

**Minutes of the meeting of Minterne Magna Parish Council held on Wednesday January 21st 2026
held at HollowBank House, Minterne Magna, by invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Cassidy
at 6.00pm.**

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Lord Digby, Mrs. J. Haynes, Dorset Councillor 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 September 17th 2025, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record. It was noted that the meeting scheduled for November 19th 2025 had been cancelled due to Minterne House not being available, and a short agenda.

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 & circulated were noted. In the absence of Mrs. Haynes, her reports and updated information were noted.

The Council noted a request from agents, on behalf of the Potting Shed, Middlemarsh to invite the Parish Council to a site meeting, when their plans are ready.

5. Financial matters

The Council noted that the account balances were £10,878.82p on 23/12/25 and that £1,700 half precept had been received on September 24th 2025.

The proposed Budget had been circulated to members and was adopted.

After some discussion, it was agreed unanimously, on the proposition of Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Mrs. Cassidy that the Precept remains at £3,400 for 2026/27.

The Council discussed donations at length, and on the proposition of Mrs. Cassidy, seconded by Mr. Tite, unanimously agreed to donate £250 to Future Roots & £150 to the Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance. The cheques were signed.

Members discussed Online banking as an option, but agreed that the system remains as it is at present. It was noted that Lloyds banking are offering the option of also having a Savings account.

Payments made – £250 to Future Roots & £150 Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

6. Planning matters

The Council considered a request from agents on behalf of the Potting Shed, Middlemarsh to invite the Parish Council to a site meeting, when their plans are in place. The Council agreed to this request.

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 there was no decision to date on application P/CLP/D2022/07954 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 noted that 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) had been granted.

The Council noted that application P/FUL/2025/05680 on Land at Dogbury Hill to retain replacement agricultural building and hard surfaced track had been granted.

The Council noted that application P/FUL/2025/06536 at Lyons Hill Farm, Farm access Hilfield for demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling had been granted.

The Council noted that application P/FUL/2025/ 06936 Forest View Farm, Kennels Lane, Middlemarsh to erect extension to agricultural building had been granted.

Mrs. Cassidy stated that she had expressed her concerns to Dorset Planning, regarding application P/FUL/2025/05680 on Land at Dogbury Hill to retain replacement agricultural building and hard surfaced track, as it had a detrimental impact on the landscape. There is now in the same area on the opposite side of the track, a structure, CCTV, stone circle and firepit put in place, with also padlocked gates. This obstructs the existing Bridle path. Members also informed the meeting that they have been asked for directions to Dogbury Plantation, reference a Men's Health Clinic.

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk write to Dorset Planning, asking that the site is visited. The Dorset Councillor to be copied in with this request and information.

7. Rights of Way

Mrs. Cassidy stated that there were no other issues to report.

8. Highway issues

Mrs. Cassidy reported that she had contacted Dorset Highways reference some land slip onto the A.352 entering Minterne from the Sherborne direction, it was noted that Dorset Highways had attended.

Mr. Stanzl reported that the SID 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 & 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 May 13th 2026, which will follow the Annual Parish meeting to be held at Minterne House at 7.30pm.

Mrs. Cassidy was thanked for hosting the meeting at Hollow Bank House.

There being no further business; the Chairman thanked all present for their attendance, and declared the meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

Signed.

Date.

