

CRANBORNE AND EDMONDSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Cranborne & Edmondsham Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 28th July March 2026 at 7.00pm
in the Committee Room, Cranborne Village Hall, Cranborne.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Cllr Steve Butler, Cllr David Elliott, Cllr Adrian Hibberd, Cllr Shirley Merrick, Cllr Annie Noble, Cllr Derek Rome, Cllr Elizabeth Smith & Cllr Johnny Stirling.

OTHERS PRESENT: Three members Stephanie Growdon CASC Treasurer, Gavin Favell, Cranborne Estate Manager and seven members of the public.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

A local resident thanked and congratulated CEPC Councillors for supporting the Parish Council.

2. OPEN FORUM

No members of the public present requested to speak in the Open Forum.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

The following interests were declared and no requests for dispensations had been received for consideration.

It was noted that Cllr Annie Noble is a Trustee of Cranborne Village Hall and Cllr Johnny Stirling is related to the Cranborne family.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2026 be approved as an accurate record, and that the Chair should sign these accordingly.

PROPOSED: Cllr Steve Butler

SECONDED: Cllr Annie Noble

The Chair signed the minutes.

6. TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN REPORT FROM DORET COUNCILLOR DAVID TOOKE

A report was received at last week's meeting, and a new report will be produced for each Parish Council Meeting starting in September.

The Council are pursuing the Devolution for Wessex with Dorset Council, BCP Council, Wiltshire and Somerset.

7. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A WAY FORWARD FOR THE HANDOVER OF THE LEASE ON CRANBORNE VILLAGE HALL

RESOLVED: The lease for Cranborne Village Hall was signed by Cllr Stirling and Cllr Elliott and witnessed by the Clerk.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support the Village Hall Committee, and it was agreed that Cllr Noble will be the Parish Council's representative for the Village Hall Committee

8. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE A WAY FORWARD FOR THE PLAYGROUND

The Cllrs discussed Cranborne playground noting the agreement with CASC, insurance and inspections. It was unanimously agreed that Cranborne and Edmondsham Parish Council will continue to support the playground and returned to how it was previously.

PROPOSED: Cllr Noble

SECONDED: Cllr Elliott

ACTION: It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a quarterly inspection for the playground and check what insurance Cranborne and Edmondsham Parish Council currently hold and does it include the playground.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that Cllr Butler would be the representative for CASC.

9. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Butler raised concerns regarding the excavated unclassified road, and it was noted that Dorset Council has formally and legally closed that section of the route.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Natural England and Dorset Council Highways to ask what is happening with the SSSI and the unclassified road.

10. DISCUSS AND AGREED A WAY FORWARD FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE CRANBORNE AND EDMONDHSMA ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTIBILITY RETURN (AGAR)

It was unanimously agreed to request another extension of the CEPC AGAR.

PROPOSED: Cllr Elliott

SECONDED: Cllr Noble

ACTION: Clerk to request another extension of time on the CEPC AGAR.

11. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

Cllrs will communicate with residents in Cranborne and Edmondsham to promote the current vacancies on the Council.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm the required period of residency before an applicant is eligible for co-option as a Councillor.

13. NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

It was unanimously agreed going forward that CEPC meetings would take place on a monthly basis, on the second Tuesday of each month. Throughout the year two of these meetings would take place in Edmondsham Village Hall and the remainder in the Committee Room in Cranborne village Hall.

PROPOSED: Cllr Elliott

SECONDED: Cllr Stirling

RESOLVED/ACTION: It was agreed that meetings would be held on a monthly basis on the second Tuesday of the month. Clerk to confirm if Edmondsham Village Hall has been booked and paid for.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th August 2026 @ 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.18pm

Signed by the Chair: _____

Date: _____