Minutes of the West Lulworth Parish Council monthly meeting held on Monday 1 December 2025 at 7:30pm in West Lulworth Village Hall

1. Councillors present: S Jackson (Chair), N Miller (Vice-Chair), A Harwood, C Kirk, D Knight, C Miller, A Pack

In attendance: E Blake (Clerk)
1 member of the public

2. Apologies **25/26/136**

Apologies were received from Dorset Council ward members Mike Baker and Laura Beddow.

3. Declarations of Interest **25/26/137**

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Questions and Discussions Period **25/26/138**

a) An update was requested on the new defibrillator. It was hoped that the telephone kiosk could house the defibrillator but it is still operational as a phone so would not be allowed. It was agreed that assistance should be sought to progress the necessary planning application.
b) A recollection was made about an emergency phone at the old fish shop in the Cove. It was agreed that a check should be made to see if it is still in operation as it would be a useful resource if it still works.

5. Minutes **25/26/139**

The minutes from the monthly Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3 November 2025 were agreed as an accurate representation of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

6. Report from Dorset Council Ward Member **25/26/140**

A report was provided which detailed:
a) Dorset Council has secured new government funding to boost digital inclusion across rural communities. This will expand digital support sessions, tablet loan schemes, and free IT training. Groups or venues in West Purbeck that could host digital drop-ins should contact the ward members. Councillor Knight suggested it might be a useful option for the Womens Institute, Councillor C Miller will inform them of the option.
b) A private members bill could revoke planning permission for a number of incinerators, including the Portland Incinerator. The operator amended their environmental permit application to include hazardous waste and this is under public consultation. It was agreed that a prevailing wind could easily blow waste towards West Lulworth coastline and even East Lulworth.

It was agreed that the Chair would pass onto the ward members the concerns over the amendment to hazardous waste, the effects on ships docking in Portland Harbour and the impact of high volume traffic movements through built up and already congested areas of Weymouth.
c) Councillor Knight highlighted Bere Regis Parish Council aim to improve their communication as something to be emulated. Ideas for improving the Parish Council's engagement were discussed and suggestions for improvements to the website were requested.

7. Planning Applications/ Updates on Previous Applications **25/26/141**

a) P/PAEL/2025/06940 Communication Station and Premises, Winfrith Drove, Burngate: An application for the upgrade of the existing telecommunications site, comprising the installation of a generator, the internal upgrades of the existing equipment cabinet within the existing fenced compound, and ancillary development thereto.
It was resolved that there were no objections to the planning application but a request should be made for the generator to operate when power cuts affect the village so that mobile signal remains and consideration be given to improving the communication black spot at the Cove.

8. Tree Works Applications / Updates on Previous Applications **25/26/142**

There were no new tree works applications.

9. Finance **25/26/143**

a) It was agreed that the following were recommended for approval for payment:

Payments totalling	£986.74

Payments received:

Interest received (November)	£2.45

10. New Items for Discussion or Report **25/26/144**

a) There was no Clerk report.
b) Councillor reports:
i) Councillors Jackson updated the meeting about works carried out to the bore hole near the village hall.
ii) Councillor Knight updated the meeting about footpath encroachment. It was agreed that Lulworth Estate and Dorset Council should be informed about any concerns.

11. Ongoing Items/ Updates from Previous Meetings **25/26/145**

a) Updates for the Christmas craft fair were provided. Signs had been painted by Councillor Harwood and installed by Councillor N Miller.
b) The acquisition of a .gov email address was deferred to the next meeting.

12. Feedback from Meetings **25/26/146**

There were no updates on feedback from meetings.

13. Training **25/26/147**

Training dates were circulated to Councillors.

14. Highways **25/26/148**

a) Mon 1 December: Closure of Main Road, between Church Road and West Road junctions, between 09:30am and 2:30pm

b) 26 to 28 January 2026: Closure of B3070 Holme Level Crossing between 11:45pm and 6am

c) Saturday 28 February 2026: Trails marathon event

15. Footpaths **25/26/149**

There were no footpath updates.

16. Playgrounds **25/26/150**

There were no playground updates.

17. Correspondence **25/26/151**

There were no correspondence items to report.

18. Items for Information **25/26/152**

a) Saturday 13 December: West Lulworth Christmas Fair

b) Saturday 28 February 2026: Trails marathon event

19. Items for the Next Agenda **25/26/153**

There were no items put forward.

20. Date of the Next Meeting **25/26/154**

The next meeting date was rescheduled to:
Monday 12 January 2026 at 7:30pm – to be held at West Lulworth Village Hall.

With no further business, the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9:45 pm.

Chairman: ……. Date: ……

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