

**Minutes of the meeting of Minterne Magna Parish Council held on Wednesday January 22nd 2025
at Minterne House, at 7.30pm.**

Present: Lord Digby, Chairman, Mr. P. Goodfellow, Mrs R. Cassidy, Mr. C. Saunders, Mr. P. Stanzl, Mr. G. Stevenson, Mr. S. Tite and the Clerk, Mr. P. Horsington.
Two members of the public attended.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs. J. Haynes, Dorset Councillor & PCSO S. Pilcher.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday November 20th 2024 having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interests.

4. Open Session - Police & Community Matters & Dorset Councillor's report

In the absence of PCSO S. Pilcher, her crime reports were noted.

In the absence of Mrs. Haynes, apologies due to being unwell her, regular reports were noted.

5. Financial matters

Lord Digby reported that it would be wise to see how the new proposed changes will impact on the bank account. His experience elsewhere had shown that Lloyds Bank would not alter their stance. After discussion, it was agreed to see how these proposals will turn out.

Lord Digby presented and gave members a copy of the accounts to date, with the proposed budget figures for 2025/26. After discussion, on the proposition of Mr. Stanzl, seconded by Mr. Goodfellow, the Budget was approved and it was unanimously agreed to keep the Precept for 2025/26 at £3,400 being the same as last year.

The Council noted that the account balances at 18/12/24 were £8,960.91p.

Receipts – nil

Payments made – £78 Vision ICT Ltd domain name, & donations to £150 Future Roots & £150 Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance. The Council agreed to pay Dorset Council's invoice of £50 for the election fee.

The Council discussed and unanimously agreed to invite Mrs. Zara Percy to act as Internal auditor.

6. Planning matters

The Council noted that there was no decision on planning application WD/D/19/002556 for Lord Digby, at the building known as Manor Farm Barn, Sandy Lane, Minterne Magna for the conversion and alteration to 1 No. dwelling to include removal of lean to extension & erect single storey extension – amended plans.

The Council noted that application P/HOU/2024/05506 at Gillans, Minterne Parva to convert garage to office & gym with shower room and occasional bedroom had been granted.

The Council noted that there was no decision on application P/FUL/2024/05964 at Hartley Manor Bungalow, Hartley Street, Hermitage to erect building and demolish existing dwelling.

The Council considered application P/HOU/2024/07191 at 3, Minterne Parva Lane, Minterne Parva for conversion of outbuilding to annexe accommodation as ancillary to main dwelling and after discussion, agreed to make no comment.

7. Rights of Way

Mrs. Cassidy stated that she had reported an issue regarding a blocked Right of Way, with pig wire and the Rights of Way department had removed the obstacle, it being very swift response.

8. Highway issues

Mrs. Cassidy highlighted a recent land slip at Sandy Lane, Minterne on the A.352. This being due to the recent heavy rainfall. This had been cleared and Dorset Highways are fully aware of the situation. It was noted that the Greensand bank is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner.

Mr. Stanzl gave a report on the latest SID data - circulated, stating that there is still a large number of speeding vehicles, being 82% over the 40 MPH limit from Middlemarsh & 45% into Middlemarsh from Holnest. These figures have been circulated to members and are on the Council's website.

Mr. Tite raised the point that the SID flashes way before the 40 MPH limit, asking if that contributes to the large numbers recorded as being over the speed limit. Mr. Stanzl stated this was a fair point and would experiment in attempting to see if this was part of the recorded data.

It was agreed to put some traffic data in the Newsletter.

9. Flooding issues

Mrs. Cassidy informed the meeting that the land slip had blocked drains in the area of the Church at Minterne, Sandy Lane, which she has reported to Dorset Highways.

Despite the recent heavy rainfall, there were no major issues reported from Lyons Gate or Middlemarsh.

10. Correspondence

The Council noted road closures Middlemarsh, and the closure of the C.12 Revels Hill on March 31st. These had been circulated to members.

The Council noted the Dorset Traffic Regulations Order.

12. Items for report, or for the agenda of the next meeting

Mr. Saunders reported that the 'Blue lights' in Middlemarsh, installed by a resident, have now disappeared.

There were no other issues raised.

15. To confirm the date of the next meeting

The date of the next meetings was confirmed for Wednesday May 14th 2025 at Minterne House at 7.30pm. These will be the Annual Parish meeting to be followed by the normal Parish Council meeting at which Officers will be elected.

There being no further business; the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

Signed.

Date.