



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

6th September 2026

You are hereby summoned to attend a Parish Council meeting on Thursday 10th September 2026 at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Drax Hall, North Street, Bere Regis to conduct the business below.

Signed

A Crocker

Clerk

07855 396073

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 10th September 2026
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) To receive an update for Remembrance Sunday
 - (b) To consider a response to the proposed Ward Boundary changes
8. To consider Finance
 - (a) To approve monthly expenditure
 - (b) To confirm the reconciliation of accounts and position against budget
 - (c) To consider a grant request from Bere Regis Village Hall for £1,675 for acoustic panels
 - (d) To consider the cost of Christmas trees
 - (e) To consider transferring some of the £45,500 Precept to the high interest account
9. Planning & Housing
 - (a) To consider planning applications:
P/CLP/2026/05267 57 Elder Road – Proposed rear single storey extension
10. Parish Amenities and Rights of Way
 - (a) Update on new community hall
 - (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. Correspondence received since the agenda was set
17. Items for the Parish Magazine
18. Items for the November meeting

WEST PURBECK WARD**DORSET COUNCIL NEWS SUMMARY****Cllr Mike Baker & Cllr Laura Beddow****October 2026 Edition****1. Dorset Council News****New Dorset Local Plan - Consultation Now Open**

Dorset Council has started the first stage of preparing its new Local Plan under the Government's new plan-making system.

A scoping consultation is open until midnight on 26 October. At this stage, the Council is asking residents, parish and town councils, businesses and other organisations about the broad issues the new Local Plan should address, its proposed vision and priorities, how Dorset should grow and how people should be involved as the plan develops.

This is not currently a consultation on individual development sites or detailed planning policies.

Importantly, anyone who responded to the 2025 Local Plan consultation does not need to resubmit those comments, as the previous responses will continue to be considered.

There will be further opportunities to comment as detailed policies and potential development sites emerge.

Bin Collection Days Change Across Purbeck

Around 19,000 households across Purbeck and Upton are affected by changes to waste and recycling collection rounds which came into effect from 28 September.

The changes include households in Wool, Bovington, Bere Regis and surrounding Purbeck villages. Dorset Council has written directly to households whose collection day has changed. If residents have not received a letter, their collection arrangements should remain unchanged.

The changes are intended to improve the efficiency and reliability of collection routes as communities grow and collection rounds need updating.

Residents are encouraged to check their collection day if they are uncertain about their new arrangements.

Electoral Boundary Review – Consultation Continues

Consultation continues on proposed new electoral arrangements for Dorset Council.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has proposed increasing the number of Dorset Councillors from 82 to 84, with a new pattern of single, two and three-councillor wards across the Dorset Council area.

The consultation remains open until 9 November, giving residents, parish councils and community organisations an opportunity to comment on whether the proposed wards properly reflect local communities, identities and connections.

This is particularly relevant to parish councils, as the final boundaries will determine Dorset Council representation at future local elections.

New Ten-Year Plan for Dorset Tourism

Dorset's first county-wide Destination Management Plan has been launched, setting out a ten-year approach to developing tourism across Dorset.

The plan brings together Dorset Council, BCP Council, tourism organisations and businesses and aims to support local jobs and businesses while developing Dorset as a sustainable, welcoming and increasingly year-round destination.

Tourism is particularly important to Purbeck and the wider West Purbeck area. While visitors make an important contribution to the local economy, our communities also experience the pressures associated with high visitor numbers, including traffic, parking, litter and pressure on local infrastructure.

A successful long-term approach therefore needs to support the visitor economy while recognising the needs of the communities in which tourism takes place.

New Dog Control Rules Move to Next Stage

More than 5,000 people responded to Dorset Council's consultation on proposed dog-control rules covering beaches, parks and other public spaces.

The proposed Public Spaces Protection Order includes requirements for dogs to be kept on leads in certain locations and restrictions in areas such as some beaches, children's play areas, cemeteries, public gardens and sports pitches.

The consultation showed support for retaining most of the existing provisions, although views varied by location. The findings will now be considered by councillors before a final decision is made.

Subject to approval, the new order will take effect from 1 January 2027 and remain in place for three years.

2. West Purbeck Community News & Local Update

Wool - Community Library Expansion

There is good news for Wool Community Library, which is undergoing substantial building work to extend the library area.

The community-run library at the D'Urberville Centre will temporarily close from Monday 5 October for approximately three weeks, with a provisional reopening date of 26 October.

Before the closure, the library is also hosting an afternoon with local author Joanna Quinn on Saturday 3 October.

The investment in the library is a welcome development for an important community facility, and we look forward to seeing the improved space when it reopens.

Purbeck - New Clay Trail Opens

A new Clay Trail has opened at Purbeck Park near Corfe Castle, celebrating Purbeck's important industrial heritage.

Based at Purbeck Mining Museum, the trail explores the role that ball clay mining played in shaping the area and provides another attraction for families, walkers and visitors.

The project also has an environmental purpose. By providing an alternative place for recreation, it is intended to help reduce pressure on Dorset's internationally important heathlands and their sensitive wildlife.

The trail was funded through Dorset Council heathland mitigation contributions and delivered by Purbeck Mining Museum with support from volunteers and partner organisations.

Bere Regis - October Roadworks

Residents in Bere Regis should be aware of planned highway works affecting Tower Hill from 5 to 7 October.

As always, roadworks can be subject to changes because of weather or operational requirements, so residents planning journeys during the works are advised to check the latest Dorset Council highways information.

Chaldon Herring - Celebrating the Village's Literary Heritage

Chaldon Herring's remarkable literary history will be celebrated on Sunday 25 October with a guided walk and talk around the village.

The event will explore the community of writers and artists associated with Chaldon Herring during the 1920s and 1930s, including members of the Powys family, Sylvia Townsend Warner and Valentine Ackland.

The walk starts and finishes at the Sailor's Return and forms part of a weekend organised by the Thomas Hardy Society and Powys Society celebrating the links between Hardy, the Powys family and Dorset.

It is a welcome opportunity to highlight an important and sometimes less well-known part of West Purbeck's cultural heritage.

3. What This Means for West Purbeck

There are two consultations this month where parish councils and residents have a particularly important opportunity to make their views known.

The Local Plan scoping consultation closes on 26 October. Although this stage is not about individual development sites, it will help establish the priorities and principles that guide the new plan. Parish councils may therefore wish to consider responding on the issues most important to their communities.

The electoral boundary consultation continues until 9 November and provides a separate opportunity to comment on whether the proposed Dorset Council wards properly reflect established communities and local connections.

The new tourism strategy is also particularly relevant to West Purbeck. Tourism supports jobs and businesses across our area, but the impact on roads, parking, the environment and village communities needs to remain an important part of future planning.

Meanwhile, the improvements to Wool Community Library and the opening of the new Purbeck Clay Trail are positive examples of investment in community facilities, heritage and access to the countryside.

We continue to work closely with parish councils across West Purbeck on planning, highways and other local concerns and are always happy to raise issues on behalf of our communities.

4. Useful Links & Contacts

Dorset Council Newsroom

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/newsroom>

Dorset Council Local Plan consultation

Available through the Dorset Council website - closes 26 October

Electoral Boundary Review

Available through the Local Government Boundary Commission for England website - closes 9 November

Check your bin collection day

Available through the Dorset Council website

Report road, verge, tree and hedge issues

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/verges-trees-and-hedges>

Report a missed bin

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter/recycling-collection/missed-bin-collection>

Equipment Loan Service

<https://www.medequip-uk.com/contact/pan-dorset>

Cost of living support

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/cost-of-living-help>

Tree management

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/tree-management>

Anti-social behaviour reporting

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/anti-social-behaviour>

5. Your Dorset Councillors**Cllr Mike Baker**

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Cllr Laura Beddow

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As we move into autumn, please continue to contact us with local issues, concerns or ideas you would like us to raise with Dorset Council.

We would also encourage residents and parish councils to take the opportunity to participate in the current Local Plan and electoral boundary consultations.

Mike and Laura

Item 8(a)**Payments Requested - October 2026**

Invoice					
Date	Pay Ref	Payee	Comments	Total	
BACS Payments					
30.09.26	BACS578	DC Pension Fund	Pension contributions October 2026	329.87	
16.09.26	BACS579	I Ventham	Lunch Club September 2026	119.14	
01.10.26	BACS580	Cloudy IT	Email hosting October 2026	106.38	
01.10.26	BACS488	Dorset Council	October 2026 central car park rates	210.00	
10.09.26	BACS581	Info Commissioner	Data Protection annual fee	47.00	
08.09.26	D/Card	Screwfix	Adblue for Communibus	33.98	
17.09.26	BACS582	I Ventham	Catering urn	58.99	
18.09.26	D/Card	Imperative Training	Defib pads	192.00	
24.09.26	BACS583	R Morrall	NeighbourCar trips September 2026	56.10	
30.09.26	BACS584	L Clarke	NeighbourCar trips September 2026	79.20	
30.09.26	BACS585	A Meaton	NeighbourCar trips September 2026	111.10	
30.09.26	BACS586	D Fairhurst	NeighbourCar trips September 2026	109.20	
30.09.26	BACS587	A Crocker	October 2026 salary + expenses	1001.99	
30.09.26	BACS588	HMRC	October 2026 PAYE & NIC	375.11	
01.10.26	BACS589	A King	Lengthsman - September 2026	2784.25	
		Total amount requested		5614.31	

Reconciliation of Accounts as at 30.09.26

Opening balances	07165621	9758.21	
	00155779	3349.82	
	PSDF	228757.82	
			241865.85
Income for the month			
Account interest		4.25	
NeighbourCar		284.70	
Communibus		70.00	
Lunch Club		198.00	
		1266.50	
Play Park Replacement			
Precept		45500.00	
Cemetery income		1035.00	
			48358.45
Expenditure			
Lunch Club		237.31	
NeighbourCar		306.00	
Communibus		91.99	
Council		6628.87	
			7264.17
			<u>282960.13</u>
07165621		50262.46	
00155779		3939.85	
PSDF		228757.82	
			<u>282960.13</u>
Balance on accounts as at 30.09.26			<u>282960.13</u>
Plus income not yet cleared			
	500143	690.60	
			690.60
Less expenses not yet cleared			
Council		5046.60	
Lunch Club		207.28	
NeighbourCar		326.45	
Communibus		33.98	
			5614.31
			278036.42
Accounts balances as at 04.10.26			
07165621		44648.15	
00155779		4630.45	
PSDF		228757.82	
Balance as at 04.10.26			278036.42
			0.00

APPENDIX A

Community Grant Application Form

Please refer to the Parish Council's Grant Awarding Policy and Procedures before completing this form, providing the information requested. If a copy does not accompany this form, the document will be available on the Parish website under 'Parish Council – Policies.'

Name of Organisation	Bere Regis Village Hall
Contact Person	Aileen Bennett.
Position held	Chair of Trustees
Address	3 Rye Hill Close Bere Regis.
Daytime Telephone Number and Email address	07773464255
Charity Status (301101)	popinplace@gmail.com
Project description (reason for funding request) – What will you use the funding for	acoustic Panels (see letter)
Does this project provide or enhance a local service and/or improve the quality of life and/or enhance the environment in the parish and/or positively promote Bere Regis itself?	(Please attach additional pages/pictures/plans/etc) Yes
Amount Requested	£1,675
Signed (signature, position and date)	A J Bennett.
Organisation's Bank details: Account Name	05525903
Account Number Sort Code	09 01 52

Bere Regis Village Hall

Dear Parish Council,

I have completed the application form for a grant but I wanted to explain the situation in more detail.

As you are aware the Village Hall Committee are a hard working group trying our best to keep the hall running until we eventually have a better building.

One of the main issues within the lower room currently is noise levels. The low ceiling makes high noise volumes rebound back down particularly at the brunches, afternoon teas, community cafes and the Pop In Performers group. People report to us that they are experiencing real problems with hearing. Personally I have good hearing but can't hear what people are saying in this environment at all.

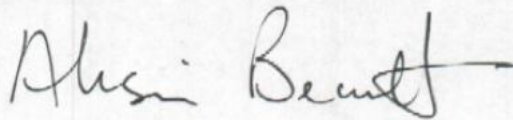
We have been proactive as always and we have been awarded £500 from the Talbot Village Trust (I did hope for more) and we have raised £474 in fund raising so far.

We need a further £1,675 to get the acoustic panels for the ceiling.

We are committed to doing this as we need to allow all of our community to be able to attend this room without feeling isolated and overwhelmed as they cannot hear.

I have attached the quote that I have got , Please can you give this matter your consideration.

**Yours Faithfully
Alison Bennett**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Bennett', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.



PRIME Acoustic Solutions

Bere Regis
Village Hall
North Street
BH20 7LD
15th July 2026

PAS10177

Quotation

Re; Acoustic panels

Village Hall

We thank you for your recent enquiry and now have pleasure in quoting you as follows:

To the supply and installation of white fabric wrapped acoustic ceiling rafts designed to stop reverberation and echo within a room. The panels are suspended on steel cables from the existing ceiling and are light weight easy to install.

We would install 3 rows of panels between the light fittings each row would have No3 panels at 1.200 x 1.200 x 40mm thick colour white for reflection on ceiling.

All for the sum of £2,649.80 no vat

Our quotation allows for all necessary plant and materials to carry out the above works during normal working hours 8am-5pm mon/fri. All rubbish to be cleared, and site left clean and tidy.

As a company we are committed to service and quality wherever we go and look forward to the favour of your further instructions.

Terms:

A deposit of 50% is required on placement of order with the balance due on completion of works.

Yours sincerely
PAUL MAUNDER

Prime Acoustic Solutions ; C/O Deck of Cards ; 10 Westbourne Arcade ; Bournemouth ; BH4 9AY
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Company Registration: 11890590 ; VAT No: 421838892

CLERK'S REPORT OCTOBER 2026

Fairview Orchard – Following the September meeting, an objection was submitted to the Licencing Authority. The event set for October was withdrawn. However, this does not rule out the possibility of future events taking place and a fresh application may be submitted.

Defibrillators – The Drax Inn defib is registered with the Circuit and everything is in date and available for use. The Rye Hill defib has been returned and the loan one sent back. New pads have been purchased and the defib has been logged back onto the Circuit ready for use.

Calendar 2027 – Cllrs Park, Fairhurst and myself went through the collection of photographs received to date and chose the ones for the calendar. These have now been sent to the printers who have quoted the same price as last year for 200. The price will be £5 as in previous years, with the profit going to a charity yet to be chosen. Once the proof-reading has been finalised, the calendars should be ready to purchase mid-October.

Cemetery – The first booking for an orchard memorial tree has been taken and I will be speaking to Holme Nursery to discuss the best type of fruit tree to have. The records between 1881 and 1953 (964 in total) have now been updated on to the Heritage system and the Register of Burials book will be interred with the Dorset History Centre on the 7th October in order to preserve it.

Neighbourhood Plan Review – The Examiner's 'fact check' report has now been received. The purpose of this pre issue stage 'fact check' report is to identify any issues of fact that are incorrect, eg place names or figures that are referenced. Whilst this is not a legal requirement, it has become commonplace so purely factual errors can be picked up. Only comments relating to factual errors can be made at this point. The examiner has suggested three amendments which require the addition of sentences to clarify points. This is currently with our consultant and the Dorset Council Officer. Responses need to be submitted by the 12th October.

EvChargers update – I have now received an update on the usage of the charging points. Since the time they were installed in October 2025 to 31st July 2026, 1,146 charging 'events' took place, using 29,493KWh. In August 2026, there were 120 charging events, using 3,120.59Kwh. I am now chasing for our sure of the profits.

Cemetery rates – For the first time, the cemetery has been charged rates. This is because, following the national revaluation in April 2026, the rateable value increased from £2,650 to £2,950 for the site. The deminimus threshold of £2,899 has, therefore, been exceeded and rates relief has been cancelled. Cemeteries that are stand alone are ratable hereditaments, if they are within the curtilage of a church they are exempt from rates.

Remembrance Sunday – The road closure has been submitted, two further Silent Silhouettes have been ordered and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant has been booked. The wreaths and crosses are also on order. I will speak to the Lengthsman regarding putting the lamppost poppies out at the beginning of November.

Church grounds work – The Lengthsman has been working in the churchyard as required since 1st April. As at the 30th September, 45.5hours had been worked, totalling £841.75. It was agreed that the first year would be capped at £1,000. This has been helped by the very dry summer so there was little or no grass cutting to be done but, with the onset of Autumn, the grass has begun to grow so work has started up again.

Play Park – We have received a further £216.50 in donations towards the play park refurbishment during September. This takes the total of donations to £1,466.50 for the year to date. A donation of £2,000 was received from the Richard Davies Charitable Foundation but, unfortunately, the cheque had been made out to the incorrect party. This has been returned and a replacement cheque requested. The group is doing amazingly well and their enthusiasm is fantastic. Georgina Mutton is doing a wonderful job contacting every organisation possible for donations and Alison Bennett continues to pull fund raising opportunities together. Working with this group is breathtaking and an absolute privilege.

Amanda Crocker