

LYMINSTER & CROSSBUSH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on May 5th, 2026.

Venue: The Six Bells, Lyminster.

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- 1. Welcome & Apologies.** There were no apologies.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.** There were no new declarations.
- 3. Agree & Signs off the last meeting minutes.** These will be signed off by the chairman at the next meeting.
- 4. Matters arising from the last meeting.**
 - a. Flooding on the B2284. This has now been resolved to the satisfaction of the resident whose property was chiefly affected.
 - b. Survey for residents of the village. This has been finalised and there is a link to it on the PC website. A poster advertising the survey by Cllr Thompson was approved by the council. The Clerk will distribute these around the village in suitable places. Cllr Thompson will post information on the Crossbush Lane Facebook group and Carol Hatton will send to residents who are on the local WhatsApp group.
 - c. Speeding on the B2284. Cllr McAuliffe has advised that he will enquire about getting the loops reinstated on the road.
 - d. Overflowing drains in Church Lane. The Clerk reported that during the heavy rainfall, a drain in Church Lane became blocked and overflowed with raw sewage running in the road. She reported this to Southern Water, who responded by unblocking the drains all along the lane and

along the B2284, which had all been blocked to some degree.

- e. Pindars, brick wall. The Clerk reported that she had advised Planning at ADC of the new wall which had replaced the damaged flint wall. This is constructed of brick and not flint. They asked for pictures which she sent.
- f. Combining parishes. Cllr McAuliffe had attended a meeting discussing this, and he reported that overall, parishes are reluctant to join with others, preferring to maintain their own identities and overall control of their parishes. The first round of the consultation has taken place and is being reviewed by Arun. There will be further meetings to decide the outcome. One of the questions arising is what any new responsibilities for parish councils would be.
- g. Tyler's Trust. The Council resolved to only give to charities and worthy causes which directly benefit the immediate community. That said, if there are sufficient funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year, we will reconsider.
- h. Biffa lorries. Clerk to ask Biffa and WSCC to desist from driving along the B2284. They do not need to use this road anymore, since the Bypass has opened, and it causes properties to shake, and the bridge across Black Ditch will eventually suffer the consequences having not been built to accommodate heavy goods vehicles.
- i. The Clerk reported that she has managed to acquire a VAT registration for the parish council, and we can now retrospectively recover up to 4 years past VAT payments.

5. .Parishioners' Questions. None attended.

6. **Finance.** The Clerk reported that the current account stands at £7263, having received the first half of our precept. The savings account stands at £2037.
7. **Planning.** The Council had sent an objection to the retrospective planning application, Ref; SDNP/25/04788/FUL and have yet to receive a decision. Cllr McAuliffe said that it is difficult to enforce retrospective planning applications, as there is no incentive for them to do so. The only time this is given a stronger approach is when the application is within a conservation area. The Chairman asked if the SDNP falls within this category. Pottery cottages are another area for concern. Cllr McAuliffe will investigate both these issues.
8. Problem with dog walkers disposing of dog waste. It appears that at the entrance of the Poling footpath, dog walkers are dumping dog waste in vast amounts. This could be from commercial dog walkers, together with those who deem it ok to just leave it anywhere. We need to ask ADC if there is a possibility of installing a dog waste bin in the area. The Clerk will investigate.