

LYMINSTER & CROSSBUSH PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the meeting held on July 1st 2025.

Venue: The 6 Bells, Lyminster.

Clerk to the Council; clerk@lyminsterandcrossbush-pc.gov.uk

1. Welcome & apologies. The chairman and vice chairman were both unable to attend, so Cllr May took the meeting. Apologies were accepted from both Cllr Thompson and Cllr Langmead.

2. Declarations of Interest. There were no new declarations.

3. Agree & sign off last meeting's minutes. These were agreed and signed off by Cllr May.

4. Matters Arising from the last meeting.

a. Bridge at Black Ditch. Clerk reported that she had contacted Mike Theobald of WSCC the principal engineer, who has yet to respond. She will chase.

b. Planning for mobile shelters. The clerk reported that she had contacted planning at ADC, who confirmed that any shelter that is fixed to a concrete base needs planning approval.

5. Parishioner's questions. A resident asked if the 20-mph speed limit for Crossbush was to be implemented soon. Cllr Ashman confirmed this but had no idea when this would go ahead. It has started at Warningcamp and will filter through in time to Crossbush. It is thought this will happen in February of 2026. **CLERK TO INVESTIGATE.**

A car has been abandoned in Crossbush Lane, and a concerned resident asked if we could find out who it belongs to and get it removed. The police will not remove it unless there is no MOT on the vehicle. It would then be clamped. **Resident to give the clerk the vehicle's registration for her to investigate.**

6. Finance. The clerk reported that the current account stands at £3076.60 and the savings account at £2013.15.

7. Planning. There had been a question over the need for planning approval for solar panels in a conservation area; **The clerk will investigate but it was thought that this was not an issue.**

8. Speeding on the A284. The council and residents are hoping that the reopening of the level crossing will not mean an increase in traffic on this now quiet road. Cllr May suggested that we collate a bundle of information to present to HIGHWAYS, to lobby them to change the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph. This would mean a consistency of speed limit along most of the road. As it stands, the limit changes to 50 from 40mph at a crucial interchange where the now B2284 meets the Bypass. It does not \make sense to up the speed limit at this junction as it makes getting onto the bypass exceedingly difficult and potentially dangerous. We would like to get the speed limit on the now B2284 down to 20mph as well. Cllr May suggested that if we do not have loops on the road to record speeding, then we have a right to ask for other devices. HGVs have been seen refusing to stop at the pelican crossing, and there are skid marks in the road to prove this. July 17th is the deadline for responding to the request for alterations and improvements. **Cllr Ashman to supply photos to support our appeal. Clerk to put this together and present to Cllr May and the chairman for approval to send to HIGHWAYS. Clerk to ask residents and fellow councillors to supply her with any relevant information to support this appeal. Clerk to invite District councillor Steve Mccauliffe to the next meeting in the hope he will be able to help.**

9. Letter to Cllr Murphy from MP Andrew Griffith. Cllr Murphy reported that councils now do not need permission to erect speed signs. We now need to find out who we need to ask. **Cllr Murphy to do this.**

10. The Clerk reported that we need new notice boards, Cllr Murphy will ask her husband to give us quotes and clerk to investigate other companies.

Next meeting scheduled for September 2nd.