

CRANBORNE & EDMONDSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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PLEASE NOTE

This meeting of the council follows a period during which all except one parish councillor, and with the Parish Clerk, resigned their positions. Necessarily, this meeting will focus on restoring the council to operational capability, and on other matters required under statute and/or the Council's constitution. Members of the public are asked to respect these priorities, and the Parish Council asks for your patience as it addresses them.

By order of Dorset Council as electoral authority, and under section 91 Local Government Act 1972, Dorset Council members Cllr Nick Ireland and Cllr Rob Hughes have been appointed as temporary parish councillors for the parish, to enable the council to recruit a Clerk and to co-opt parish councillors.

In the absence of a Clerk, Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils (DAPTC) will attend to act in an advisory capacity only, in support of the Parish Council as a member of DAPTC.

Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of Cranborne & Edmondsham Parish Council to be held at CRANBORNE VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY 21 JULY 2026 at 7.00pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

AGENDA

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2026-27

- (i) To receive nominations for, and to elect to the position of Chair of the Council for the municipal year 2026-27.
- (ii) To receive the Chair's Declaration of Office.

2 Open Forum

Members of the public may raise questions in respect of the business on the agenda only.

3 Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies for absence.

4 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

To receive any declarations of interest councillors may have regarding items on the agenda, and any dispensations received.

5 Minutes

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th March 2026 as an accurate record of that meeting.

6 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

To review and approve the council's existing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

7 Other Matters for the Annual Meeting of the Council

To resolve to defer other matters specified in Standing Orders as being for consideration at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

8 Recruitment of a Parish Clerk

To approve the interim appointment of a Clerk to Cranborne & Edmondsham Parish Council.

9 Co-option Policy

To approve a policy governing the co-option of councillors.

10 Co-option of Parish Councillors

(i) To consider applications for co-option of councillors to Cranborne & Edmondsham Parish Council.

(ii) To consider and approve any arrangements for further co-options to any remaining vacancies.

11 Dorset Council Ward Member

To receive and note a report of the Dorset Council ward member.

12 Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2025/26

To note the granting of an extension to the deadline for submission of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return, and to agree any related actions.

13 Next Meeting

To agree any urgent business for consideration at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Members of the public are reminded that there will be an opportunity during the public open forum for questions, complaints and discussions of agenda items only, and may not speak during consideration of other business on the agenda.

Cllr Johnny Stirling
Cllr Nick Ireland
Cllr Rob Hughes

Cranborne & Edmondsham Parish Council

14 July 2026