

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 21st May 2026, commencing at 7pm.

Present: Cllr's E Rowe (Chairman), E Blackburn, S Forsey, J Gillingham, J Piper, C Rabbetts and D Richards

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J Vanderwolfe, Cllr S Shristopher (Dorset Council).

201	Election of Chairman Cllr E Rowe was elected as chairman for the ensuing year. He made the Declaration of Office; witnessed by the Proper Officer.
202	Election of Vice Chairman Cllr B Lumsden was elected as Vice Chairman.
203	Outside Bodies BLAP: Cllr S Forsey Dorset Association Councils: Cllr B Lumsden
204	Apologies Apologies received from Cllr B Lumsden and Cllr D Wyatt
205	Declarations of Interest under the Upper Marshwood Vale Code of Conduct There were no Declarations of Interest at this stage of the meeting.
206	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 29 th April 2026, having been previously distributed; were accepted as a true record.

207	Matters Arising In the absence of Cllr Wyatt there was no update regarding the bin for Stoke Abbott. The Rights of Way Team were moving forward to investigate the claim for the bridleway in Bottle Lane.
208	Democratic Period No items
209	Planning P/FUL/2026/02204 Vale House, Whitchurch. Conversion of Barn. Members supported this application Cllr Blackburn was unhappy that the comments regarding a recent planning application were not shown on the Dorset planning website.
210	Accounts for Payment: Parish on Line £72.00, Arthur Gallagher Insurance £259.76 and Vat file £7.18. Total £338.95. Cllr Blackburn requested a copy of insurance cover. Bank Reconciliation 20 th May: £33,205.36
211	County Report Cllr S Christopher informed members that Mr Brittan, a senior officer with Dorset Council, would visit Thorncombe on the 27 th May. Members of this council were welcomed to attend.
212	Closing of Meeting The meeting was closed by the chairman at 7.50pm
213	Next Meeting Thursday 16 th July 2026 at 7pm

Signature of Chairman -----

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