

Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council

Situated in the Bride Valley, on the Dorset Coast

Chair: Cllr J. Marsh

Vice Chair: Cllr P. Bullen

Clerk: Mr Jonathan Moore

Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall, Puncknowle, on 2nd September 2025

Present: Cllr J. Marsh (Chair), Cllr P. Bullen (Vice-Chair), Cllrs G. Fry, M. Buckland, F. Marsh, N. Rawlings, B. Bowsher, S. Bowsher.

In Attendance: Clerk J. Moore, Cllr S. Holland (Dorset Council), five members of the public.

1. Public Time

Not part of the formal meeting. Minutes cannot be produced under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (s.1), as extended by the Local Government Act 1972 (s.100).

2. Apologies for Absence

- PCSO A. Bishop
- Mr D. Bird

3. Declarations of Interest

- None declared.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Minutes of 1st July 2025 were agreed and signed as a correct record.
- Proposed by Cllr G. Fry, seconded by Cllr N. Rawlings – All In Favour.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- None.

6. Update from Dorset Council (via Cllr S. Holland)

- Police moved on wild campers at Abbotsbury/West Bexington in August.
- Temporary closures at Dorchester and Weymouth recycling centres in September.



- Local Plan consultation open until 13 October; local drop-in events arranged, including one for Burton Bradstock and ward parishes.
- Bin collection day changes from Thursday to Friday from 22 September (now serviced by Bridport Depot).
- Rowden Farm – councillors supportive of retaining as county farm; next committee meeting in October.
- Clerk to publish consultation on Local Plan on social media and website.

7. Chairperson's Report

- Report on "Fresh Start" survey.
- All councillors to review document; Cllr S Bowsheer to draft response.

8. Neighbourhood Plan

- New Local Plan (extended to 2027) – applies to Dorset (excluding BCP).
- Cllr B. Bowsheer volunteered to draft Local Plan response.
- The Parish Council has undertaken a review of the Neighbourhood Plan, detailed in the "Parish Council Withdrawal of Funding Options Paper."
- Financial Position:
 - Cllr F. Marsh asked if this is the final figure, or if further payments are expected.
 - It was RESOLVED to complete the Neighbourhood Plan by March 2026.
 - Proposed by Cllr G. Fry, seconded by Cllr B. Bowsheer – All In Favour.

9. Traffic Speed in the Villages

- 20mph update – ongoing.
- Funding for SID: £1,330 pledged (half target).

10. Representatives' Reports

10.1 Neighbourhood Watch & Community Police Report

- No updates from PCSO.
- Evidence of fly-tipping of garden waste on agricultural land.
- Newsletter contributions to Puncknowle Post requested

10.2 Allotments

- Meeting with Napper to follow.

10.3 Footpaths

- Some clearance carried out in the last two months, particularly alongside Paddock Lodge.
- Work has also been done on clearing the rain gully on the hillside part of Clay Lane.
- It was Noted that the Yeates family have replaced stiles on permissive paths.

10.4 Playing Field Committee

- No committee meeting. Hedge-trimming to be carried out.
- Cllr G. Fry inspected posts where strimmer use has removed paint.

10.5 Transport

- Dorset Community Transport Grant 2025–26 discussed.
- Egg Cup Bus Stop proposal: Cllr S. Holland to speak with Tony Cirio.
- Cllr F. Marsh requested a cost breakdown.

10.6 Village Hall

- No meeting recently; update given on 100 Club.

10.7 Bridport Local Area Partnership (BLAP)

- Meeting held after the last monthly meeting, attended by a Dorset Council councillor.

10.8 DAPTC

- "Fresh Start" initiative discussed.
- Meeting scheduled for 30th October.
- Clerk's conference noted.

10.9 Parish Website

- Meeting to be held in September.
- To be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

10.10 Emergency Planning

- No updates.

11. Planning

- Application No: P/FUL/2025/03942 – Land adjacent to Looke Lane, Puncknowle, DT2 9BA. Proposal: Erect agricultural storage shed; create an access track from Looke Lane.
- Council supported application. Clerk to update planning website under delegation.
- Application No: P/LBC/2025/04859 – Old Rectory, Rectory Lane, Puncknowle, DT2 9BW. Proposal: Erect greenhouse.
- Council supported, provided compliance with heritage requirements. Clerk to update planning website. Proposed by Cllr G. Fry, seconded by Cllr F. Marsh – All In Favour.

Decisions:

It was Noted that the appeal at Flowerdew Farm in July was successful.

Other Planning Issues:

None.

