MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Held on 20th May 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

Councillors Present: Rob Fry, Andy House, Gerry Paget

In attendance: Dorset Councillor Craig Monks and 8 residents.

1. **Welcome**
   Cllr Rob Fry welcomed all to the Annual meeting.

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   The minutes from the last Annual Parish Meeting on the 14th May 2025 were approved and signed.

3. **Community Reports**

Mosterton Art Group – no representative present

Parrett & Axe Primary School
This year has been very successful, especially with sporting events, we have won West Dorset cross country, West Dorset cricket festival and year 3 & 4 football tournament. Numbers are looking good for the new intake in September but there has been a projected drop for the following year; to keep the school in a healthy financial position the school will be dropping leaflets further afield to promote the school and attract more pupils. Saturday 28th June is the school fete, there will music, BBQ, stalls and lots of other fun activities – all welcome to attend. A sponsored walk is planned for the 4th of July which is being started by the local MP.

Village Hall
The new kitchen has been refurbished thanks to a lottery grant received last year. The hall is very busy with all the regular users; all details can be found on the village hall website. The Post Office is held every Monday and the local PCSO attends to answer any questions. Food theme nights are held which are proving popular along with the quiz nights. A Christmas event is planned for the 14th of December; details need to be confirmed. The 60th Anniversary event is coming up in June, this will be opened by Martin Clunes.

Gardening Club
New members are always welcome to join our friendly group of garden lovers. The club is affiliated to The Somerset Federation of Gardening Clubs and the Forset federation of Horticultural Societies. The meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of each month. We have outings and garden visits where many discounts are offered throughout the year. The annual subscription is £12 per annum. £2 a meeting for members and £3 per guest.

Ramblers - No representative present but report sent
Formed in the 1980s, we currently have 20-odd members of whom typically half participate in our fortnightly local walks (in west Dorset, east Devon, south Somerset) of around 5 miles on a Wednesday morning. These are easy-paced, lasting about 3 hours, usually ending with a convivial lunch (optional) - pub, cafe or picnic.
We also have occasional social gatherings (tea parties, New Year lunch, AGM supper evening) and a summer outing further afield. We are over-50s (some well over!) but all ages are welcome; sorry, no dogs.
For more information, please contact our secretary Vivien on 01308 861001, or chairman Roger on rogerhudspith@btinternet.com. We also report monthly in 'Team News'.

The Fred Young Trust
The charitable trust was set up in 1992 when a local farmer called Fred Young decide that he wanted to leave some land to generate some regular income to fund hard times for residents aged 70 years or over. During the last few years money has been used to help residents meet the costs of heating, electricity, healthcare and household equipment etc. Funds are available if you know someone who needs a little help, and it is all in confidence.

Signed:

Date: 12th May 2026

Mosterton Preschool – No representative present

Mosterton Craft Group – **No representative present**

Mosterton Volunteers
The volunteers meet every Tuesday and have had a very successful year keeping the village clean and tidy. New volunteers are always welcome to join and help, this is not just limited to a Tuesday.

Speedwatch
It was hard to hold sessions in the winter as you are not allowed to operate in the rain. In the last 2 months sessions have been successfully held. Tractors are proving an issue due to travelling at speed through the village, these will continue to be reported.

Mosterton PCC
The church is a community and has many links to the village. Lots of services are planned throughout the year and all are welcome to attend. Every Friday a coffee morning is held 10am – 12.30pm which is a great opportunity to meet up and socialise. Donations are appreciated and they are very grateful for all the help and support that is given to the church.

4. Open Forum
No comments made.

The Annual Parish meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed:

Date: 12th May 2026