

**Minutes of the Meeting of Knowlton Parish Council**  
**9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7pm**  
**Horton & Chalbury Hall**

Item	
182	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>CLlr Rupert Andrews            CLlr Morgan Antell (Vice Chairman)            CLlr Caroline Barnes            CLlr Trevor Brown            CLlr Steve Butler (Chairman)            CLlr Anthony (Sam) Keet            CLlr Nicky Sherwood            CLlr Linda Stocks            Mrs Lisa Goodwin (Clerk)</p> <p><b>Apologies received from:</b></p> <p>CLlr Jerry Laker            CLlr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne &amp; Alderholt Ward (Woodlands &amp; Wimborne St Giles)            CLlr Robin Cook – Dorset Councillor Stour &amp; Allen Vale Ward (Horton &amp; Chalbury)</p> <p><b>Public</b> – one present</p>
183	<p><b>Public Open Session</b></p> <p>The owner of 2 Remedy Gate Cottages attended to ask advice in respect of Planning Application P/HOU/2022/00079 which members considered last month and had no objection to the proposal. The resident is concerned the Planning Officer is minded to refuse the application due to bulk even though this matches the adjoining cottage. Members advised this is a matter to resolve with the Planning Officer as to what would be acceptable or alternatively should the application be refused in its current form, the applicant can appeal the decision.</p>
184	<p><b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Grants for Dispensation</b></p> <p>CLlr Sam Keet declared a pecuniary interest in the Site Licence Applications for Meadow View Caravan Park and will not take part in the discussion or voting of this item.</p>
185	<p><b>Confirm the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b></p> <p>The minutes, having been circulated to members prior to the meeting were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
186	<p><b>Dorset Councillors Reports</b></p> <p><b><u>CLlr Robin Cook – Dorset Councillor Stour &amp; Allen Vale Ward (Horton &amp; Chalbury)</u></b>            Please see <b>Appendix A</b> of these minutes.</p>

	<p><b><u>Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne &amp; Alderholt Ward (Woodlands &amp; Wimborne St Giles)</u></b> Please see <b>Appendix B</b> of these minutes.</p> <p>Cllr Rupert Andrews queried has Dorset Council made a decision in respect of the scenarios identified to address the ‘managed decline’ of the current state of highways in Dorset. <i>The Clerk will contact Cllr David Tooke for a response to this query.</i></p>
187	<p><b>Correspondence</b> – circulated by email prior to the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Council School Transport Policies Consultation 2022-23 until Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022. Details can be viewed at: <a href="https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/school-transport/consultation-on-school-transport-policies">https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/school-transport/consultation-on-school-transport-policies</a></li> <li>• Dorset Prepared Community Resilience on-line Event 7 – 11 March 2022.</li> </ul>
188	<p><b>Planning Applications &amp; Matters</b></p> <p><b>P/VOC/2022/00689 LOCATION: SUNDOWN, SLOUGH LANE, HORTON, BH21 7JL</b> Proposal: Variation of condition2 to allow use of the park home for holiday accommodation and removal of condition 3 relating to consent on PA 3/80/1808. Members voted 5 in favour of NO OBJECTION, 1 OBJECTION (TB) and 2 ABSTENTIONS (MA &amp; RA). It was therefore resolved to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p><b>RESIDENTIAL &amp; HOLIDAY CARAVAN SITE LICENCE APPLICATIONS 6389 &amp; 6390 MEADOW VIEW CARAVAN SITE, WIGBETH, HORTON, BH21 7JH</b> Proposal: 517 units on the site for habitation. <i>Cllr Sam Keet left the meeting for the discussion and decision of this item.</i> Members resolved to OBJECT to both Site Licence Applications. <b>See Appendix C</b></p>
189	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members reviewed and approved the Annual Parish Litter Pick for Woodlands on <u>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022</u>.</li> <li>• Members discussed purchasing an additional Speed Indicator Device and decided possible additional locations needs to be discussed with Dorset Council. Clerk to arrange site visit with Officer (SB/RA/JL). Members also agreed to set up a Highways Working Group to discuss other possible ways to address speeding traffic (RA/NS/AK/MA/JL?)</li> <li>• The Clerk has not yet received the quotation to repair the Sutton Hill Fingerpost.</li> <li>• The Haythorne Fingerpost has now been refurbished. The Clerk has requested the agreed support funding from CPRE. The Knowlton Parish Community Benefit Fund has already contributed toward this.</li> <li>• Cllr Morgan Antell advised Frouds, Woodlands will be removing a fallen tree on footpath on their land.</li> <li>• Members noted a resident has reported concern with a hidden dip on the B3081 between the Caravan Site and Crane Valley Golf Club for Dorset Council Highways to investigate for safety.</li> <li>• Dorset Council advise there will be a temporary 15 minute obstruction B3078 Cranborne Road 4<sup>th</sup> April between 08:00 and 17:00. <i>Noted.</i></li> <li>• Dorset Council notification of temporary closure of Kings Lane, Woodlands 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022 between 069:30 and 15:30 to allow Openreach safe access. <i>Noted.</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Council notification of temporary closure Bottlebush Lane, Wimborne St Giles 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 09:30 to 15:30 to allow Openreach safe access. <i>Noted.</i></li> <li>• The Clerk has reported overhanging trees at Haythorne at the request of a resident. <i>1190137</i></li> <li>• Other Highway matters listed in Actions List below.</li> </ul>
<b>190</b>	<p><b>Rights of Way/Open Spaces</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Council notification of definitive map and statement modification orders T499, T500 to add stiles which has been refused &amp; T636 at Woodlands to extend to join the county road which has been accepted. (Footpaths 16 and 18). <i>Noted.</i></li> <li>• Rights of Way matters awaiting action listed in 'Actions List' below.</li> </ul>
<b>191</b>	<p><b>Burgess Field Play Area, Woodlands – Inspections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly visual play inspections completed by Cllrs Morgan Antell and Linda Stocks.</li> <li>• Woodlands members have received a copy of the quarterly inspection report which has raised a few low/very low risk items for repair. <i>Awaiting quotation for these works.</i></li> <li>• Sovereign Play are completing the pre-installation survey this week in readiness for installing the new basket swing and surface Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.</li> </ul>
<b>192</b>	<p><b>Tree Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset Council has confirmed that remedial works have been carried out to The Remedy Oak which suffered damage last summer.</li> <li>• Members noted a suggestion by a resident to plant avenues of trees in the Parish.</li> <li>• Dorset Council has been made aware of an Oak Tree (TPO 8) that has been felled in Chapel Lane, Woodlands.</li> </ul>
<b>193</b>	<p><b>97 Bus</b></p> <p>Members received a report on the 97 Bus Meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 by the Chairman and noted the proposal for a route change to incorporate Lidl at Verwood into the service.</p> <p>Members approved the Agreement for signing by the Clerk from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.</p>
<b>194</b>	<p><b>Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>Cllr Caroline Barnes reported the second draft of the site options and assessment report has been agreed and will now be considered by Locality for review.</p> <p>Further information is available on the Knowlton Parish Council website.  <a href="http://www.knowltonparishcouncil.org.uk/Wimborne_St_Giles_Neighbourhood_Plan_40092.aspx">http://www.knowltonparishcouncil.org.uk/Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan 40092.aspx</a></p>

<b>195</b>	<b>Policies for Review</b>  Members reviewed and approved both the Safeguarding Policy and the Filming & Recording Policy.
<b>196</b>	<b>Annual Parish Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 6:30pm Horton &amp; Chalbury Village Hall</b>  Members approved the Agenda for the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting. The Chairman is preparing the Annual Report.
<b>197</b>	<b>Actions List</b>
Sept 2018	E59/22 Report missing fingerpost at footpath by Haythorne Nurseries. MNT42137 Feb 2019: DCC has written to Landowners. Aug 2019 – recent correspondence with DCC forward to Cllr David Tooke. Oct 2019 – TB to monitor. Jan 20: Clerk to report fingerpost still missing and not sure if access is clear along this path. <i>Feb 21 Ranger has confirmed the way-marker will be done (priority 6). March 22; Clerk to chase up.</i>
	E59/17 June 21: Notice of Temporary Closure of Footpath E59/17 Woodlands to enable building works within the grounds of Slough House from 26 weeks from 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021. The construction of the bridge has been put on hold. Sept 21: The bridge has been built and is ready for installation when access available. Jan 22 – The Ranger is awaiting agreement of landowner to gain access and if this is not forthcoming DC Legal will step in. Feb 22 – Clerk to check if temporary closure has now expired, is the definitive route now open allowing the bridge to be installed? Concern the permissive route is boggy. Suggest path follows edge of stream after bridge. Mar 22 Members suggested legal advice is now urgent to enable this bridge to be installed.
July 2019	E59/15 Horse safe path needs extending on incline as tarmac not safe for horse. MNT41120 Dorset Council met with Landowner March 3 <sup>rd</sup> and have agreed actions to resurface where necessary and place appropriate signage for horse riders. March 21: Dorset Council advises funding is hoped to be allocated out of 2021/22 maintenance budget. Dec 21: The Ranger is awaiting an amended quote as one crossing was omitted, then put Contractor in touch with the Golf Club to arrange timings etc.
Nov 2020	E59/7 Woodlands off Jubilee Hill behind houses is waterlogged all year round, suspected sewerage. Cllr MA to investigate further, take photo evidence and report to Dorset Council. Public Health visited but too wet from rainfall to establish source of contamination. Officers will visit again in Summer. Clerk to report to Rights of Way for inspection. MNT50385 June 2021 Clerk to report again as waterlogged now and request site visit. July 21: Ranger has visited with MA and will consider a stone surface to improve this path. Dec 21: Ranger has agreed to this work and the Landowner is on board with helping, ground conditions might mean this has to wait.
Dec 2020	E57/5 Maldry Wood, rotten bridge reported to Dorset Council. MNT50359 (priority 3) June 2021 DC has suggested the landowner is contacted directly as the bridge is on a permissive path. DC happy to install sleeper bridge if either the PC or Landowner provide sleepers. The definitive path is not accessible due to 5 bar gate and wire fence. Nov 21: Land is understood to be for sale so no further developments.
July 2020	Water rising in Woodlands opposite 'Four Oaks', unsure if a spring or mains water leak. Feb 22: DC advises coming from BT Openreach plastic ducting. It would cost in the region of £5000 to install a brand new drainage system. March 22: problem is worsening, Clerk to ask DC to continue to investigate and add to Requests List if necessary for new drainage scheme.
Nov 21	B3081 Keepers Cottage, water leak on highway, Jan 22: Chairman to report with photos.
Jan 22	E40/8 Cllr Morgan Antell has reported DC three small trees down across the path.
Feb 22	Clerk to report very poor surface on Horton Road at Haythorne end, edges of road breaking up further along and at Woodlands Crossroads. 1187924 Mar 22: DC has marked up areas for repair.

	Water leak opposite Meadow Cottage, Horton Road, Woodlands. Cllr Trevor Brown has reported to Water Co.						
	E59/3 access blocked by Landowner. Dorset Council aware.						
Mar 22	E59/18 footpath blocked by fallen tree. (The Bailywick to Manor Farm) MNT55450						
	Clerk to report the School Sign opposite the Village Hall in Wimborne St Giles needs straightening up. 1190208						
	Clerk to report pot holes in Kings Lane, Woodlands. 1190207						
	E57/8 Woodlands waterlogged most of the year and very muddy (clay). Fence is now leaning where people try to get past. Clerk to report to Dorset Council. MNT55451						
	Clerk to report missing waymarker for Bagmans Lane, Horton Road, Woodlands end. MNT55452						
<b>198</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members were provided with up to date account balances.</li> <li>• Members reviewed and approved the Asset Register.</li> <li>• Members completed and approved the Annual Financial Risk Assessment.</li> <li>• Members reviewed and approved the Earmarked and Allocated Reserves adding a line for Highways of £5000.</li> <li>• Members resolved unanimously to pay items below including Clerk's Salary:</li> </ul> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">ONLINE DAPTC</td> <td style="width: 50%;">E-Learning Cllr Nicky Sherwood</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">£14.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE NORMTEC</td> <td>Refurbishment of Fingerpost at Haythorne</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1358.24</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE DAPTC	E-Learning Cllr Nicky Sherwood	£14.00	ONLINE NORMTEC	Refurbishment of Fingerpost at Haythorne	£1358.24
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<b>199</b>	<p><b>Information for Report Only</b></p> <p>Cllr Caroline Barnes advised that Dorset Council Highways has confirmed they will be repairing the fence between Wimborne St Giles and Monkton Up Wimborne.</p>						
	<b>Next Meeting</b> – <u>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022</u> at 7pm in Horton & Chalbury Village Hall						

**Meeting closed at 20:44**

**These minutes are to be signed by the Chairman after approval at the next meeting of the Parish Council.**

Signed;..... 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Appendix A****DORSET COUNCILLORS REPORT FOR KNOWLTON P C**  
**WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2022****Budget 2022/23**

At the first full council meeting in person for almost two years held on 15<sup>th</sup> February, Dorset Council's budget proposals for next financial year 2022-23 were supported by a large majority of members cross party. The proposals prioritise the continued delivery of vital frontline services for residents. They include more money for:

- **adult social care** – a 10% increase (equating to £13 million, taking the total budget to £141 million) to fund the rising need for social care in the local population and rising costs
- **children's services** – a 4% increase (equating to £2.7 million, taking the total budget to £74.5 million) to fund improvements to support children in care and children with special educational needs and disabilities
- **climate and ecological emergency response** – £10M capital investment over the next 5 years to help fund the delivery of the council's action plan
- **housing** – an extra £0.75 million to support the development of more new homes with our Registered Providers and the supply of better value temporary accommodation from the private rented sector.

This year's budget setting exercise takes place against a continuing national background of extreme pressures for councils resulting from the COVID pandemic alongside growing demand and price pressures. Social care services represent 59% of Dorset Council's total net spending.

The Government confirmed in December 2021 that Dorset Council will receive £10.4 million more than originally anticipated for 2022-23. This enables the council to put in place robust contingency funds. However, it is a one-year settlement, and not the multi-year settlement that was hoped for.

The budget proposals include a 3% increase in council tax: 1.998% increase in general council tax and 0.996% increase for the social care precept. For a band D property, this equates to £1.02 extra a week.

**Community Governance review**

At the full council meeting, following the consultation held in Autumn 2021, members voted in favour of taking the draft proposals out for further consultation and subsequent adoption. The proposals do not affect this parish council. The two parishes affected in my ward that may see boundary changes are Holt, and Pamphill & Shapwick. The next consultation period runs from 28<sup>th</sup> Feb until 23<sup>rd</sup> May

The final decision will be made at the full council meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022. If finally adopted, the change would come into effect for the 2024 elections.

**Land searches**

The number of working days to respond to land search requests shot up during the pandemic due to a variety of reasons including a massive increase in the number requested and a major shortage of skilled staff who were also being poached from local government. The response rate is now down to

28 days from 63 last October. It is still some way off the target of 10 days, but we hope to achieve that soon.

### **Enforcement**

There is little publicity given to enforcement. An East Dorset resident was recently successfully prosecuted for ignoring Planning Enforcement Notice for putting a building on the Green Belt at Henbury, Sturminster Marshall. This followed repeated requests to remove it and was only done as a last resort. Hopefully this will dispel the myth that the Council do not prosecute people who break planning laws.

### **Dorset to host first ever Tour of Britain stage in 2022**

Dorset will play a starring role when the Tour of Britain, the UK's most prestigious cycle race, heads there for the first time in 2022. The historic county will host the penultimate stage of the race on Saturday 10 September, as the eight-stage event works its way down from Aberdeenshire to the Isle of Wight. Over 100 of the world's best riders will compete in the 18th edition of the race, with a large crowd comprising both residents and cycling fans expected to turn out for this unforgettable, free-to-watch spectacle. While it may be the modern race's first visit to Dorset, the county welcomed the Milk Race – a semi-professional forerunner of the Tour of Britain – on multiple occasions during the 1970s and 1980s. The full route for stage seven, including the start and finish locations, will be revealed in due course

So please put September 10th in your diaries and expect some roads to be closed. More information as and when it becomes available.

### **Maintenance of highway verges**

Maintenance of highway verges is an important but costly undertaking for Local Authorities. It is necessary for safety as well as aesthetic reasons. With the squeeze on public finance, we have much less money to satisfy this demand. Dorset Council are taking an innovative ecological approach to managing our verges, reducing soil fertility through the collection of grass cuttings, introducing species of flowering plant which restrict grass growth and ensuring low nutrient soils are used in road construction. The result, slow growing, beautiful wildflower verges which attract and sustain pollinating insects, and lower costs as the need to cut verges is reduced.

### **Climate Change**

Dorset Council is delighted to welcome Steven Ford as our new Corporate Director for Climate and Ecological Sustainability. Steven has over 18 years' experience of working in public policy related fields and joins us from Cornwall Council where he is currently Head of Environmental Growth, Climate Change and Heritage. In this role, he was tasked with delivering their carbon neutral action plan as well as the wider environmental growth and landscape management agenda, working with a multitude of partners.

Steven's primary objective at Dorset Council will be the successful delivery of our vital Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Strategy, ensuring that ecology and sustainability are placed at the centre of shaping and influencing the climate debate. He will play a leading role in developing natural solutions to address climate change and ensure our ambitious plans for reducing our carbon footprint are fully developed and kept on track by working closely with councillors, senior officers, and services across the entire organisation.

I hope that residents see the creation of this role and Steven's appointment as further proof of how seriously we are taking our commitment to tackling the CEE, which will help secure a better future for everyone, especially younger people, in Dorset.

### **Dorset Tourism Award - Moors Valley**

Moors Valley in Ashley Heath won the Dorset Tourism Awards Large Visitor Attraction of the Year. This is a fantastic achievement for the team and great recognition for the work Dorset Council have undertaken with regards to large open spaces / visitor provisions throughout the pandemic. One of our daytime cleaners, Christine, also won the Unsung Hero Award for her efforts throughout the pandemic in ensuring our facilities were clean and hygienic. Christine isn't employed by Dorset Council and works for Churchills, who are contracted for our cleaning provisions, but was nominated by our ranger team for her exceptional efforts and attitude over the last 2 years.

### **Capital Leverage Fund**

Dorset Council has recently launched a new grant fund for voluntary and community groups who are looking to secure funding towards the development, improvement or refurbishment of their facilities, spaces, and community buildings. The Capital Leverage Fund will look to provide successful applicants with a grant of up to 20% of their total project costs up to a maximum of £25,000. Not for profit organisations both small and large who meet the funds criteria are welcome to apply. Applicants will need to demonstrate clearly when applying how they plan to secure the remaining project costs and ensure that if awarded a grant that they can secure the remaining funds within two years of any grant offer. Grants will not be released until all funding is in place.

Full details of the fund's priorities, criteria; eligibility and guidance on how to complete the online application form are provided on the Dorset Council webpage. Furthermore, there is also comprehensive information on what questions applicants can expect to be asked when completing their application form along with details of the assessment dates. The Capital Leverage Fund is an 'open access' fund for organisations in the Dorset Council area and applicants can submit their application at any time between 10th January 2022 and early January 2023. There will be three separate assessment dates throughout the year so please ensure you read the guidance fully and understand what supporting information you will be required to provide when applying. Applications will only be accepted on the council's online application form.

The fund is open to a range of different organisations including Cultural themed organisations such as arts, heritage, and accredited museums. Village halls can also apply to the fund to help with capital projects that might include hall repairs, addressing climate change, new build projects, landscaping or improvements to existing facilities including play areas, multi-use games areas and parking. Sports clubs wishing to improve their club facilities can also apply to the fund. For more details on other projects that are eligible click on the link above.

Places of worship (church buildings) are not eligible to apply. However, the panel will consider 'distinct buildings' used for community activities i.e., a community hall but it must be a separate charity or trust and you must be able to demonstrate extensive community use.

We expect interest for this new grant to be very high, so please can you circulate to any local groups you think might be interested

### **Council Meetings**

From February 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 we have returned to in-person committee meetings. One of the successes from virtual meetings was the increase in the number of people viewing the committee meetings live



or via the recording. To enable this to continue, webcasting equipment has been installed in the council chamber and meetings will continue to be webcasted. Portable webcasting equipment is also available to live stream our meetings which take place at other venues e.g., for planning area committee meetings.

Work is ongoing to allow members of the public who wish to address a committee will also have the option to attend remotely or in-person using the same process.

**CLlr Robin Cook**

**9th March 2022**

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## Appendix B

### 220309 Dorset Councillor's Report to Knowlton Parish Council

#### QE Leisure Centre

Dorset Council is currently subsidising the leisure centre facilities at Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre (QELC) by around £550,000 pa, and this equates to 33.3% of the overall leisure centres budget. This is far higher than any of the leisure centres owned by the Council; and raises the question whether this provides best value for money.

On 1/3/2022 Dorset Council Cabinet decided that the Council would withdraw from the management scheme on the 31/3/2024. The Council will continue to work with the school during this transitional period.

Officers will work with QE School to identify ways to maximise the availability of leisure facilities for school and community use. Dorset Council will include a bid for one-off capital funding up to a maximum of £150,000 in its 2023/4 capital budget, which money should be used as the Council's contribution towards the replacement of the all-weather pitch. It is hoped this will help QES to raise money for a future sinking fund.

QES have raised concerns about being able to maintain the swimming pool, and options may be to explore the operating model at St Michaels Middle School in Colehill where a swimming pool is operating without additional funding the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

#### Ferndown Leisure Centre

The Contract here expires on the 31/3/22 – the end of this month. Cabinet has instructed that this Contract be extended until 31/3/24, which will provide the Council with time to develop a leisure strategy setting out the future delivery of leisure sites. The Council will also align the contract dates at the Dorchester and Blandford Leisure Centres to the same date, for the same reason.

#### Highways

Dorset Council has 3,795Km of Highways, and has a legal duty under S41 of the Highways Act 1980 to maintain its public highway.

The current state of the highways in Dorset can be summarised as:

	Kms	Good condition	Fair condition	Poor condition
<b>Principal</b>	368.10	80.71%	17.21%	2.09%
<b>Non-principal</b>	1493.35	64.63%	28.79%	6.58%
<b>Unclassified</b>	1933.30	55.68%	31.51%	12.81%

This means that overall there are 353.61Km of carriageway classed as Poor – which is 9.32% of the Council's roads.

The current status of our Roads is officially described as one of "Managed decline".

The report to Cabinet identifies that this is the result of annual carriageway investment being less than required to hold the current condition.

A number of scenarios were presented to Cabinet

Scenario 1 £11.6million – Current funding with no capital top up Managed decline. Which means that we recognise DfT funding is below that required to hold road condition but implement maintenance strategies to minimise the impact on condition. We further manage our network through risk based assessments and planned safety inspections. This scenario would mean roads are deteriorating faster than we can repair them, and there is potential that reactive defects and costs will increase year on year, meaning an approach of becoming increasingly reactive. This could potentially pose a risk to the authority in performing its duty to maintain the highway. This scenario shows that the indicator 130-01 (A roads where maintenance should be planned – red banding) could increase from 2% in 2020, to 4% over a five year period. The indicator 130-02 for B and C roads could increase to 15.9% requiring maintenance (red category).

Scenario 2 £16.2million – Maintain steady state Dorset Council can avoid further decline of its carriageway asset by investing an additional £4.8million of capital funding into carriageway maintenance.

Scenario 3 £21million – Clear backlog Dorset Council could return all carriageways in good 'green' condition by investing £21million per year, over the next ten years.

### Appendix C

**Members have considered applications 6389 & 6390 and OBJECT to both proposals for 517 units as follows:**

The Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act 1960, Section 5, Part 1 refers to the Power of a Local Authority to attach conditions to a Site Licence: *(1) A site licence issued by a local authority in respect of any land may be so issued subject to such conditions as the authority may think it necessary or desirable to impose on the occupier of the land in the interests of persons dwelling thereon in caravans, or of any other class of persons, or of the public at large; and in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, a site licence may be issued subject to conditions—*

*(a) for restricting the occasions on which caravans are stationed on the land for the purposes of human habitation, or the total number of caravans which are so stationed at any one time ;*

The Village of Horton has 173 houses; no Shops, no Bus Service, no Doctors, no Dentists, no Pubs and no Library.

The C2 Road from Horton Inn to Ashley Heath Roundabout is in poor condition and has no pavements or street lighting.

Recent developments at Woolsbridge Industrial Estate have improved the road at the Ashley Heath end, however Wigbeth continues to have pinch points.

The area is zoned as Green Belt in the Local Development Plan and any new applications for planning permission or caravan sites would be refused.

**We believe that the villagers of Horton would be effected by a development which tripled its size. The unplanned effect on the infrastructure would be serious and the residents of East Dorset will be effected by the increased congestion along the C2 and the increased competition for services.**

**If we consider the villagers are ‘any other class of person’ and the residents of East Dorset are ‘the public at large’ then Section 5 Part 1 (a) which restricts the number of caravans should apply.**

**Reference Queens Bench #895 (1966) Esdell Caravan Parks Ltd v Hemel Hempstead Rural District Council.**

In this case the justices found that although the following conditions might be referable to planning considerations, findings stated:

1. It was socially desirable to preserve in a village a balance between those living in permanent houses and those in caravans.
2. If an area is zoned as Green Belt in the Development Plan then any application for planning permission or a new caravan site would be refused.
3. Public transport was limited.
4. The nearest shopping centre was 2 miles away.
5. The increased traffic would increase hazards, damage and noise.

In the very similar case of Meadow View the proposed development facts are:

1. The proposed positioning of 517, 2 Bedroom Park Homes at Meadow View would triple the size of the village and change its character forever.
2. The proposed new development is in the Green Belt.
3. Dentists and Doctors have waiting lists.
4. There is no Public Transport.
5. The nearest shopping centre is over 5 miles away.
6. This development will mean more cars increasing traffic hazards, damage and noise to the village along the already overcrowded C2.
7. The increase in phosphates, nitrates and carbon emissions would be against the Dorset Council Green Aspirations.

**We would propose that Section 5 part 1 (a) of the Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act 1960 is used to maintain the balance of static homes to residents.**

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