



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2026 in the Cowie Room, Public Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

Theo Langdon asked whether the resignation of Cllr Biggs would affect the Community Resilience work. The Chair advised that no changes had been made. Mr Langdon suggested that more councillors should be involved in updating the Community Resilience Plan and emphasised the importance of community involvement. It was agreed that committee membership, including Community Resilience, would be considered at a forthcoming Council meeting.

3294 Members present – Cllr Gunning (Chairman), Cllr Gillings, Cllr Corbett and Cllr Wallbridge; also Christine Bright (stand-in Town Clerk), Dorset Councillor Monks and a member of the public.

3295 Dorset Police – no report to hand.

3296 Dorset Councillor – Cllr Monks advised on a number of important local matters:

Highway drainage – Dorset Council's Scrutiny Committee will review the Christmas 2025 flooding events. Cllr Monks has requested information on the £5 million drainage budget.

Boundary Review – Proposed ward changes would create a Broadwindsor Ward and a Beaminster & Netherbury Ward. Details to be circulated to members.

Clay Lane – Potential opportunity to seek a pedestrian crossing alongside future EV charging works.

Tunnel Road – Dorset Council asked whether the Town Council would support requesting permanent traffic signals.

20mph Scheme – Dorset Council recommends allowing the scheme to operate for six months before considering amendments.

3297 Enforcement Officer – no report to hand.

3298 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Acton and Cllr Dawkins.

3299 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24TH MARCH 2026

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 24th March 2026 having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3300 CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR

The applicant withdrew their application prior to the meeting. No co-option took place.

3301 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest were received.

3302 PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

Members were circulated with details of the payments made in May 2026 including direct debits, credit card and bank payments totalling £65,137.86; also receipts totalling £178,745.96 (copy attached). Members **RESOLVED** adoption as presented.

3303 RESOLVE MINUTES OF FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(a) Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 26th March 2026

The minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 26th March 2026 having previously been circulated were **NOTED**.

There being no items raised for discussion, members **RESOLVED** adoption.

(b) Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21st April 2026

The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21st April 2026 having previously been circulated were **NOTED**.

There being no items raised for discussion, members **RESOLVED** adoption.

(c) Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 23rd April 2026

The minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 23rd April 2026 having previously been circulated were **NOTED**.

There being no items raised for discussion, members **RESOLVED** adoption.

(d) CB3 Management Committee meeting held on 11th May 2026

The minutes of the CB3 Management Committee meeting held on 11th May 2026 having previously been circulated were **NOTED**.

There being no items raised for discussion, members **RESOLVED** adoption.

(e) Town Amenities Committee meeting held on 12th May 2026

The minutes of the Town Amenities Committee meeting held on 12th May 2026 having previously been circulated were **NOTED**.

There being no items raised for discussion, members **RESOLVED** adoption.

3304 APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

Members **RESOLVED** to appoint BDO LLP as External Auditor for 2026/27 and confirmed that no conflicts of interest existed.

3305 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

No consultation documents had been received.

3306 CORRESPONDENCE

No significant items of correspondence had been received.

3307 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st July 2026. **NOTED**.

3308 PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to meeting) ACT 1960

To **RESOLVE** that public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst discussion takes place on the following item on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted in respect of consideration of quotations received.

(a) Pavilion Roof Repair

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation submitted by O'Brien in the sum of **£991.25** for repairs to the Pavilion roof.

3309 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and closed at 7.55pm.

Chairman
21st July 2026