

# The Orchards' and Margaret Marsh Parish Council (Group)

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## NOTICE OF THE 180<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 6:30pm**  
**At Child Okeford Community Centre, Child Okeford, DT11 8EL**

The following are summoned to attend the 180<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parish Council:

**Cllr C Christensen (Chair), Cllr G Stokes, Cllr D Woodruffe, Cllr J Elliott, and Cllr A Turbett-Russell**

Members of the Council are requested to attend to consider and resolve upon the business to be transacted at the Meeting as set out below. Please inform the Parish Council if you are recording the meeting.

## AGENDA

### 1. Public Participation

Members of the public are welcome to ask questions or make brief statements to the Parish Council. The time for each is limited to 3 minutes. You may also submit questions beforehand by emailing the Clerk. The council cannot resolve any items not on the current agenda.

### 2. To receive and consider apologies for absence

### 3. To receive any declarations of interest and consider any requests for special dispensations under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011

### 4. To receive and consider applications for co-option to the council.

If approved, candidates will be required to receive and accept the Code of Conduct and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### 5. To receive and resolve to approve Minutes of meeting 179 held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### 6. To receive a report from County Councillor: Cllr Jane Somper

### 7. To receive the Chair's report:

### 8. To receive the Clerk's Report on past subject matters arising from the minutes:

See *OMM 180 Report Pack - Appendix A* for the status and outcome of previous matters

### 9. To receive Parish updates:

- i. East Orchard
- ii. Margaret Marsh
- iii. West Orchard

### 10. To discuss any Highways, Bridleways and Footpaths issues:

Please report any faults or existing defects to [Dorset Council.gov.uk/w/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement)

### 11. To receive any updates on Flooding

Please report flooding or a possible cause of flooding to [DorsetCoUouncil.gov.uk/w/report-flooding](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/report-flooding)

### 12. To comment on current Planning Applications:

See *OMM 180 Report Pack - Appendix B* or view online [Dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/planning-buildings-land).

### 13. Review of Governance Schedule:

To note any actions to be taken by the Members or RFO (for reporting purposes only)

#### 14. To ratify decisions taken under the Scheme of Delegation 2025

#### 15. Financial Matters

See OMM 180 Report Pack - Appendix C for supporting reports.

- i. To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation for April 2025 – February 2026
- ii. To receive and review Final 25-26 budget reports and forecast to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026.
- iii. To resolve to approve the following payments already made

Date	To Whom	For What	Total	[VAT]	Net
20/3/26	Beverly Barker Pension (Jan)	Employee Employer	10.44 41.78		
27/2/26	Service Charge	Unity Bank	6.00		

- iv. To resolve to approve the following payments due

Date	To Whom	For What	Total	[VAT]	Net
13/3/26	Hall Hire - Child Oakford	Hall Hire	15.00		
28/3/26	Service Charge	Unity Bank	6.00		
20/3/26	DAPTC	Training	30.00		
28/3/26	Beverly Barker (March)	Clerk Pay	183.81		
20/3/26	Beverly Barker Pension (Feb)	Employee Employer	10.44 41.76		
20/3/26	Beverly Barker Pension (March)	Employee Employer	11.91 47.65		

#### 16. Communications:

To receive an update on council communications (for reporting purposes only)

#### 17. Training:

To note any training received or forthcoming dates (for reporting purposes only)

#### 18. Correspondence:

To note any correspondence received (for reporting purposes only)

#### 19. Matters pertinent:

Items are at the Chair's discretion. Members should inform the Chair if they wish to raise a point before the meeting.

#### 20. To note any decision/actions taken by the Parish Clerk

As per Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, Part 3, Paragraph 6-10

#### 21. To record any items for the next meeting agenda:

#### 22. To record the date of the next meeting: TBC

**Members are reminded that the Parish Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities, Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, Human Rights, and the conservation of biodiversity.**

Signed: *B Barker*

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Clerk and RFO to the Parish Council email: Clerk@orchardsandmargaretmarsh-pc.gov.uk

#### Further information:

Parish Council information is available at <http://www.orchardsandmargaretmarsh-pc.gov.uk/>. Please report issues regarding highways and footpaths to Dorset Council: Dorset Council Website: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/>