

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 6:30pm**  
**Horton & Chalbury Village Hall**

	<p><b>Attendance</b></p> <p>Cllr Morgan Antell (Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council)  Cllr Caroline Barnes  Cllr Trevor Brown  Cllr Steve Butler (Chairman of the Parish Council)  Cllr Anthony (Sam) Keet  Cllr Jerry Laker  Cllr Linda Stocks  Lisa Goodwin (Clerk to the Parish Council)  Mr Milner, Matterley Drove Farm</p>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introduction by the Parish Council Chairman</b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those present.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Cllr Rupert Andrews  Cllr Nicky Sherwood</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the last Parish Meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held <u>24<sup>th</sup> April 2019</u> were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from the minutes of the last Parish Meeting</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Annual Report of the Parish Council 2021-22 presented by the Parish Council Chairman</b></p> <p>We were unable to hold Annual Parish Meetings in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid and between April 2020 and May 2021 Parish Council meetings were held virtually.</p> <p>New Parish Councillors appointed this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cllr Rupert Andrews for Woodlands.</li> <li>○ Cllr Nicky Sherwood for Horton.</li> <li>○ (nb there is still a further vacancy for Horton)</li> </ul> <p>We have responded to 47 Planning Applications over the course of the year and continue to report highway and rights of way defects to Dorset Council and work with them to address issues as they arise including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The C2 Road through Horton continues to be a major concern with volume, size and speed of traffic.</li> <li>○ We have asked Officers of Dorset Council to consider extending the 30mph speed limit at Three Cross which has now become more residential with the homes at Deers Court Park.</li> <li>○ We continue to operate the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) at Horton Heath, Horton and Woodlands to help track and monitor speeding.</li> <li>○ We have arranged for the refurbishment of Fingerposts at Horton, Chalbury and Haythorne with support funding from the Knowlton Parish Council Benefit Fund (KPCBF) and the CPRE.</li> </ul> <p>Members agreed in 2020 to support the development of a Neighbourhood Plan in WSG which is progressing.</p>

	<p>We have made charitable donations this year of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ £300 toward the East Dorset &amp; Purbeck Citizens Advice Service.</li> <li>○ £215 to Life Education Wessex for a visit to Wimborne St Giles First School.</li> <li>○ £300 toward the upkeep of WSG Cemetery.</li> </ul> <p>Woodlands holds an annual Litter Pick along the roadside verges with both Councillors and local volunteers.</p> <p>The Parish Council works jointly with Alderholt PC and Cranborne &amp; Edmondsham PC to support the 97 Bus that services residents of Woodlands to enable access to Verwood, Ringwood and beyond.</p> <p>We continue to maintain the Green at Woodlands and are pleased that this year it will be a venue to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.</p> <p>The Remedy Oak unfortunately lost a major branch in July last year and is now closely monitored by the Dorset Council Arboricultural Team to ensure this historic tree is safely retained.</p> <p>The KPCBF, which is funded by the Verwood Solar Park (partly in Knowlton Parish), supported a number of projects in the Parish in the last year. The Parish Council holds the KPCBF monies on its behalf in a separate account and payments from this fund are made by the Parish Council. This fund is separate from the Parish Council's precept and only available to be spent as the KPCBF Steering Committee decides. Projects included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Repairs to the four benches on Woodlands Green</li> <li>○ Defibrillator maintenance at Horton &amp; Chalbury Hall</li> <li>○ Wimborne PCC for the maintenance of the Church clock</li> <li>○ Guttering repairs for Wimborne St Giles Hall</li> <li>○ 'In Jolly Good Company' to continue to supply lunches to vulnerable residents around Wimborne St Giles.</li> <li>○ Basket Swing supply and installation at the Burgess Field Play Area.</li> <li>○ Fingerpost repairs at Horton and Haythorne.</li> </ul> <p>We have started the KNOWLTON News Email Information Network for residents to help keep residents informed of both Dorset Council and Parish Council news.</p> <p>Finally on a sad note, Cllr Jerry Laker stepped down as Chairman after 12 years sterling service. Jerry remains a councillor for WSG and is heavily involved in the WSG Neighbourhood Plan and local efforts to support Ukrainian refugees.</p>
6	<p><b>Statement of the Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, 2020 &amp; 2021.</b></p> <p>The audited accounts for the financial years ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, 2020 &amp; 2021 have been available to view on the Parish Council Website <a href="http://www.knowltonparishcouncil.org.uk">www.knowltonparishcouncil.org.uk</a> and a copy is available this evening.</p>
7	<p><b>Public Open Question Time</b></p> <p>One member of public present interested in an agenda item for the Parish Council Meeting this evening in respect of planting trees to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee and will speak to members during the Public Open Session.</p>

The Meeting closed at 18:41

These minutes are to be signed by the Chairman at the next Annual Parish Meeting.

Signed;.....Date:.....