somper, Cllr K O'Connor, and Cllr H Overton, for their work on this project.

Dorset Council had raised concerns over the hedge near the proposed site, as it may require cutting back. This will be monitored.

25/67. To consider planning application received.

P/PABA/2026/00627 – Monksmead Cottage – Erect agricultural storage building – the Parish Council have no objection to this application, but just want it noted that the access track shown off Pegg Lane, will cross a public RoW.

25/68. To receive Dorset Council's Unitary Councillor Jane Somper's report

Dorset Councillor Jane Somper will be sending her report through to the Parish Council. This report will be available to view on the Parish Council website or a copy obtained from the Clerk.

Note raised at the meeting – Gore Clump works to take place 16th to the 20th of February.

25/69. Chairman's report – Nothing to report.

25/70. Accounts

To ratify the payments made for December and approve the payment schedule for January 2026, listed below. There were two invoices received after the payment schedule had been circulate, on from Iwerne Valley Lawn Maintenance for the sum of £584.90 and one that had been approved by the Chairman to replace 2 no plant pots on the Chalk for the sum of £119.98. Cllr T Brown proposed the payments, which was seconded by Cllr K O'Connor, all in favour.

Payt. Sched. Month	Payee	Detail	Expense Amount
01-Dec-2025	N Phillips DD	Clerks wages Dec	£ 631.48
01-Dec-2025	Nest DD	Pension	£ 92.10
01-Dec-2025	Abingdon Memorial Hall	Hall Hire	£ 20.00
01-Dec-2025	Dean Gale Groudworks	Replace post AH	£ 185.00
01-Dec-2025	HMRC DD	Paye/ni/payeni/tax/pension	£ 221.14
01-Dec-2025	N Phillips	Clerks expenses Dec	£ 73.09
01-Dec-2025	Lloyds	Service Charge	£ 4.25
Total for December			£ 1,227.06

Payt. Sched. Month	Payee	Detail	Expense Amount
01-Jan-2026	N Phillips DD	Clerks wages Jan	£ 631.48
01-Jan-2026	Parish Magazine for Feb	invoice 14129	£ 95.16
01-Jan-2026	Nest DD	Clerk pension	£ 92.10
01-Jan-2026	Abingdon Hall grant	Grants and donation	£ 150.00
01-Jan-2026	Abingdon Hall Xmas lights	Grants and donation	£ 25.00
01-Jan-2026	N Phillips	Clerks expenses Jan	£ 73.09
01-Jan-2026	Lloyds	Service Charge	£ 4.25
01-Jan-2026	HMRC DD	Paye/ni/payee/tax/pension	£ 221.14
01-Jan-2026	Iwerne Valley	Grass cutting contract	£ 584.90
01-Jan-2026	Cllr H Overton Reimburse	Planters for Chalk	£ 119.98
Total for January			£ 1,997.10

RESOLVED: to ratify the payments made in December £1227.06 and agree the payments for January 2026 for the sum of £1997.10 (25/70 Current Account).

Cllr H Overton approved the Bank Reconciliation

25/71. Officers' reports:

Governance & IT: Cllr Le Prevost reported the following: Cllr H Overton asked if any polices were due to be reviewed this year. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council policies are reviewed each year are the Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, and financial regulations.

Emergency Planning: Nothing to report.

Highways: Nothing to report.

Footpaths and Rights of Way: Nothing to report.

Recreation: Nothing further to add.

Environment and Community Resilience: nothing to report.

Village Features: Cllr H Overton reported: has spoken to Clayesmore School regarding them producing a replacement footpath sign. The cost will be between £100 to £150. It was agreed to allocate funds for this project. Cllr H Overton asked for suggestions for wording on the sign. After debate it was agreed to have **FOOTPATH TO PRESTON HILL** on the sign.

Other Organisations/Groups:

- **Clayesmore:** Nothing further to report
- **Speed Watch:** Updates on the Speed Watch will be found on the Parish Newsletter.
- **Neighbourhood Watch:** nothing to report.
- **Abingdon Hall:** Nothing to report.
- **Village Defibrillator** – Cllr T Brown reported that Clayesmore School are looking at re-locating one of their defibrillators, which will then be available 24 hours a day, for anyone to access. Once this has taken place, Cllr H Overton will add it to the emergency plan document when it is reviewed in the Autumn.
- **DAPTC** – Any information received is circulated by the Clerk.

25/72. Clerk Report: Nothing to report.

25/73. To consider any other matters arising from recent correspondence:

Cllr T Freestone suggested that the Parish have a Welcome to the Village document, with informative details for new residents. Cllr H Overton stated that there is a document that a resident has produced and is given to new residents of the Parish. Cllr T Freestone will speak to the resident to discuss the document that is in place and if he can offer any suggestions and support.

25/74. Items for next agenda – Formally adopt Terms of Reference for Working Parties document as this was not done at this Parish Council meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 13th of April 2026**
At **7.00pm**, at Abingdon Hall, Iwerne Minster

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed by the Chairman
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