

CHESELBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council, which starts at **7.00 pm on Monday 2nd March 2026** at the Cheselbourne Village Hall for the purpose of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the Meeting as set out in the agenda. Apologies for absence should be submitted to the Clerk/Chairman prior to the meeting.

A Crocker

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AGENDA

Members are reminded that the Parish Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, belief or disability), Crime & Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights. All in attendance should be aware that filming, recording, photography or otherwise may occur during the meeting.

1. Period of public participation
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. To receive declarations of interest and confirm any dispensation requests received
4. Approve minutes of meeting held on 5th January 2026
5. Matters arising for report only
6. To receive the Dorset Councillor's Report - attached
7. To consider the PCSO's report – attached
8. Finance
 - (a) To approve the payments for February and March 2026
 - (b) To confirm the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget
 - (c) To consider the transfer of underspent budgets to Ear Marked Reserves
9. Parish Councillors' reports
 - (a) Asset Management
 - To consider and agree the Dorset Council SLA for grass cutting at £1,635.52, plus £301 for collection after first cut
 - To consider the quote for the fingerpost repairs at Dewlish junction at £250 in total
 - (b) Play Park – update on repairs and maintenance to play equipment
 - (c) Highways
 - (d) Website and IT
 - To review a suggested IT Policy
10. To consider planning applications:
 - P/LBC/2026/00164 Chapel access to Lyscombe Farm, Piddletrenthide – Carry out repairs to ruined Priest's House – Response due by 5th February – support submitted 2nd February
11. Update on PlusBus
12. Recruiting for the future
13. To consider items for Annual Parish Meeting
14. Date of next meeting Tuesday 5th May – Parish Council Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

Report to the parish council 5/2/2026
Cllr Jill Haynes Chalk Valleys Ward

Dear Clerks, councillors and members of the public please find below my report for January 2026.

Budget proposals to go to Full Council

The Liberal Democrat administration is proposing setting a budget of £482.6M for the financial year 2026/27. This is an increase of £18.9M from this year (2025/26). It is proposed to increase council tax by 4.99% to partially support the budget increase. This increase to council tax will bring in an additional £2.2M. The council is struggling to control costs for both Ault Social Care and Children's services. An additional £29M is expected in rising costs for these areas. As a one off this year there is some additional grant funding from central government as they have reduced the business rate base and with it the council's income stream from business rates. However, even at this stage of the budget setting process the amount of funding has not been confirmed and it certainly will not cover the expected need in social services. There is considerable pressure for savings to be made across the council services and any shortfall will need to come from reserves. Getting a grip on these savings will be essential in the next financial year.

Award Winning Building Control Service

Dorset Council's building control service is celebrating not one but two pieces of national recognition. The service has won the Local Authority Building Control Team of the Year in the LABC Building Excellence Awards 2025. Last week it also learned it had sailed through a tough industry inspection. The LABC Building Excellence Awards have long been established as the premier accolades within the industry. They recognise companies and individuals that demonstrate a commitment to competence, quality and standards in delivering safe and sustainable buildings for the communities. On awarding Dorset Council the top award, judges said: "The team has developed a great reputation since the creation of Dorset Council in 2019. It has embraced the LABC Quality Management System to raise standards and recently achieved a very positive audit from the Building Safety Regulator with no identified non-compliance.

"The team work hard to build positive engagement with their customers who return time and time, appreciating and endorsing their responsiveness, local knowledge and professionalism." They also praised the team for supporting apprentices, with two of them also being shortlisted finalists for LABC Trainee of the Year 2025.

[New modern Day Opportunities model for our residents - Dorset Council](#)

The proposals coming before the next Cabinet highlight a new modern, sustainable model of day opportunities, reflecting the changing needs and aspirations of our residents and follow a three month consultation, meetings across Care Dorset's 13 day centres and a range of online sessions which took place last year.

The plans aim to deliver flexible community-based services that promote independence, well-being and social inclusion, while at the same time continuing to provide specialist support to people with complex needs. This forms part of a broader approach by the council and its partners to come together to focus on outcomes that matter most to our communities. I will provide further details on this when it is confirmed.

Innovation Park to expand

Dorset Innovation Park Ltd is wholly owned by Dorset Council and is buying a further 15 acres of employment land adjacent to the park. The purchase will help develop the park's long-term strategic role as the centre of the defence industry in Dorset, providing opportunities for local people and businesses. The organisation is focused on highlighting the park's unique test and evaluation capabilities, plus delivering a range of developments to make the park more visually appealing and ready for external investment.

New companies are moving to the site and an existing tenant is expanding. Norco Composites & GRP has received approval to double the size of its advanced composites manufacturing facility at the park near Wool.

Underwater survey specialist Shoreline Surveys has taken a unit at the park plus dedicated space in the BattleLab, a NATO-accredited test and evaluation facility provided at the site by Dorset Council

and the Ministry of Defence.

The park has also welcomed Vaspba Remote Piloted Systems, into a Quadrant workshop unit. Director Daniel Spence said: "The park's focus on defence, innovation and advanced engineering aligns closely with our long-term vision of designing and developing advanced drone systems for defence and public service use. The inter-company networking and collaboration opportunities, particularly through the BattleLab, have already proved extremely valuable. We're proud to be part of a site that actively supports innovation and skilled employment in the region."

The site is home to over 800 full time jobs, with the aim to create another 300 by 2030.

Channel Gateway Proposals

The Channel Gateway proposal by Morwind is to construct a new, £600 million, port facility in Dorset, adjacent to Portland Port, primarily to service the fixed and floating offshore wind sectors. If agreed this will provide long term skilled job opportunities which are much needed in Dorset.

The facility will provide a construction and assembly platform and deep-water quay in an optimal location because of Portland's deep-water access at high and low tides, with the primary capability to manufacture substructures for the largest fixed and floating wind turbines and assemble turbines and blades for deployment in the Western English Channel and Celtic Sea.

The port platform and extensive quayside will also provide flexibility to manufacture other foundations, anchors/moorings, and marine infrastructure and support services in a strategic location for the UK and continental Europe.

Dorchester Rural East Neighbourhood Policing Team Crime Report

January 2026

Dear Councillors,

Below is a breakdown of crimes/incidents that have occurred in your areas during the month of September.

N.B. Any crimes/incidents of a sensitive nature are not in this report, e.g., of a personal nature or which may identify individuals. Road traffic incidents are not included in this report.

- We continue to patrol all areas and are using social media to keep members of the public apprised of our actions.

Dorchester NPT website address is [Dorchester | Your area | Dorset Police | Dorset Police](#)

Our Face Book Page address is: www.facebook.com/DorchesterPolice/

Our Twitter Page is: <https://twitter.com/DorchesterPolice>

Our Instagram Page is: <https://www.instagram.com/dorchesterpolice/>

Dorset Alert messaging system registration to receive messages is:
<https://www.dorsetalert.co.uk/pages/2451/1/Register.html>

Contacting Dorset Police (non-emergency)

Do it Online: [Contact us | Dorset Police](#)

Telephone: 101 *(Calls to the 101 non-emergency number from both landlines and mobiles are free)

To report information to the police with 100% anonymity, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org or call Freephone 0800 555 111

DFCA

Broadmayne Parish Council:

No Reports

Knightsford Parish Council (Tincton/West Knighton/West Stafford/Woodsford):

No Reports

DFCB

Crossways Parish Council:

06/01/2026 Fire at level crossing

07/01/2026 Theft of parcel – no lines of enquiry available.

09/01/2026 Damage to car parked outside holiday lodge.

09/01/2026 Theft of parcel – no lines of enquiry available.

Osmington Parish Council:

No Reports

Owermoigne Parish Council:

01/01/2026 Damage petrol dispenser as left with nozzle in the tank. Garage was closed at the time.

Under investigation.

09/01/2026 Drive off from garage after taking fuel (occurred 27/12/2025)

09/01/2026 Drive off from garage after taking (03/01/2026)

DFCC

Cheselbourne Parish Council:

09/01/2026 Report of scam & id fraud

Dewlish Parish Council:

26/01/2026 Report of Possible Fox Hunt

Puddletown/Tolpuddle/Athelhampton/Burleston Parish Council:

02/01/2026 Puddletown Forest – gunshots heard – area searched no trace. Possibly sound came from neighbouring private land.

11/01/2026 Break to abandoned property.

13/01/2026 Person sleeping in camper on the side of the road.

DFCD

Buckland Newton Parish Council:

No Reports

Melcombe Bingham Parish Council:

13/01/2026 Theft of Land Rover

Piddle Valley Parish Council:

13/01/2026 Break to cafe on Enterprise Park. Under investigation.

16/01/2026 Stolen motorbike located on Enterprise Park

31/01/2026 Stag attacked by hounds – under investigation.

MOBILE POLICE STATION

The mobile police station will be at Cornhill Market Area, Dorchester Town Centre on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 @ 11:00 – 13:00. The mobile police station will be in Dorchester Town Centre on the first Tuesday of each month.

Local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) will be available for you to:

- *Speak face to face about any concerns in your community
- *Report crimes or issues (in addition to using the 101-phone service or reporting online)
- *Receive crime prevention advice

This is an opportunity to meet your local neighbourhood policing team and raise matters that are important to you. No appointment is required - simply drop by.

For any other enquiries, please visit a Dorset Police front office counter in Bournemouth, Weymouth, or Blandford - details of these are available on the website.

The Mobile Police Station will continue to tour locations across Dorset each month.

IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING INCIDENTS

Please report any incidents either via 101 or online via the Contact Us Section on the Dorset Police

Website:

[Contact us | Dorset Police](#)

Dorset Police does not have the ability to monitor Community social media groups and valuable intelligence can be missed.

In addition, if there is an ongoing problem, for example anti-social behaviour, I am unable to seek support for additional police resources to address the issues.

Regards

PCSO 6500 Alison Donnison

Dorchester East Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team

Item 8(a)

Payments for February/March 2026

			Account charges 10/11/25-25/1/26	4.25	
10.12.25	474344793	Lloyds			
21.01.26		John Lilley & Associates	Finger post repair	165.00	Paid 27.01.26
			February 2026 salary + expenses	215.85	
01.02.26	Mth 11	A Crocker			
01.02.26	Mth 11	HMRC	February 2026 PAYE	44.40	
			Email hosting 20.01.26 to 16.02.26	20.99	
20.01.26	22395	HugoFox			
			Web hosting 23.01.26 to 22.02.26	11.99	
23.01.26	22557	HugoFox			
			Crown raise trees on village green	216.00	
13.02.26	AGTS-4815	AG Tree Services			
			Email hosting 18.02 to 26.03.26	20.99	
18.02.26	23480	HugoFox			
19.02.26	Mth 12	HMRC	March 2026 PAYE	44.40	
10.02.26	SIV019325	Magna Housing	Play park rent	1.25	
20.02.26	Mth 12	A Crocker	March 2026 salary + expenses	211.35	
				956.47	

Item 8(b)

Reconciliation of Accounts Year ending March 2026

Balance b/fwd		From 31.03.25	3725.15
Add:		Income year to date	8247.73
Less:		Expenditure to date	6435.26
Balance as at 20th February 2026			5537.62
Funded by:			
Deposit account	00127318		3128.57
Current account	00335425		2903.03
			6031.60
Add:	Uncleared Income		0.00
Less	Uncleared cheques		
		Crown raise trees on village green	216.00
13.02.26	AG Tree Services		
		Email hosting 18.02.26 to 16.03.26	20.99
18.02.26	HugoFox		
19.02.26	HMRC	March 2026 PAYE	44.40
10.02.26	Magna Housing	Rent for play park area	1.25
20.02.26	A Crocker	March 2026 salary + expenses	211.35
			493.99
Balance as at 20th February 2026			5537.62
		Difference	0.00

Budget Monitoring for the year ended 31st March 2026

Description	2025/26 Budget	Actual	Balance	
Receipts	-			
Account Interest		18.73	18.73	
Precept	7,729.00	7,729.00	0.00	
Play park income		0.00	0.00	
PlusBus share of funds		500.00	500.00	Earmark
Grants		0.00	0.00	
VAT refunded		0.00	0.00	
Total receipts	7,729.00	8,247.73	518.73	0.00
Payments				
DAPTC Subs. + other subs	350.00	304.15	45.85	
Bank charges	54.00	29.75	24.25	
Insurance	630.00	595.04	34.96	
Training	400.00	0.00	400.00	
Wages - Clerk	3,000.00	2,667.60	332.40	
Mileage	100.00	178.92	(78.92)	
IT	400.00	473.94	(73.94)	
Administration	400.00	267.13	132.87	
Internal Audit	80.00	100.00	(20.00)	
Venue hire	80.00	60.00	20.00	Carry forward
Grass cutting - village	550.00	0.00	550.00	Carry forward
Play park	750.00	96.20	653.80	Carry forward
Christmas tree	60.00	50.00	10.00	
Wreath	25.00	0.00	25.00	
Defibrillator	150.00	0.00	150.00	Carry forward
Village maintenance	200.00	1,029.00	(829.00)	
PlusBus	500.00	390.00	110.00	Carry forward
VAT (refundable)		193.53	(193.53)	
Total payments	0.00	7,729.00	6,435.26	1,293.74
Balance b/fwd from 31.03.23	3,725.15			Monies held in bank 6,031.60
Income	8247.73			
		11,972.88		
Earmarked Reserves				Add: Income not cleared
Climate Action Group	345.90			Less: Chqs not cleared (493.99)
Play park improvement	1,950.18			
		2,296.08		Earmarked funds (2,296.08)
Expenses to date	6,435.26			
		6,435.26		
Balance available not yet committed		3,241.54		General Reserve 3,241.54
				0.00

ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT



SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

Landscape and Grounds Maintenance Services

Service	Landscape and Grounds Maintenance Services
Service Provider	Dorset Council
Service Providers Address	Gibbs Marsh depot, Stalbridge, Dorset.
Service Lead Officer Contact Details	Colin Mogg colin.mogg@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Tel 07967 834738
Customer Name	Cheselbourne Parish Council
Customer Contact Details	Andrew Taylor, Chairman, Cheselbourne Parish Council andrew.taylor@cheselbourneparishcouncil.gov.uk >
Customers Main Address	
Customers Site Address (if different form the above)	Play Park, village green and verge, Cheselbourne
Agreement Period	01/04/26 – 31/03/27

Cost of Service Provided	£1,635.52 per annum. Plus an initial cut and collect cost of £301.00 if required.
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Outline of Service Provided - overview of the services provided to the customer: Read in conjunction with Landscape Specification below and the Grounds Maintenance Plan dated:

Grounds maintenance operations required (add as required)	✓	Grass cutting service to play park, village green and verge. Based on fortnightly visits, 14 no. cuts during the growing season (April to October) to village green, verge and play park (swings etc.) with 2 no. cuts to play park main grass area.
1. Management of Grass Areas (Ride on 'cut and collect' and Triple)	✓	In the growing season. Based on fortnightly visits. Weather conditions and grass growth will dictate precise regime of cuts throughout the year.
2. Strimming, hand push mowing, blowing and tidying up.	✓	To areas out of reach of ride on mowers, around obstacles, banks, walls, fences etc. Arisings blown/tidied up at each visit.
3. Hard surfacing	✓	Arisings blown clear on each visit.
4. Grounds development visit	✓	Usually twice a year. Extra visits can be requested at any time.
5. Additional work as agreed		

See our leaflet for more information on the range of Landscape and Grounds Maintenance Services provided.