BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2026 AT THE DRAX HALL, NORTH STREET, COMMENCING 7PM

Present: Cllrs J Percy, J Hawkins, S Close, L Fairhurst, G Curtis, B Howard, D Bishop, K Hazell, S Bardwell

Chair: Cllr J Park

Clerk: Mrs A Crocker

Also present: 1 member of the public

1. Period of Public Participation

26.194 No comments were made at this stage.

2. To receive apologies for absence

26.195 Apologies had been received from Dorset Cllrs Mike Baker and Laura Beddow.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th October 2026

26.196 A copy of the minutes had been issued to all members prior to the start of the meeting. Cllr Park proposed them to be a true and accurate representation of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Howard and agreed unanimously. The minutes were signed by the Chair in the presence of the meeting.

4. Matters arising not covered in this meeting – for report only

26.197 All matters are covered on the current agenda.

5. To receive declarations of interest

26.198 No interests were declared.

6. To consider the Co-option of a Parish Councillor

26.199 A vacancy has existed on the Council for several months and was advertised earlier in the year. Mr Philip Perkins had submitted his name for the role. Cllr Park proposed he is accepted on to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Curtis and agreed unanimously. Mr Perkins signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the meeting.

7. Dorset Councillors' Report

26.200 A copy of the report had been issued with the agenda.

8. Finance

26.201 To approve the monthly expenditure

The following payments had been requested:

Lloyds	Account charges 10.08.26 to 09.09.26		7.36
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreaths and crosses	D/card	258.50
Minuteman	Fliers for Communibus trips	D/card	16.03
RBL Poppy Appeal	Silent Silhouettes	D/card	350.00

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Bartletts	Cable ties for lamppost poppies	BACS591	14.15
DAPTC	Autumn conference	BACS592	12.00
Minuteman	200 calendars	BACS593	579.90
Pear Technology	Map maintenance year to 31.10.27	BACS594	114.00
BR Scout Group	Lunch Club hall hire July-September	BACS595	60.00
A Lynam	Lunch Club food October 2026	BACS596	18.65
DC Pension Fund	November 2026 pension contributions	BACS597	329.87
Dorset Council	Pre-app advice fee	BACS598	502.00
Prime Acoustic	Village Hall grant	BACS599	1,324.00
Lloyds	Account charges 10.09.26 to 09.10.26		6.27
BR Parish Magazine	Family Fun Morning advert	BACS600	23.66
Dorset Council	Cemetery rates November 2026	BACS577	38.20
Dorset Council	Car park rates November 2026	BACS488	210.00
I Ventham	October Lunch Club food	BACS601	72.54
Cloudy IT	Email support November 2026	BACS602	106.38
A E Leigh	October Lunch Club food	BACS603	205.97
HMRC	November 2026 PAYE & NIC	BACS604	375.11
A Crocker	November 2026 salary & expenses	BACS605	1,022.60
Pellegram Ltd	NP Review Aug-Oct	BACS606	994.50
Bartletts	Wire netting, rails for tree memorial	BACS607	31.43
A King	Lengthsman – October 2026	BACS608	3,061.75
BR Parish Magazine	NeighbourCar volunteer driver ad – 1 year	BACS609	142.00
BR Parish Magazine	Lunch Club ad – 1 year	BACS609	88.00

The total amount requested from the Precept is £9,965.77

Cllr Curtis proposed the payments are made. This was seconded by Cllr Fairhurst and agreed unanimously.

26.202 To confirm the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget

A copy of the reports had been issued with the agenda. Cllr Curtis proposed the reports are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Hawkins and agreed unanimously.

26.203 To consider a date for the Finance Working Group to meet

The Group consists of Cllr Park and Curtis, together with the Clerk. Cllr Perkins was invited to join the Group.

9. Planning

26.204 To consider planning applications received

P/VOC/2026/05572 Land at White Lovington – erect 17 dwellings – variation of conditions of planning permission 6/2020/0013
PWP no objection with caveat that the CEMP is strictly enforced with no site traffic to be kept waiting on White Lovington

P/HOU/2026/05801 Hawthornes, Butt Lane – Convert garage to ancillary dwelling
Temporary accommodation for a carer. PWP no objection

P/FUL/2026/04880 Bere Regis Sports Club – Installation of a new double-lane cricket practice net facility, including associated cricket sports surfacing
PWP no objection

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P/FUL/2026/02138 Service Station – Redevelopment of site – amended plans or additional information received
PWP no objection

Cllr Park proposed the PWP recommendations are accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Percy and agreed unanimously.

10. Parish Amenities and Rights of Way

26.205 General update

Nothing to report.

26.206 Defects

- Steps to new bridge report
- Bridleway up Snow Hill Lane has been cut but some trees are hanging quite low. Lengthsman to be asked to have a look

11. Conservation & Environment

26.207 Three Walk leaflets to be reprinted.

Cllr Hawkins reported that the Wild Life Group have started again.

12. Police, Traffic and Roads

20.208 Manhole cover has started to break coming down Rye Hill by the old school.

The speed hump by the old vicarage – the grate has become loose. Dorset Council to be asked to repair.

13. Community Liaison

20.209 Cllr Curtis reported that Aster are selling properties on the open market. She has spoken to the MP about this. The tree survey has still not been undertaken. Church clock – the diocese has now become involved so the application for a grant will take a little longer. The war memorial and wreaths – Cllr Curtis will clear the wreaths by the beginning of December. Cllr Park noted that there are quite a few service personnel in the village who turn out for the service each year but are not a part of the parade. He would like to invite them to be a part of the future parades. Members are asked to get them to contact the Clerk with their details.

14. Children and Youth

20.210 Bonfire and firework night hosted by the Scouts was very successful with 250 people turning up – silent fireworks.

Cllr Percy has raised £150 towards a new zipwire. There is £47,590 in the account for the play park replacement.

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15. To receive the Clerk's report and Councillors' reports on items not covered by the agenda

26.211 Clerk's Report

A copy had been issued with the agenda. The contents were noted.

26.212 Parish Councillors' Reports

Nothing to add.

16. Correspondence received since the agenda was set

26.213 No further correspondence had been received.

17. Confidential

26.214 Cllr Fairhurst proposed the advice is taken and the Standing Orders are suspended. This was seconded by Cllr Bishop – 9 in favour, 1 abstention.

18. Items for the Parish Magazine

26.215 The following items will be included in the Parish Magazine:

- Remembrance and retired/service man to be invited to future events
- Play area amount raised
- the CAB services through the surgery will continue

19. Items for the December meeting

26.216 - Budget

Any items should be passed to the Clerk before the 30th November for inclusion on the agenda.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th December**, commencing 7pm at the Drax Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Signed: …….