

Draft Minutes of Winterborne St Martin Parish Council

Wednesday 24 September 2025

Magna Community Room

Present: Cllrs, Nuttall (Chair), Walker, Hutchings, Marsh, Eversden, Fitzgerald

Apologies: Cllr Pemberton

Democratic Period:

A representative from Wessex Internet attended the meeting to provide information regarding a residents' meeting to be held on 1 November at the Village Hall to present their upcoming works in the Parish and advised the following.

- The government has now stopped providers having the monopoly
- BT are phasing out copper network
- Full fibre broadband will eventually be everywhere
- Door to door visits will be carried out by the team in the village
- Register at Wessex Internet online for more information
- Discounted service to community areas such as Church/Village Hall
- Connecting to properties is mainly carried out by a moleing process but in built up areas this tends to be provided by overhead or underground ducting.

A parishioner present asked how much the Parish Council knew about these works and Cllr Nuttall advised very little until now.

Cllr Marsh asked why this is so different to what some residents already have. The representative advised that this next rollout is ultra fibre which provides very much faster speeds for residents.

Cllr Nuttall thanked the representative for attending the meeting.

A parishioner expressed concern with Green Martinstown wanting to know why they are involved in deciding what happens with development on land within the parish.

The parishioner feels this group should be managed by the Parish Council.

Cllrs Marsh & Nuttall sympathised with the concerns being raised but advised that the agreement is between Dorset Council and the group of volunteers, it isn't anything to do with the Parish Council.

It was asked what happens if the group folds and Cllr Walker advised it would fall back to Dorset Council.

The parishioner is concerned that an unelected body manages land in the Parish.

Cllr Walker advised that the group have held meetings where they explain what their intentions are.

139/2025 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Marsh, item 4, Police report includes disturbance at milk machine

140/2025 Dorset Cllr report

Cllr Fitzgerald advised that Dorset Cllr Tarr is hoping to attend the October meeting.

141/2025 Police report

This has been circulated to all Cllrs.

Report of anti-social behaviour at the milk machine included in the report.

Cllr Eversden advised the meeting of his concern regarding the front desk service at Police stations being reduced.

142/2025 Minutes of Winterborne St Martin Parish Council May meeting on Wednesday 27 August 2025

It was proposed by Cllr Eversden and seconded by Cllr Fitzgerald that these minutes should be accepted as a true record of the meeting. All in favour with 2 abstentions from Cllrs Hutchings & Walker - Resolved.

143/2025 Action points from last minutes

- a) Clerk to contact Elections team to advise resignation of Cllr. – COMPLETE
- b) 105/2025 – Cllr Marsh to obtain quotes for stream clearance – Next agenda, Cllr Marsh to forward a motion.
- c) 121a)/2025 - Clerk to submit no comment to Planning - COMPLETE
- d) 121b)/2025 – Clerk to circulate conditions – COMPLETE
- e) 128/2025 – Clerk to discuss payment for Parish Council purchases with DAPTC – COMPLETE – no response to date
- f) 129/2025 – Cllr Walker/Clerk to send allotment agreements – Clerk to send covering letter with agreement to all plot holders
- g) 133/2025 – Cllr Marsh to produce Parish Council page for next edition of V & V – COMPLETE
- h) 136/2025 – Cllr Nuttall to put a proposed response together for the DAPTC survey and issue to all Cllrs for review ahead of September meeting - COMPLETE
- j) 138/2025 – Cllr Marsh to explore options for the trees outside the Church. – next agenda

144/2025 Finance

- a) Motion to approve the increase in pay of the clerk due to increase in National Rate and backdate to 1 April 2025 - Proposed by Cllr Nuttall and seconded by Cllr Hutchings, all in favour, Resolved.
- b) Approval of schedule of payments & bank reconciliation

It was proposed by Cllr Marsh and seconded by Cllr Nuttall that these payments are approved. All in favour. Resolved.
- c) Scribe access update

All Cllrs have now been offered read only access to the system.

145/2025 Planning

- a) Dorset Local Plan – discussion to include Cllr Pemberton's briefing note

Cllr Nuttall advised that an extra-ordinary meeting was going to be held to give this item more time and to allow for parishioners to be given the opportunity to comment.

Parishioners present at the meeting expressed their concern that this wasn't being discussed as per the agenda item.

A discussion followed with each of the Cllrs giving their initial views which included the following.

- Strong support of having improved infrastructure ahead of any further development being completed
- Guaranteed local affordable and low-cost housing is a must

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- Sewage issues need to be dealt with, this is a matter for Wessex Water
- Transport systems need to be adequate

Parishioners present gave the following comments.

- Village needs new housing & affordable/housing association
- Part of the village identified in the plan is appropriate for development
- Infrastructure is the biggest problem
- Housing would be good if more affordable
- Concerns with road network getting in and out of village with more development could become increasingly busier with other traffic using the network
- Sewers need sorting out

b) Invite received to attend meeting at Rainbarrow Farm to discuss recent planning approvals

Cllr Nuttall informed the meeting that this invite has been received, and he will attend. Cllrs Marsh & Eversden requested to attend also.

Action: Clerk to respond to invite

146/2025 Village Green sign renewal

Next agenda

147/2025 Highways, Rights of Way and SID

a) SID licence concerns received from Dorset Council – Cllr Walker to update

Cllr Walker informed the meeting that solar panels can be placed on the post which would remove the requirement for charging and reduce the risk of the SID not working consistently.

The Clerk advised that the licence to operate the SID would be revoked by Dorset Council if the SID was not operated properly including moving it from one side of the road to the other. The northbound post is so overgrown now that it is impossible for the volunteer to access the post.

A parishioner advised the council that the volunteer who manages the SID can also download data and send to the parish council which shows the speed of the vehicles and volumes. This information used to regularly be submitted to the council, but previous Chairs & Cllrs decided they didn't require the information. Cllr Nuttall suggested this is resumed as it would be useful information to have.

Action: Cllr Walker to bring motion to next meeting regarding the solar panels and maintenance of vegetation. Clerk to advise Dorset Council that the licence needs to remain.

148/2025 Allotments

No update

149/2025 Flood, Stream & Riverbanks

No update.

150/2025 Washpool

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No update

151/2025 Grounds

No update

152/2025 V & V

It was agreed that Cllr Pemberton would provide the next article as his was missed previously.

153/2025 Village Hall Trustee

Cllr Nuttall gave an update on recent improvements to the Matthew room which is now available to use for meetings. It will also be used as a 'warm' room.

The playground equipment has recently been washed and painted by a group of volunteers.

154/2025 Memorial Hall

No update

155/2025 DAPTC

- a) Parish Council Survey discussion

Cllr Nuttall has circulated his proposed response and asked for all Cllrs to respond to him if they have different views.

- b) Invitation to Fresh Start event – Devolving Dorset – 30 October 2025

This invite has been sent to all Town & Parish Council Chairs; the agenda is yet to be issued. Representation by all Councils is being requested.

156/2025 Staffing Committee

No update

157/2025 External correspondence received

The Clerk advised that emails have been received from an action group concerning the Local Plan. It was agreed that the Parish Council should not be involved in any action groups, and the Clerk should delete any correspondence.

158/2025 Parish Matters

Cllr Nuttall advised the meeting that he is facilitating the new memorial bench for a family in the village.

A parishioner has approached Cllr Nuttall regarding contingency plan for any emergencies in the parish, with the Parish Council, Village Hall and Church being the three main bodies. This is to be discussed in more detail.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.23pm with notice that the next meeting will be an extra ordinary meeting on Friday 3 October, 7pm at the Village Hall and the October meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 October 2025, 1900hrs at Magna Community Room.

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