

Minutes of the Meeting of Knowlton Parish Council
8th January 2020 Horton & Chalbury Village Hall 7:30pm

Item		Action By
128	<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Morgan Antell (Vice Chairman) Cllr Caroline Barnes Cllr Trevor Brown Cllr Anthony (Sam) Keet Cllr Jerry Laker (Chairman) Cllr Spencer Planton Cllr Linda Stocks Cllr Robin Cook – Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward (Horton & Chalbury) Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne & Alderholt Ward (Woodlands & Wimborne St Giles) Mrs Lisa Goodwin (Clerk)</p> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <p>Cllr John Hayes Cllr Anthony Keet Cllr Tim Sherman has been unable to attend a meeting since July 2019 and therefore under the LGA 1972 ceases to be a member of the Parish Council.</p>	
129	<p>Declarations of Interest & Grants for Dispensation</p> <p>None received.</p>	
130	<p>Public Open Session – none present</p> <p>No representations.</p>	
131	<p>Confirm the minutes of the meeting held 4th December 2019.</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>	
132	<p>Dorset Councillors Reports</p> <p><u>Cllr David Tooke – Cranborne & Alderholt Ward (Woodlands and Wimborne St Giles)</u></p> <p>Dorset Community Impact Fund There is a small amount of funding available for charities and constituted community groups to be allocated, to new, distinct, projects that seek to support disadvantaged communities across the Dorset Council area. Town and Parish Councils can apply – though are requested to read the guidance carefully. The fund may not be used to refurbish village halls or for Speed Indicator Devices. For more details please see: https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-community/support-for-voluntary-and-communityorganisations/funding/community-funding-round-4-re-opens.aspx</p> <p>Climate Change The Council has launched a “Call for Ideas” for people to put forward suggestions as to how the Council may be able to help tackle climate change. The Council is looking at five main themes: • Buildings • Transport • Waste & Energy • Natural Environment • Leadership and Influence All responses will be considered, with an Inquiry Day proposed for 21/2/20, which will be open to the public</p> <p>Rural Access to Services The Council is looking at ways to improve access to services in rural areas. This is not merely about buses, though these are a significant element, but wider interdependencies between</p>	

partners and how we can work together on the wider agendas such as prevention. It also includes housing costs and the aging population in many of our villages – which then knocks on into health, both physical frailty and mental illness that can then be triggered by isolation. Dorset has the oldest population of any rural area in the country. It is also felt important to look at travel to work schemes for younger people who may not have their own transport, and are thus forced away from home – the “Wheels to Work” scheme was halted earlier and there is building pressure to re-instate it. Lack of transport can be an especial problem for those who need to attend benefit offices on a strict timetable.

CLLr Robin Cook – Stour & Allen Vale Ward (Horton & Chalbury)

Budget proposals for 2020/21 financial year.

The Council has submitted proposals for its 2020-21 budget in a report going to three Scrutiny Committees (People, Place and Resources) on 13 January. These proposals include:

- Increase in funding for adult social care of £11.7m, taking the budget from £111.2m last year to £122.9m to meet the forecast demand for social care for older and disabled people.
- Increase in funding for children’s services of £10.3m, taking the budget from £63.7m last year to £74m to meet the forecast demand for support for children with complex needs and those in care.

The 2020-21 budget is set in a context of rapidly rising demand for both adults and children’s care both this year and into the foreseeable future.

This financial year (2019-20) the council is currently forecasting an over spend of £8.2m on directly controlled budgets, and £6.5m on funding for schools and education. This overspend is largely due to unprecedented and growing levels of demand for social care services, which, in turn, is the result of population changes such as more people living longer with chronic and complex conditions, and an increase in diagnosis of children’s special educational needs and disabilities. Dorset Council’s proposed increased budget for 2020-21 aims to address to the predicted growing demand.

Since 2010, central government grants to councils have been cut by nearly 60%. Dorset Council no longer receives any Revenue Support Grant from central government. This loss of funding has placed significant pressure on councils nationally, including Dorset Council, and on their ability to continue providing quality local public services.

In order to help fund the essential budget increases for adult social care and children’s services, Dorset Council proposes an increase in council tax of 3.996% for 2020-21. Of this increase, 2% is the social care precept agreed by Government in the September spending review to help fund growing demand for social care. This would generate £9.6m of additional income.

However, the council tax increase will not fully cover the forecast increased social care costs, so in order to balance the budget Dorset Council will need to continue making substantial reductions in its expenditure without affecting the delivery of frontline services.

Dorset Council has already achieved significant cost reductions over the past year as a result of Local Government Reorganisation. For example:

- A reduction in the number of senior officer roles, and where there is duplication and overlap across support services like finance, HR, IT and others, delivered savings of £10m.
- A reduction in the number of councillors from 204 to 82 delivered £400k in savings.
- Cost reductions have been made on insurance, audit fees and other activities where the council only has to pay for one organisation rather than six. A new single banking provider is anticipated to deliver a saving of £70k a year.

Next year’s proposed budget includes further multi-million pound savings through property rationalisation, reducing travel and transport costs, and a £3m reduction on expenditure through procurement. All savings are reinvested into frontline services.

The council’s proposed net expenditure budget for 2020-21 is £305m. Following discussion at the Scrutiny Committees on 13 January, budget proposals will then be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 28 January and at the Full Council meeting on 18 February for final approval. These are all public meetings and members of the public are welcome to attend.

Working with towns and parishes

The panel set up to work on this initiative is met on 19th December to analyse the feedback from the four workshops held recently. The outcome is helping in shaping the way we progress this important piece of work going forward as a matter of priority. It is planned to hold a further series of workshops in the near future.

	<p>Local Plan update</p> <p>It is planned to hold an event aimed at town and parish councils early in the new year to brief on the progress with the local plan and seek initial feedback.</p> <p>The outline timetable for the progress of the plan is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options consultation – September 2020 • Publication – September 2021 • Submission – March 2022 • Examination – Summer 2022 • Adoption – Spring 2023 <p>CLlr Robin Cook cllrrobin.cook@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8th January 2020</p> <p>Members discussed with both Dorset Councillors the issue of Climate Change and how Dorset Council is addressing it and also how the Parish Council might contribute on a local scale. This is a topic for a more in depth discussion and members will consider holding a meeting to consider any possible options.</p>	
133	<p>Correspondence – circulated by email prior to the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy Correspondence from the organisers of the Great Dorset Steam Fair with concern for proposed Beyond Festival, St Giles House, Wimborne St Giles August Bank Holiday weekend 2020 which is the same weekend as the Steam Fair and could therefore impact on traffic movements. • Buckingham Palace Garden Party May 2020 nominations for Chairmen of Parish Councils due by Friday 24th January 2020. • Dorset Heathlands Joint Consultation with BCP & Dorset Council open until 3rd February 2020. <i>Horton Councillors to consider and advise Clerk & Chairman of any comments for response.</i> • Invitation for Parish Councillors to Local Plan Engagement Event February 3rd 2020. <i>CLlr Caroline Barnes attending.</i> • Dorset Council News Release 17th December 2019 ‘Call for Ideas’ to help tackle Climate Emergency. • Allowances for Parish & Town Councillors – if the Parish Council wishes to adopt a scheme it must have regard to the Dorset Parish Independent Remuneration Panel’s recommendations. • DAPTC Subscriptions for 20/21 will increase by 2.1% • Letter of thanks from Wimborne St Giles PCC for recent donation toward the upkeep of the cemetery. 	
134	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>3/19/1892 FUL Brookfield, Martins Farm, Woodlands, BH21 8LY Proposal: Erect replacement agricultural building. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>3/19/2427 Land at Farm Track to Manor Farm, Monkton Drove, Wimborne St Giles, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 5NL Proposal: Vary Condition 9 of Planning Permission 3/18/0869/FUL (erect agricultural barn) to allow use by agricultural holdings within a 7km radius of the development. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>3/19/2387 FUL Chaseborough House Rest Home, Three Legged Cross, BH21 6SG Proposal: Retrospective change of use from a care home to a 15 bedroom house in multiple occupation. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal provided a condition is placed to prevent obstruction of the bridleway (parked cars) which would affect other users.</p> <p>3/19/2345 CLE Woodlands Manor Farm, Horton, BH21 8ND Proposal: steel portal building, plant, equipment and associated pipework use in association with a district heating system. Members were unable to provide evidence in relation to the existence of this proposal.</p>	Clerk

135	<p>Highways Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members considered the quotation from Dorset Council to install 'SLOW' markings on both approaches to Wimborne St Giles First School and it was resolved unanimously to accept the lower quotation of £542.00 + VAT and the work will be scheduled 4-6 weeks. Notification received of road closure Kings Lane from 16 March to 10 April for South West Water. Local business Froud's notified as it may impact on the operation of their business. The road surface is very poor in Kings Lane, members agreed it would best to report this after the road closure is finished. Poor road surface in Haythorne to be reported to Dorset Council. Wimborne St Giles is suffering with floods in various locations due to recent heavy rain. Other Highway matters listed in Actions List below. 	TB
136	<p>Rights of Way/Open Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members discussed the possibility of improving a further bridleway in Queens Copse. <i>Cllr Sam Keet will make initial inquiries with the Forestry Commission.</i> Footpath 18 Woodlands which needs a gate replacing with a stile, this has been an issue for a number of years. <i>Clerk to report to Community Highways Officer.</i> Rights of Way matters awaiting action listed in 'Actions List' below. 	AFK Clerk
137	<p>Burgess Field Play Area – Inspections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members received the weekly visual play inspection sheets. AVA Recreation completed repairs last month and carried out a quarterly inspection. Members discussed re-painting the equipment in the Spring. Clerk to make arrangements for the chain link fence to be repaired. Grass needs cutting when weather improves. 	Clerk
138	<p>Tree Matters</p> <p>None received.</p>	
139	<p>Actions List</p>	
Oct 14	<p>1025882 Horton to Horton Inn – poor road surface. DCC put on Capital Maintenance list. 10/12/14 requested with PW white side guide lines/cats eyes are included when resurfaced. 24/06/15 – SB.03/02/16 SB to inquire about upgrading road to 'B' status due to amount of traffic. May 2019 – C2 from Thickthorne to 3X. VOA PC support KPC in putting together a strategic plan to improve the C2 which will be further effected by the expansion of the Woolsbridge Ind Estate. 27/09/16 Unsatisfactory response received from DCC Transport Development. Concern also noted regarding discussions for a weight & width restriction at Tollard Royal which will further impact. – Clerk to forward to SB. 04/01/17 Clerk to write to Andrew Martin, Head of Highways to request a review of the C2. Discussed at meeting with DCC Highways on Oct 4th 2017. Evidence required on use of C2 to show it is unsuitable for HGV's. DCC to complete traffic surveys. Feb 18 Actions agreed by DCC including further speed surveys. 20/06/18 SB to chase up. Sept 18 – some patching work completed. Oct 18 – SB to check included on list for repair soon. Clerk to ask for white lines to be renewed 1111645. Dec 18 Clerk to ask DCC for surveys for the current level and type of traffic using the C2. Arranging site meeting with DCC to discuss Horton Village and Wigbeth. Jan 2019 – Traffic surveys being carried out. May 19: traffic survey reports received, awaiting report of carriageway condition survey. July 2019 – Cllr Robin Cook to view and discuss with Community Highways Officer. <i>August 2019 – The Highways Officer has advised the Parish Council continues to pursue with Asset Team directly for resurfacing. Oct 2019 noticed road has been marked up. Jan 2020 Repairs scheduled near North Farm entrance.</i></p>	DCC Clerk
Sept 18	<p>E57/36 – to be remarked in correct location as per the definitive map. May 2019 report received the path is not passable. MA to check. Way marker put up.</p>	WH/JL
	<p>E59/22 Report missing fingerpost at footpath by Haythorne Nurseries. MNT42137 Feb 2019: <i>DCC has written to Landowners. Aug 2019 – recent correspondence with DCC forward to Cllr David Tooke. Oct 2019 – TB to check.</i></p>	TB
	<p>E59/17 Slough House, obstruction and bridge. Feb 19, DCC have written to landowner to restore definitive route and install new bridge. July 2019 update received. DC Definitive Map Officer has advised it would be at least 2 years before they can investigate and potentially make an order if the path meets criteria. <i>Clerk to ask Green Spaces Team for an update and whether a diversion order would be a good solution. Jan 2020 no response from Green Spaces Team, Clerk to write to Matt Reeks at Dorset Council to request bridge is installed on definitive route.</i></p>	Clerk

July 19	E59/15 Horse safe path needs extending on incline as tarmac not safe for horse. <i>Clerk to chase up with Dorset Council.</i> MNT41120	DC																
140	<p>Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members approved the Budget for 2020/21 and resolved unanimously to request a Precept demand for 2020/21 of £20,640.00 (1.59% rise) Members approved the quotation for grass cutting Woodlands Green @ £45.00 per cut and Play Area @ £42.00 per cut for 2020. Members resolved unanimously to make a donation toward East Dorset Citizens Advice for 2019/20 of £200.00 Members resolved unanimously to pay items below including Clerk's Salary: <table> <tr> <td>001548</td> <td>Andrew Collins</td> <td>Grass Cutting Wimborne St Giles Triangle 2018 & 2019</td> <td>£400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>AVA Recreation</td> <td>Quarterly Inspection Burgess Field Play Area</td> <td>£90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>AVA Recreation</td> <td>Play Area Maintenance & Repairs</td> <td>£1080.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Clerk</td> <td>Reimbursement of Expenses</td> <td>£49.50</td> </tr> </table>	001548	Andrew Collins	Grass Cutting Wimborne St Giles Triangle 2018 & 2019	£400.00	Online	AVA Recreation	Quarterly Inspection Burgess Field Play Area	£90.00	Online	AVA Recreation	Play Area Maintenance & Repairs	£1080.00	Online	Clerk	Reimbursement of Expenses	£49.50	
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141	<p>Information for Report Only</p> <p>None.</p>																	
	Next Meeting – <u>Wednesday 5th February 2020</u> at 7:30pm Horton & Chalbury Village Hall.																	

Meeting closed at 21:09

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

Signed;..... 5th February 2020