

**Minutes of the meeting of Minterne Magna Parish Council held on Wednesday September 17th 2025
at Minterne House, at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mr. P. Goodfellow, Chairman, Mrs. R. Cassidy, Mr. C. Saunders, Mr. P. Stanzl, Mr. G. Stevenson
Mrs. J. Haynes, Dorset Councillor and the Clerk, Mr. P. Horsington.
One member of the public attended.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Lord Digby, Mr. S. Tite and PCSO Sarah Pilcher.

2. In the absence of Lord Digby, Mr. P. Goodfellow took the Chair.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday May 14th 2025, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

The reports received from PCSO Sarah Pilcher, which are received monthly, were noted.

The Clerk reported that the damage to the SID had been reported to the Police, from the last meeting.

It was agreed that there had been no issues arising from the 'Ironman' event.

Mrs. Haynes reported that she had attended the Dorset Council's consultation in Dorchester and had not been impressed by the presentation on the Housing policies. There are issues over development boundaries, especially when sites are approved and then developers do minimal work, like creating entrances and then no actual housing is built. This counts as part of housing numbers, which does not help with the need for housing. Then having done the minimal work apply on a further adjacent site. Mrs. Haynes felt strongly that existing permissions should be completed and built before further applications.

Under the present Government, Neighbourhood plans are being disregarded and there is the problem of the Appeal system, which is entirely dependent on the Inspector hearing the appeal.

Mrs. Haynes stated the housing requirement of 2,400 dwellings per year in Dorset is not achievable.

There is also the issue of Traveller sites. Mr. Haynes was thanked for her report.

5. Financial matters

The Council noted that the account balances were £9,196.32p on 18/08/25.

The Council noted that Lloyds Bank charge £4.25p per month
& the second half of Precept £1,700 is due by end of September.

Payments made – £270 Dorset Council for SID repair. It was noted that it was sensible not to make an insurance claim for the sum involved.

The Clerk reported that the Audit had been closed by BDO, LLP, Southampton, the External auditors, and being exempt from full audit, there had been no fees to pay.

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/CLE/2025/01062 at Midway, road past Lyons Gate, Lyons Gate for Certificate of Lawfulness to continue use as a residential dwelling without compliance with agricultural occupancy condition had been granted.

The Council noted that application P/FUL/2025/03067 at Lyons Hill Bungalow, Hilfield for demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new building had been granted.

The Council noted that there was no decision to date reference to P/CLP/D/2022/07954 Notification of written appeal APP/D1265/X/25?3368452 for use of land for siting of 40 no. caravans for human habitation, at Lyons Gate Caravan Park, DT2 7AZ.

The Council considered application P/VOC/2025/05154 at Midway, Lyons Gate to erect agricultural workers bungalow and form new vehicular access (with variation of Condition 4 of planning permission 21677-M to remove occupancy restriction). After some discussion, it was agreed to make no comment on this application.

The Council noted the dates of the public meetings being held to discuss the Dorset Local Plan Options consultation being from August 18th to October 13th and includes Local Transport.

7. Rights of Way

Mrs. Cassidy stated that she had reported a blocked Right of Way from Minterne to Cerne Abbas and the Dorset Rights of Way team came and got it cleared quite quickly..

It was noted that there had been no definitive answer to the issue of Electric Bikes using Bridle Paths. The Council noted that there had been a request for information on this issue.

8. Highway issues

Mr. Stanzl reported that the SID had been repaired and is working well.

It was noted that all data to date from the SID, has been circulated, and is on the Council's website. Some speeds recorded were well over 100 mph.

9. Flooding issues

There were no issues reported.

10. Correspondence

The Council noted road closures, including the closure of the C.45 Minterne, and other roadworks within the area. Off roading issues - call for evidence, & latest news from the Dorset Council.

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

There were no issues raised.

12. To confirm the dates of the next meetings

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Wednesday November 19th 2025 at Minterne House at 7.30pm.

There being no further business; the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed.

Date.