



BERE REGIS PARISH COUNCIL

C/O WARDON HILL FARM, LONG ASH LANE, DORCHESTER, DORSET, DT2 9PW

Clerk: Mrs Amanda Crocker Email: clerk@bereregisparishcouncil.gov.uk

Dear Councillor

5th July 2025

You are hereby summoned to attend a Parish Council meeting on Thursday 10th July 2025 at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Drax Hall, North Street, Bere Regis to conduct the business below.

Signed

A Crocker

Clerk

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AGENDA

1. Period for members of the public to raise any issues
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 12th June 2025
4. Matters arising from those minutes, not covered by this agenda – for report only
5. To receive declarations of interest in accordance with S94 of the LGA 1972 and review dispensations received
6. To receive the Dorset Councillor's Report – attached
7. Key Topics
 - (a) Update on new hall location
 - (b) To consider a resolution calling on the Government to provide dedicated funding for Neighbourhood Plans – report attached
 - (c) Central car park general – signage and storage
8. To consider Finance
 - (a) To approve monthly expenditure
 - (b) To confirm the reconciliation of accounts
 - (c) To review the position against budget
9. Planning & Housing
 - (a) To consider planning applications:
P/FUL/2025/01365 Rogers Hill Farm – Repowering of existing Rogers Hill wind turbine with a larger wind turbine (response due by 14.07.25)
 - (a) To consider tree work applications:
P/TRC/2025/03715 12 Shitterton Road – T1 Oak, T2, Prunus, T3 & T4 Conifer crown raise to 5m ; T5 Plum – fell ; T6 Ash – reduce by approximately 2m – for information only
TPO/2025/0051 Land at Rowlands Wait Touring Park – Area A1, all trees of whatever species and age to be covered by TPO – attached
TPO/2025/0052 Land to the west of Stanbarrow Close – Field Maple
10. Parish Amenities and Rights of Way
 - (a) Play Park update
 - (b) Defects
11. Conservation and Environment
12. Police, Traffic and Roads
13. Community Liaison
14. Children & Youth
15. To receive the Clerk's Report and Councillor's reports on items not covered by the agenda
16. Items for the Parish Magazine
17. Items for the August meeting

Dorset Council Report July 2025

We hope that you find the following report interesting and informative - please do circulate to your networks.

Laura Beddow and Mike Baker

Dorset Councillors for West Purbeck

For any issues or casework, please contact:

Laura on 07814 569563 cllr.laura.beddow@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

or Mike on 07974 922717 cllr.mike.baker@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Local Notes

Hedges, verges and planning

Please do use the links at the foot of this report to pop pins in the map where there are issues with overgrown verges or hedges that affect safety, potholes or overflowing bins. Summer in Dorset is always really busy and this is the quickest way to get things done.

Unfortunately the Hurst Farm (Moreton) quarrying application due to be heard by Planning committee on 30th of June has been postponed due to officer sickness. We have requested a one-off committee in July to look at this as it is contentious both from a resident point of view and also due to Dorset being required to evidence our supply of minerals. We will keep you posted.

Best regards,

Laura & Mike

Useful links for residents:

Report a missed bin [Missed bin collection - Dorset Council](#)

Reporting road issues [Verges, trees and hedges - Dorset Council](#)

Cost of living support [Cost of living help - Dorset Council](#)

Tree management [Tree Management - Dorset Council](#)

ASB reporting [Anti-social behaviour - Dorset Council](#)

Decision reversed on booking our



HRCs!

Following extensive public feedback, Dorset Council has revised its plans to roll out a booking system at all 10 of its Household Recycling Centres (HRCs).

Instead of launching the system county-wide later this year, the council will now introduce it at four sites: Dorchester, Wimborne, Shaftesbury, and Sherborne.

The remaining six centres* will continue to operate as usual - without slot bookings - while the council looks to strengthen its measures to prevent commercial misuse.

Cllr Jon Andrews, Cabinet Member for Place Services, explained the decision:

“We’ve listened to residents and understand their concerns. We still believe a booking system is the best way to protect our recycling centres from future service cuts, but this new approach allows us to prioritise the areas with the most pressing issues.”

The targeted rollout will help:

Reduce cross-border use in north Dorset, cutting waste disposal costs. Around 20% of the waste received at Shaftesbury and Sherborne comes from outside of the county, which Dorset Council taxpayers are unfairly paying for. When the system is introduced, non-Dorset residents will need to pay an entry fee.

Ease congestion and queuing at Dorchester and Wimborne. Due to their location and local road network, both sites are prone to queuing at busy times.

Gather real-world data to assess the system’s impact in areas of Dorset before considering a wider rollout.

The council will closely monitor how the system performs - looking at booking slot availability, customer satisfaction, recycling rates, and any changes in fly-tipping. So far, there’s no evidence to suggest that successful booking systems increase illegal dumping, but the council will track this carefully.

If the system proves as effective as Dorset Council expects, it will help shape the future of how all the HRCs operate, ensuring long-term sustainability without compromising service quality.

Cllr Andrews added: “We’ve heard from many residents who say, ‘If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.’ And we get that. But the reality is, the current service is costing more than it should, and some areas do need ‘fixing’ to a certain extent.

“A booking system will save hundreds of thousands of pounds - money that helps us keep all our HRCs open and avoid reducing hours or closing locations.”

All 10 recycling centres will remain available and free of charge for all Dorset Council residents. More information on how to book slots at the four sites will be shared closer to the launch.

Joint working works!

A two-day enforcement operation has taken place in Dorset in the fight against the illegal sale of tobacco and vapes.

Dorset Council’s trading standards team joined officers from Dorset Police and HM Revenues and Customs (HMRC) and, acting on intelligence, visited 6 shops across Weymouth, Ferndown and Gillingham. They were assisted by a specialist tobacco detection dog.

Part of a nationally funded illegal tobacco disruption campaign called Operation CeCe, they inspected all goods on sale. They also searched storage areas and cars connected to the shops.

Illicit goods were found at 5 of the 6 shops visited. The total seized across the shops was:

17,000 individual cigarettes; 15.75 kg of hand rolling tobacco; 1,300 vapes; Shisha tobacco; and 30 tubs of nicotine pouches.

The police also seized suspected controlled drugs. Enquiries are ongoing.

HMRC seized 3 vehicles used to store tobacco and vapes. These will either be scrapped or auctioned.

QR code scam

Dorset Council is alerting residents and visitors after a number of fraudulent QR code stickers were discovered on parking payment machines in the West Bay area.

These stickers contain QR codes that, when scanned, direct users to a fake website designed to look like a legitimate parking payment page. Instead of paying for parking, users are unknowingly handing over their credit or debit card details to criminals.

Cllr Jon Andrews, Dorset Council's Cabinet Member for Place Services, said:

"We are very concerned about this scam and the risk it poses to the public. Dorset Council does not use QR codes for any parking payments. If you see a QR code on a parking machine, do not scan it. Please report it to our Parking Services team straight away so we can investigate and remove it."

The Council stresses that all genuine parking payments in Dorset Council car parks can be made by cash, card, or through the official JustPark service, which is available via the official JustPark app, text message, or phone call. QR codes are not used for any part of the payment process.

If you believe you may have entered your payment details on one of these scam websites, contact your bank immediately and [report the incident to Action Fraud](#) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

To report suspicious QR codes or for any parking-related concerns, [please contact Dorset Council's Parking Services team](#).

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS CAMPAIGN PACK

TEMPLATES TO HELP LOCAL COUNCILS

Neighbourhood Plans have been a cornerstone of localism, empowering communities to shape the development and growth of their areas. These plans play a vital role in ensuring that development in an area reflects local priorities and character.

Unfortunately, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has announced that it will cease commissioning new neighbourhood planning support services for the period beyond March 2025. The withdrawal of funding and support services is disastrous news for Neighbourhood Plans. Without access to grants and expert guidance, many local councils will struggle to progress or initiate Neighbourhood Plans. To this end, county associations in the West Midlands have produced a pack that contains a briefing note, a template motion your council can debate, and a template letter that the council or individual councillors can send to their local MP. We're grateful to those originating associations for their permission to re-use this material in Dorset.

Extract from MHCLG response

"We're reviewing our budgets as part of business planning and in this context are having to make tough choices to meet our priorities.

- We're fully committed to meeting our stretching target to build 1.5m homes this Parliament and are taking decisive action.
- Engaging with local communities is a key cornerstone of the planning process, and we expect this will continue through Local Plans, the new Strategic Plans being introduced by the Planning and Infrastructure Bill, and neighbourhood plans where applicable.
- But around two-thirds of councils do not have a Local Plan, and so we're taking action to make sure councils adopt up-to-date plans or develop new plans that work for their communities.
- Neighbourhood plans can make a valuable contribution, but we do believe the sector should now be able to sustain itself without further government funding.
- We continue to encourage communities to take advantage of preparing a neighbourhood plan where they consider that doing so is in their best interests.

"Further background:

- We are not cancelling already-agreed support: ongoing technical support to neighbourhood planning groups will be completed and wound down over the course of this financial year, with the final instances concluding by the end of March 2026.
- Communities can continue to prepare neighbourhood plans where they consider that doing so is in their best interests. We believe that neighbourhood planning should be possible without further government funding."

Briefing Note: Future of Neighbourhood Planning Support Services

Subject: Implications of MHCLG Funding Changes on Neighbourhood Planning Support

Date: 25 June 2025

Purpose: To provide an update on the future of neighbourhood planning support services in light of recent communication from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), and to reaffirm the importance of neighbourhood planning in shaping local development.

Background

Neighbourhood planning has been a cornerstone of localism, empowering communities to shape the development and growth of their areas. Since its inception, over 2,400 communities have initiated neighbourhood plans, with more than 1,000 plans successfully passing referendums. Many of these have been in the West Midlands Region and (insert county name / details). These plans have played a vital role in ensuring that development reflects local priorities and character.

The success of neighbourhood planning has been underpinned by a robust support system, including grants and technical assistance, which has enabled communities—often with limited resources—to engage meaningfully in the planning process.

Current Situation

MHCLG has informed us that, due to the outcomes of the recent Spending Review, they are unable to proceed with commissioning new neighbourhood planning support services for the period beyond March 2025. As a result:

- **No new applications** for grants or technical support will be accepted.
- **Existing technical support packages** will be completed by March 2025, with flexibility to extend delivery until March 2026 depending on individual timetables
- **Support for the Champions Network and learning opportunities** will cease with immediate effect.

Implications

The withdrawal of funding and support services presents significant challenges for communities currently developing or considering neighbourhood plans. Without access to grants and expert guidance, many groups may struggle to progress or initiate plans, potentially undermining the momentum built over the past decade.

This change also impacts the broader ecosystem of neighbourhood planning, including the Champions Network, which has played a critical role in mentoring and inspiring new groups.

The Importance of Continued Support

Neighbourhood planning remains a vital tool for community empowerment and democratic engagement in planning. It contributes to:

- **Local ownership** of development decisions
- Better quality and more sustainable outcomes
- Stronger community cohesion and resilience

Ensuring continued support—whether through alternative funding mechanisms, local authority engagement, or third-sector partnerships—is essential to maintain the integrity and accessibility of the neighbourhood planning process and an essential tool to give local communities more of a say in how development affects its area.

Conclusion and Next Steps

The development and adoption of Neighbourhood Plans are still important, and the sector needs to champion their value. Funding to enable new NP's to be developed is still critical and we need to persuade MHCLG to continue with financial support to encourage other communities to adopt a similar approach.

Draft Motion for Councils: Future of Neighbourhood Planning Support Services

Resolution Calling on the Government to Provide Dedicated Funding for Neighbourhood Plans

[Insert name of Council] acknowledges that:

- Neighbourhood planning empowers local communities to shape the development and growth of their areas through the creation of Neighbourhood Plans.
- The preparation of Neighbourhood Plans requires significant time, expertise, and financial resources, often placing a burden on parish and town councils.
- Neighbourhood Plans contribute to more democratic, locally-informed planning decisions and support the delivery of sustainable development aligned with community needs and aspirations.

Therefore it is Resolved to -

- 1. Call upon His Majesty's Government to provide increased and sustained funding to support the development, review, and implementation of Neighbourhood Plans.**
- 2. Request that the Government ensures funding is accessible to all communities, to promote inclusivity and fairness in the planning process.**
- 3. Write to [local MP] and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities, and Local Government to communicate this resolution and advocate for enhanced support for neighbourhood planning**

Item 8 (a)

Payments Requested - July 2025

Invoice				
Date	Pay Ref	Payee	Comments	Total
BACS Payments				
23.0.25	BACS332	JoJu Ltd	Final payment re EV charging points	1561.27
30.05.25	BACS333	J Kurzejewska	NeighbourCar trips May 2025	26.00
30.05.25	BACS334	R Morrall	NeighbourCar trips May 2025	59.40
06.06.25	BACS335	Hardy Signs	Sign writing new Communibus	180.00
15.06.25	BACS336	I Ventham	Lunch Club - June	54.48
30.06.25	BACS337	DC Pension Fund	June 25 pension contributions	321.20
01.07.25	BACS338	Cloudy IT	July email, storage, support	104.28
05.07.25	BACS339	R Morrall	NeighbourCar trips June 2025	43.30
17.06.25	BACS340	Baillie Cross Garage	6 week check - fit rear break wire harness	243.80
12.06.25	BACS341	J Ahern	NeighbourCar trip 12.06.25	9.90
01.07.25	BACS342	Dorset Council	Central car park rates	200.00
17.06.25	BACS343	A Lynam	Lunch Club - June	63.23
30.06.25	BACS344	J Kurzejewska	NeighbourCar trips June 2025	18.00
30.06.25	BACS345	D Fairhurst	NeighbourCar trips June 2025	70.65
05.07.25	BACS346	HMRC	PAYE & NIC July 2025	343.05
01.07.25	BACS347	A King	Lengthsman - June 2025	2686.25
17.06.25	PAY	Lloyds Bank	Account charges	6.05
05.07.25	BACS348	A Crocker	July 2025 salary + expenses	943.12
				0.00
				0.00
				0.00
		Total amount requested		6933.98

Reconciliation of Accounts as at 30.06.25

Opening balances	7165621	40734.56	
	00155779	3259.98	
	PSDF	188948.53	
			232943.07
Income for the month			
Account interest		723.46	
NeighbourCar		312.50	
Communibus		321.00	
Misc		25.00	
Allotments		11.20	
			1393.16
Expenditure			
Lunch Club		173.14	
NeighbourCar		10.35	
Communibus		165.96	
Council		20611.46	
			20960.91
			<u>213375.32</u>
07165621		20788.00	
00155779		2943.77	
PSDF		189643.55	
			213375.32
			<u><u>213375.32</u></u>
Balance on accounts as at 30.06.25			213375.32
Plus income not yet cleared			
NeighbourCar		217.00	
Lunch Club		260.00	
Insurance refunded		521.76	
Interest		666.35	
			1665.11
Less expenses not yet cleared			
Council		6190.22	
Lunch Club		117.71	
NeighbourCar		227.25	
Communibus		423.80	
			6958.98
			208081.45
Accounts balances as at 06.07.25			
07165621		13829.02	
00155779		3942.53	
PSDF		190309.90	
Balance as at 06.07.25			208081.45
			0.00

New Tree Preservation Order TPO/2025/0051**Dorset Council (Land at Rowlands Wait Touring Park, Rye Hill, Bere Regis, Wareham BH20 7LP) Tree Preservation Order 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam

This is to inform you that a provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) has been made at Rowlands Wait Touring Park, Rye Hill, Bere Regis, Wareham, BH20 7LP on **24 June 2025**.

The following is the statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order (as required by **REGULATION 5** of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012):

This Tree Preservation Order has been made with an Area designation as a matter of urgency to protect trees of amenity value within defined land. It is intended that this Area designation will be changed at confirmation and the trees rescheduled as Individuals, Groups or Woodlands.

Tree Number and description	Situation
Area A1 – All trees of whatever species and age	As shown on map below.

As mentioned, the order is currently provisional and the Council will have six months, from the date on the order, in which to decide whether the order is to be confirmed or not.

All representations or valid objections regarding the order received within the 28 day notice period will be considered prior to any decision being made.

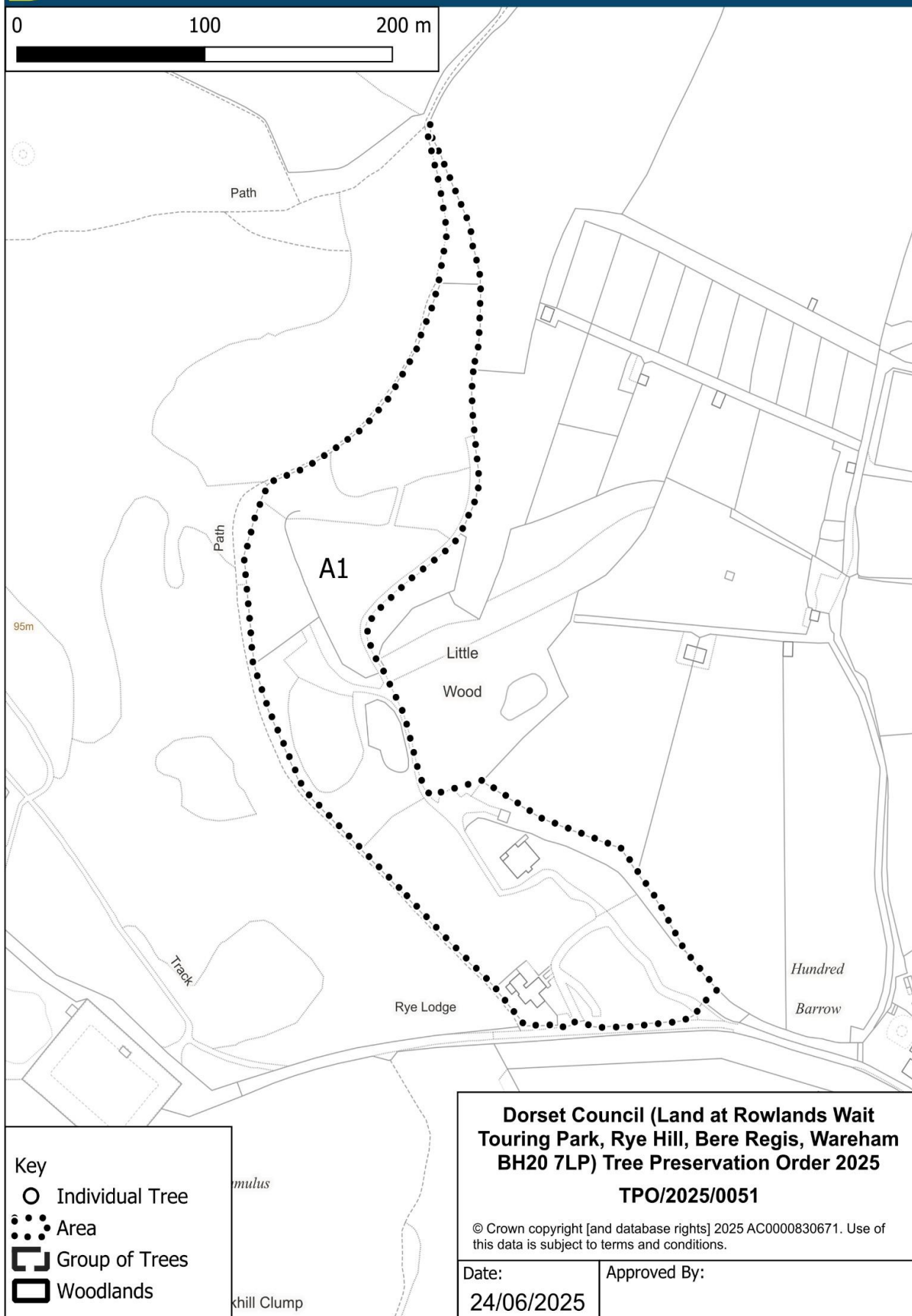
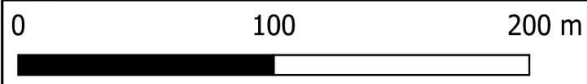
The authority will take your comments into account when deciding whether or not to confirm the order.

In the absence of any objections the order will be confirmed, with or without modification, under powers delegated to the Service Manager for Conservation.

Should you have any questions or queries regarding this TPO, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

**Dorset Council Tree
Officer**



Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Tree Preservation Order - TPO/2025/0052

Dorset Council (Land to the west of Stanbarrow Close, Bere Regis, Wareham, BH20 7NE) Tree Preservation Order 2025

Dorset Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 make the following Order

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as **Dorset Council (Land to the west of Stanbarrow Close, Bere Regis, Wareham, BH20 7NE) Tree Preservation Order 2025.**

Interpretation

2. (1) In this Order "the authority" means Dorset Council.

(2) In this Order any reference to a numbered section is a reference to the section so numbered in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and any reference to a numbered regulation is a reference to the regulation so numbered in the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012.

Effect

3. (1) Subject to article 4, this Order takes effect provisionally on the date on which it is made.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (7) of section 198 (power to make tree preservation orders) or subsection (1) of section 200 (tree preservation orders: Forestry Commissioners) and, subject to the exceptions in regulation 14, no person shall—

(a) cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage, or wilfully destroy; or


(b) cause or permit the cutting down, topping, lopping, uprooting, wilful damage or wilful destruction of, any tree specified in the Schedule to this Order except with the written consent of the authority in accordance with regulations 16 and 17, or of the Secretary of State in accordance with regulation 23, and, where such consent is given subject to conditions, in accordance with those conditions.

Application to trees to be planted pursuant to a condition

4. In relation to any tree identified in the first column of the Schedule by the letter "C", being a tree to be planted pursuant to a condition imposed under paragraph (a) of section 197 (planning permission to include appropriate provision for preservation and planting of trees), this Order takes effect as from the time when the tree is planted.

Dated: 24 June 2025

Signed on behalf of the Dorset Council


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Nominated Officer

Authorised by the Council

Schedule

Specification of trees

Trees specified individually

(Encircled in black on the map)

Reference on map and description	Situation
T1 – Field Maple	Land to the west of Stanbarrow Close, Bere Regis, Wareham, BH20 7NE. As shown on map.

Trees specified by reference to an area

(Within a dotted black line on the map)

Reference on map and description	Situation
None	

Groups of trees

(Within a broken black line on the map)

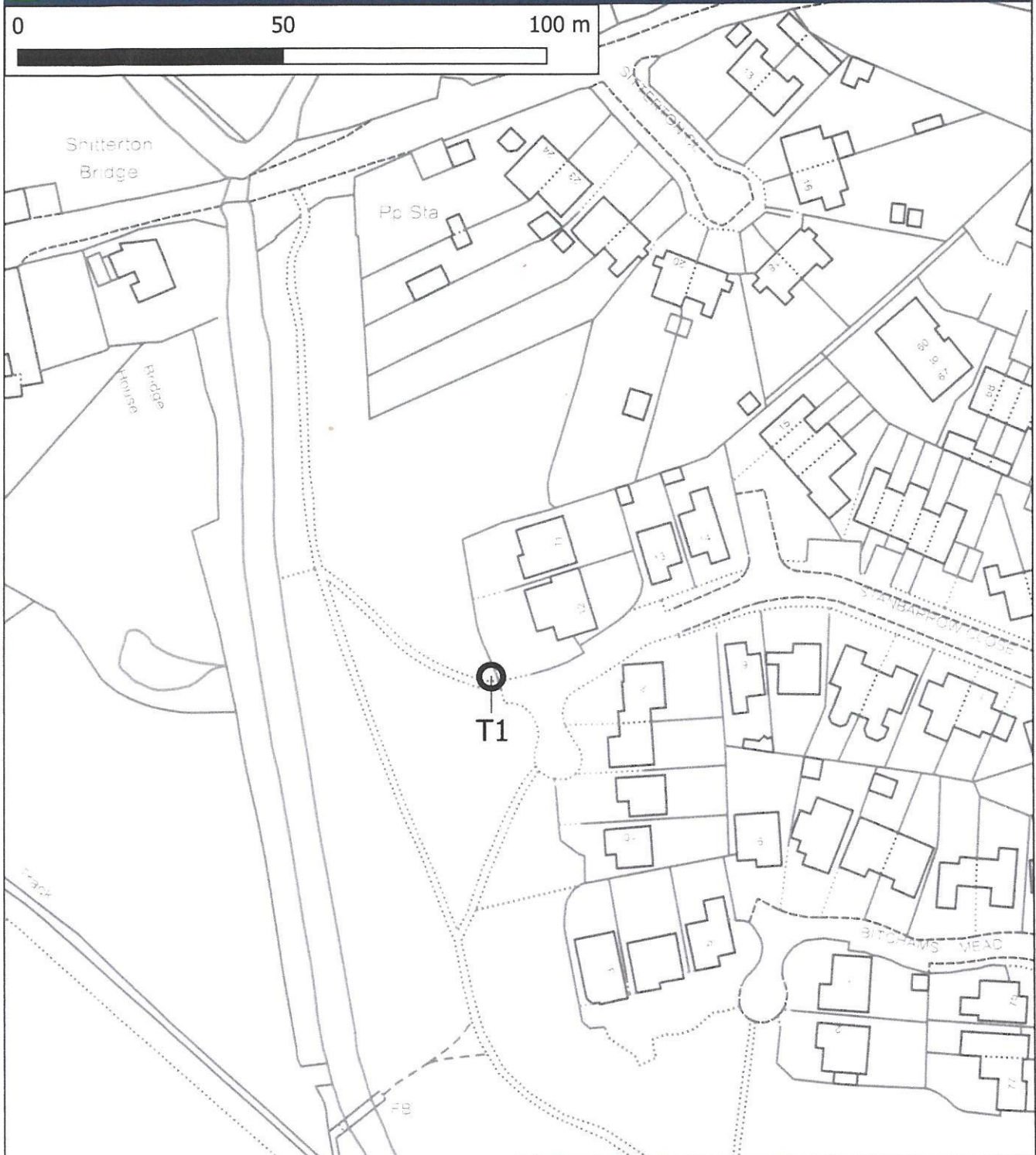
Reference on map and description	Situation
None	

Woodlands

(Within a continuous black line on the map)

Reference on map and description	Situation
None	

0 50 100 m



Key


-  Individual Tree
-  Area
-  Group of Trees
-  Woodlands

**Dorset Council (Land to the west of
Stanbarrow Close, Bere Regis, Wareham,
BH20 7NE) Tree Preservation Order 2025**

TPO/2025/0052

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Date:
24/06/2025

Approved By:


CLERK'S REPORT JUNE 2025

Parking in Butt Lane – This was raised at the June meeting, mostly in respect of the bad parking preventing the bin lorries from being able to access the upper section of Butt Lane and, as a result, bins were not being emptied. However, the resident has further requested the Parish Council to consider the greater risk of the inability of emergency vehicles to access the area because of the inconsiderate parking and for some sort of interim measures or awareness campaigns to be organised that could help improve the situation in the short term. Cllr Beddow had been in touch with the waste collection folk and they reported that there had been only one report during 2024 and one during 2025 of bins not being collected. This is another example of the information held by Dorset Council not reflecting the actual situation because residents are not reporting the problems. Cllr Beddow went on to say that, should the lack of bin collections be reported on a regular basis, DWP will investigate the situation and this will result in them sending letters to anyone who is parked in such a way as to prevent the lorries from passing.

Cemetery – I am continuing to transfer the grave records from the books to the Heritage system on the website. So far entries from 1881 to 1920 – some 500 records – have been entered. This is the first phase of the process and there are 1510 interments in total. Many of the entries cannot be traced on the original map as the numbering sequence changes over the years and it has been necessary to set up a separate list for these. It became quickly apparent that there is a sizeable area in the cemetery dedicated to the interment of infants from 1881 to 1913 but few of the graves are marked in the cemetery. Eventually, I hope to have the grave information entered with links to the relevant documents regarding each interment and a photograph of the memorial, if one exists but it is safe to say, this is quite a way off at the moment.

Neighbourhood Plan Review – The Review document has been forwarded to Dorset Council for comment and returned with some very minor amendments. It has now been sent to Natural England, Environment Agency and Historic England for their comments. They are permitted a statutory period of five weeks to respond which will take it to the end of July. In the meantime, Dorset Council have confirmed that they will undertake the Habitat Risk Assessment.

Community Speed Watch – A request has been submitted asking if the Speed Watch Team would consider visiting another location – on the triangle at the top of Rye Hill at the entrance to Rowlands Wait. This will have to be risk assessed by the Police and the team will have to agree to add the location to their list. Once again, with a new location added, more volunteers are needed. Please contact a member of the Parish Council if you are able to spare a couple of hours every now and then to help.

Play park – The ground level trampoline has now been removed and the area grassed over.

Roads – A request has been made for the 30mph roundel to be repainted on the road by the Royal Oak.

PSDF Fund – The fund currently stands at £189,643.55 once the interest of £666.35 for June has been added.

Amanda Crocker