

HINTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council

Held at Hinton St Mary Village Hall

on Tuesday May 12th 2026 at 7pm

Present:-

Chair Celia Wright (CW)

Councillors Ben Cooper (BC), Jo Curtis (JC), Rob Bartlett (RB)

County Councillor Carole Jones

Clerk Vivian Hitchmough

2026.57 Apologies : Cllr Mark Steggles (MS) Councillors wished Mark a speedy recovery from his accident and looked forward to his return to the Council.

2026.58 The minutes of the annual meeting of the council on Tuesday May 27th 2025 were agreed and duly signed.

			Proposed	Seconded
2026.59	Election of Chair	Celia Wright	RB	JC
2026.60	Election of Officers			
	Vice Chair	Jo Curtis	CW	RB
	Planning	Jo Curtis	RB	CW
	Village Garden	Jo Curtis	CW	RB
	Roads, drains etc	Rob Bartlett	CW	JC
	Defibrillator	Ben Cooper	CW	RB
	S.I.D.	Ben Cooper	CW	RB

2026.61 Chair's report

CW thanked all the Councillors, the Clerk and the County Councillor for their contributions and attendance at meetings. She was pleased to welcome Ben, a new young member to the council. CW reported that the defibrillator was purchased in 2016 and the life of the equipment is generally 8-12 years. The type of pad required by the machine has been discontinued but she managed to purchase new pads and a battery pack. There will be a need to purchase a new defibrillator before too long. CW has joined North Dorset Transport Forum to discuss connectivity train links, travel hubs and community transport and her project of

using the CR3 bus will provide valuable information as show transport links to the village. The 20mph proposed village speed limit was submitted in February 2025 and in March 2026 the scheme for Hinton St Mary is now out for public consultation and consideration.

- 2026.62 The Clerk presented copies of the annual return and draft accounts, the Governance statement and the certificate of exemption AGR 2025/26 Part Two. The Chairman duly signed all the necessary forms and the Clerk will return them to the auditors.
- 2026.63 The risk assessment was agreed for year 2026/27 going forward
- 2026.64 The Chair closed the meeting at 7.20pm