

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY 2026

Present: Cllrs: R Chandler, S Bryant, P O'Leary, C Lewis, A Vowles, F Marshall (Clerk)

It was resolved that Cllr P O'Leary would take the meeting as the Chair was not in attendance.

2026/01 TO ELECT THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL AND RECEIVE THE CHAIRS DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Nominations for the Chair were requested, M Dury the temporary Chair has indicated he will stand for 1 year, no other nominations were received. Mark was nominated and seconded by Cllr S Bryant and Cllr R Chandler. It was unanimously agreed that Mr M Dury will be Chair for 2026/2027. This was agreed in Cllr M Durys Absence with the understanding he signs a new declaration on his return from annual leave.

Cllr M Dury will need to sign the Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the end of May 2026.

2026/02 TO ELECT THE VICE CHAIR AND RECEIVE THE VICE CHAIR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr P O'Leary requested nominations for a Vice Chair, P O'Leary Nominated himself no other nominations were received. He was nominated by Cllr A Vowles, S Bryant and seconded by Cllr R Chandler. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr P O'Leary is Vice Chair for 2026/2027 and that he will sign the Vice-Chair's Declaration of Acceptance form by end of May 2026

2026/03 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Clerk gave apologies for Cllrs M Dury, J Fox Bowen, V Perry, S Bangham all who are unable to attend due to family commitments.

These apologies and reasons for non-attendance were accepted by all present.

2026/04 TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM FROM 7TH MAY 2025 PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED.

Cllr P O'Leary signed meeting minutes previously circulated.

2026/05 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS UNDER WHITCHURCH VILLAGE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT (ADOPTED ON 7th NOVEMBER 2012)

Cllr S Bryant as continued conflict of interest with being Chair of WVCA .

2026/06 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE UNDER MENTIONED COMMITTEES

Nominations were received for existing committees as follows for Staff Committee Cllrs A Vowles, S Bryant. These nominations are recorded and we will re visit once we have appointed 3 new Councillors. It is agreed that the committees will remain the same until we re elect once all Councillor positions are filled. Giving those new the opportunity.

a) Finance

Cllrs S Bangham, S Bryant, M Dury, P O'Leary, V Perry

b) Planning/Traffic

Cllrs: S Bryant, R Chandler, J Fox-Bowen, A Vowles

c) Playfield/Cemetery/Allotment/Community Gardens

Cllrs: P O'Leary (Chair), M Dury, J Fox-Bowen, V Perry, A Vowles

d) Staff Committee

Cllrs: S Bangham, R Chandler, M Dury

It was resolved that members on the committees will remain as listed above. This will then be re visited once we have appointed the new Councillors.

2026/07 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

a) B&NES Avon Local Councils Association – The Clerk and/or a Councillor

b) Parish Liaison – The Clerk and/or a Councillor

c) Keynsham/Chew Valley Area Forum meetings

Chew Valley Forum – A Vowles R Chandler

Keynsham Area Forum – J Fox-Bowen

It was agreed the meetings will be advertised and a representative agreed at that time.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm