

**Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of Minterne Magna Parish Council
held on Wednesday May 13th 2026 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., Mrs. P. Pires, Mrs. Stanzl and the Clerk, Mr. P. Horsington.

1. Apologies

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

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Wednesday May 15^h 2024, having been circulated, were signed as correct.

3. Chairman's & Councillors' reports

Lord Digby reported that the Council had held three meetings during the year and there had been no major issues regarding planning applications. All members & the Clerk, were thanked for their support during the year.

Lord Digby reported that the precept has been set for the Council at £3,400, being the same as the previous year.

Lord Digby thanked Mr. Stanzl for all his work with the SID during the year.

No other Councillors had any other matters to report.

4. Police & Community Matters

Lord Digby thanked the PCSO S. Pilcher in her absence, for her regular reports, which are circulated.

5. Dorset Councillor's report

Lord Digby thanked Mrs. Haynes, Dorset Councillor, in her absence, for her regular attendance and monthly reports, which are circulated to members.

6. Village Organisations – Church

A letter received from Mr. C. Rayner, Churchwarden of St. Andrew's, Minterne, which had been circulated to members, was discussed. The letter set out issues needing attention maintenance of both repairs to the building and the Churchyard maintenance. Repairs to the Tower & roof will cost in the region of £60K - £80K. So far £10K has been raised. The maintenance of keeping the Churchyard tidy, historically has been covered by the Digby family, but times change. The letter asks the Council to consider some support with the maintenance.

Each member expressed their views on this, and it was agreed in principle, to consider supporting the request, subject to more detail on the costs involved. It was agreed to add this item to the next Parish meeting agenda, for the September meeting.

7. To note any other issues raised

The date of the next Annual Parish meeting was agreed to be held on May 19th 2027.

Lord Digby thanked all present, and as there were no other issues raised, closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

Signed.

Date.

