MOSTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Robert Fry Clerk/RFO: Leanne Way

FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the full Parish Council Meeting of Mosterton Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th March 2026 commencing at 7.00pm at The Village Hall, Main Road, Mosterton DT8 3HG.

Councillors Present: A.House, C.Lamb, G. Paget, C.Monks (Dorset Council)

Officers Present: L. Way (Clerk/RFO)

Public Present: 2 members of the public

2026/03/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Robert Fry and PCSO Alex Bishop.

2026/03/02 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest have been received.

2026/03/03 Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2026.

2026/03/04 Matters Arising

2026/03/05 Public Forum

- The issue of cars being parked on the pavement outside the nursery was raised again. Vehicles are being left there throughout the day, forcing residents, including those with pushchairs and mobility scooters—to walk into the road. The Clerk will write to the nursery to ask whether they are aware of who the vehicles belong to and will also contact PCSO Alex Bishop to seek advice.

- The sewage overflow figures for 2025 from Mosterton Pumping Station are higher than in the previous two years. Cllr Monks noted that additional funding has been allocated for flooding; however, there is no clear information on what this funding covers or when it will be implemented. The Clerk and Cllr Monks will contact Southwest Water to request a meeting to discuss these concerns.

- Thanks were given to Cllr Monks and Beaminster Parish Council for delivering sandbags to Mosterton during the flooding last month.

2026/03/06 Dorset Council Matters

Cllr Monks read the following report.

1) Localised Flooding Concerns
Following the recent heavy rainfall and flooding in areas of the Parish, I have written to the housing association for Naomi close to raise concerns about the localised flooding issues affecting residents. I am currently awaiting their response and will provide an update once received.

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2) River Axe Maintenance Issues
After our recent site meeting, I have followed up with the Highways team responsible for the River Axe regarding the concerns raised about a lack of maintenance. They have committed to conducting a site visit, and I am awaiting their update following this inspection.

3) Review of Road Crossing Points
A new policy has been published that changes how the viability of road-crossing points is assessed. I have requested a fresh review for Mosterton, including the northern end of the village, following concerns raised by residents in Chedington Lane. This assessment has been scheduled and will be carried out in due course.

4) 5G Upgrade Programme
I have spoken with the engineer overseeing the 5G upgrade programme in our area. Due to complications with the initial proposed installation site, alternative locations have now been identified. The team is seeking pre-application planning advice on these new options and expect to submit a planning application once this stage is complete.

2026/03/07 Dorset Police Matters
No report from PCSO Alex Bishop.

2026/03/08 Planning Matters
No planning applications received.

2026/03/09 Financial Matters

- The finance report and payments list were received. Council resolved to pay the following:

Supplier	**Description**	**Amount**
Mosterton Village Hall	Hire Charges	£20.00
Clerk	Salary 2 months – Jan/Feb – 48hrs	£597.48
Clerk	Expenses	£25.00
Fry Commercial	Village Maintenance	£670.90
HMRC	PAYE	£156.10
Lloyds	Charges	£8.50
Total		**£1477.98**

Receipts	**Description**	**Amount**
Interest	1 month	£5.69
Playgroup	Loan	£1114.10
Total		**£1119.79**

- Bank statement was circulated and approved.
  Total of both Accounts as 10/03/2026 = £29,613.27

2026/03/10 Volunteers Update from Cllr Paget
In addition to the usual litter collection and grounds maintenance

- Dismantled and restored the fallen wall in the churchyard.
- Began weed killing on pathways and kerb sides.
- Tidied the fallen road sign on Beaminster Road.
- Safety barriered the hole in the recreation ground.

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- Painting/wood preserving of the fencing and wooden play equipment in the recreation ground and play park.
- Assisted at village hall events, including the pancake coffee morning.
- Started mowing the grass verges but the weather has been against us and due to its length in places it is too much for the ride on.

2026/03/11 Agree and Adopt the following Policies:

- Bring your own device
- IT
- Digital Accessibility
- Date Protection
- Grant Awarding
- Privacy
- Grievance
- Equality & Diversity
- Disciplinary
- Financial Regulations
- Standing Orders
- Risk Assessment
- Code of Conduct
- Website
- Publication Scheme
- Child Protection

2026/03/12 Other Council Matters

- Updates on the playpark repairs were given, new steps have been put on the mini slide, it is still taped off now whilst it is being painted/primed. It has been agreed to contact Ken Hussey and agree to the quote for a new swing.

- Drainage pipe across the play park was fenced off as it appears to have collapsed, Dorset Council came out and put a camera through, and they could only get to where the pole is. The Council have said they will fix it, but the ground is too wet at the moment.

- It was agreed to contact David Landscapes and ask if he can spray off the blackthorn causing issues to the back of the properties in Axe Valley.

- Rebuilding of the riverbank will happen in April/May when the weather improves. The agreed works will involve planting reeds along approximately 45 metres of the riverbank on the village green side, starting at the bridge. This will be followed by backfilling with stone. The intention of these works is to help direct the flow of the river towards the far bank, thereby reducing the current build-up of silt along that side. In addition, if maintenance dredging can be carried out to remove accumulated silt on the pump station side of the bridge, this will further assist in guiding the river flow back to its intended course.

- When the play inspection was carried out, we were advised to put up a new notice advising a number of points that are required at playparks. The wording was agreed and Cllr Paget will get this printed.

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2026/03/12 Correspondence Received

It was mentioned if the village would benefit from a further bin. Dog owners are picking up their dog mess and unfortunately throwing the poo bag in the hedge along the pathway between the Main Road and Meadowside. It was decided that there are adequate bins to use in the village.

The layby on the left-hand side on the way out of Mosterton was raised and how it is being used to dump rubbish etc. Clerk will write to Dorset Council asking for it to be recognised as an official lay-by with a rubbish bin.

The line markings on Leecher Lane have rubbed away, Clerk to report this and ask for the solid white lines to be remarked.

An email received from Mark Shaw of Atlas Tower Group regarding the proposed new mobile phone masts. The email included photographs showing superimposed images of two potential mast locations, illustrating how they would appear when viewed from behind the church and from the village green. No concerns were raised in relation to either proposed site. Gerry agreed to respond to Mark on behalf of the Council and to ask whether the photographs could be displayed on the village notice board. Mark subsequently confirmed that he was happy for the images to be displayed.

2026/03/13 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th May 2026.

Meeting Closed 8.10pm

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