

**Minutes of the Meeting of Knowlton Parish Council**  
**5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 Horton & Chalbury Village Hall 7:30pm**

Item		Action By
142	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr Morgan Antell (Vice Chairman)  Cllr Caroline Barnes  Cllr Trevor Brown  Cllr John Hayes  Cllr Anthony (Sam) Keet  Cllr Jerry Laker (Chairman)  Cllr Linda Stocks  Mrs Lisa Goodwin (Clerk)</p> <p><b>Apologies received from:</b></p> <p>Cllr Anthony Keet  Cllr Spencer Planton  Cllr Robin Cook – Dorset Councillor Stour &amp; Allen Vale Ward (Horton &amp; Chalbury)  Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne &amp; Alderholt Ward (Woodlands &amp; Wimborne St Giles)</p>	
143	<p><b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Grants for Dispensation</b></p> <p>None received.</p>	
144	<p><b>Public Open Session – none present</b></p> <p>No representations.</p>	
145	<p><b>Confirm the minutes of the meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020</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>	
146	<p><b>Dorset Councillors Reports</b></p> <p><u>Cllr David Tooke – Cranborne &amp; Alderholt Ward (Woodlands &amp; Wimborne St Giles)</u></p> <p>Please see Cllr Robin Cook’s report below.</p> <p><u>Cllr Robin Cook – Stour &amp; Allen Vale Ward (Horton &amp; Chalbury)</u></p> <p><b><u>Budget proposals for 2020/21 financial year.</u></b></p> <p>As a follow up to my last report, three scrutiny committees sat on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January to consider the budget proposals as outlined and the cabinet also considered them on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The recommendation to the full council’s budget meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February is that the council tax increase of 1.99% + 2% adult social care precept be approved. This would give around £10m of additional support to increased spending in the following areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	

If approved, a band 'D' property will pay around an additional £100 per year by the time the police, fire authority and parish precepts are added in.

**Long term empty properties**

Within the budget paper presented to the cabinet on 28<sup>th</sup> were proposals to charge a larger premium on long term empty properties in the County as follows:-

- charge a council tax premium of 200%, effective from 1 April 2020, if the dwelling has been unoccupied and unfurnished for at least 5 years
- charge a council tax premium of 300%, effective from 1 April 2021, if the dwelling has been unoccupied and unfurnished for at least 10 years.

The current premium is 100%

If approved by the full council, this measure is designed to bring more empty properties into use.

**Dog control order consultation**

There is a consultation concerning dog control in the Dorset Council area (not including Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole). The Council is required to consult on any Order produced under the Antisocial Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 every three years, to ensure that they continue to be current and appropriate. This proposal aims to help ensure consistency, fairness and clarity for residents and visitors to Dorset and will assist the efficient use of enforcement resources.

A number of current orders from the previous councils of East Dorset, West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland are having to be extended before they expire to ensure adequate time is given for the completion of this Order for public safety and animal welfare. North Dorset is not due to expire until 2022 and Purbeck remains an Order until it is superseded. For further information about the dog warden service in Dorset, the current orders in place and the confirmation of their extension until December 2020, visit

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/environmental-health/dog-warden-service.aspx>.

Following a 12 week consultation period, results will be published online, and will guide councillors' decision making for the PSPO relating to dog control. It would be much appreciated if you could give 15-20 minutes of your time, to complete the survey which can be found at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dogspspo>.

The survey will begin on 24 January 2020 and close at **midnight on 19 April 2020** and will then be reported to Dorset Council's Place Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet in due course.

It would be appreciated if the survey link can be shared in any parish or town magazine, placed on any notice board to encourage as many views as possible. Paper copies will be available on request in local libraries, for those that are unable to use the online form.

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**Correspondence** – circulated by email prior to the meeting

- Dorset Council Climate & Ecological Emergency Panel News Release and update circulated to members.
- Dorset Local Plan, Parish Council Event held 3<sup>rd</sup> February attended by CLlr Caroline Barnes. Presentations from the event circulated to members. This was a well attended and informative event discussing Affordable Housing and Community Land Trusts, Neighbourhood Plans, Public Transport and the possible creation of a new town in Dorset in 20 years.
- Adoption of the Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset Mineral Sites Plan 2019 and Waste Plan 2019. The site plan includes Site AS27 at Horton and what it will need to comply with; Appendix A Pages 105-108.
- Dorset Council is holding a public consultation for 8 weeks from 15<sup>th</sup> January on Voluntary Community Sector Grants about the future of funding for third sector organisations, community, arts, culture and heritage in the county. The consultation is asking the public for opinions as to how these organisations should be funded beyond March 2021. All organisations are urged to take part in an online survey and are invited to attend an event most locally on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 11am-1pm at Durweston Village Hall.
- DAPTC invite councillors to attend two Finance Courses on Tuesday 25 February (Bridport) and Thursday 26 March (Durweston). The session is designed to give councillors a greater understanding of their duties with regard to council finances.
- A letter of thanks has been received from East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureaux for the recent donation of £200 toward their valuable service to local residents.
- Dorset Community Actions requesting support in securing funding for 2021 by completing the survey in the review as mentioned above.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beyond Festival Wimborne St Giles has been rescheduled from August 2020 to May 2021 due to the clash of dates with the Great Dorset Steam Fair.</li> <li>Public Consultation by Dorset Council on the draft North East, North West, South East, South West Marine Plans from 14 January closing 6 April 2020.</li> </ul>	
148	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p><b>3/19/2452 HOU The Keep, Priors Corner, Horton, BH21 7EU.</b> Proposal: Side/front extension to form conservatory. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p>	Clerk
149	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A resident has raised concern with a block paved entrance and low wall protruding to the roadside from a property at Chalbury and is concerned about any damage caused to a vehicle. <i>Clerk to report to Dorset Council Highways. 1141466</i></li> <li>Number of trees overhanging the B3081 at Sutton believed to be in the ownership of Shaftesbury Estate, <i>Cllr Morgan Antell will inquire if they intend to cut back.</i></li> <li>The SID unit is currently out of action but will be operational shortly in accordance with Dorset Council regulations.</li> <li>Other Highway matters listed in Actions List below.</li> </ul>	
150	<p><b>Rights of Way/Open Spaces</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members discussed the possibility of improving bridleway E46/17 in Queens Copse. <i>Cllr Sam Keet will make initial inquiries with the Forestry Commission.</i></li> <li>Rights of Way matters awaiting action listed in 'Actions List' below.</li> </ul>	AFK
151	<p><b>Burgess Field Play Area – Inspections</b></p> <p>Members received the weekly visual play inspection sheets.</p>	
152	<p><b>Tree Matters</b></p> <p>A large tree has fallen from a neighbouring property onto Woodlands Green, Cllr Morgan Antell has spoken to the relevant owner who will arrange for its clearance.</p>	
153	<p><b>97 Bus Update</b></p> <p>Members received a copy of the notes of the meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 for information.</p>	
154	<p><b>Dorset Council Consultation on a Dog Related Public Space Protection Order</b></p> <p>Members to consider this consultation and if there are any areas within Knowlton Parish that require a Protection order.</p>	
155	<p><b>Community Litter Pick Date</b></p> <p>Woodlands Community Litter Pick scheduled for weekend of 14 March 2020.</p>	
156	<p><b>Actions List</b></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</p>	

	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 4 <sup>th</sup> 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. Meeting with Dorset Council Highways 9am Monday 10 February to discuss condition of road with VOA PC. Cllr Jerry Laker to attend.</i>	<b>DCC</b>          <b>Clerk</b>								
Sept 18	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.	<b>WH/JL</b>								
	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>	<b>TB</b>								
	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. Feb 2020 – Dorset Council has corresponded with the Landowner and agreed the Landowner can mark a permissive path and apply for a diversion order. Dorset Council accepts responsibility for a bridge on the definitive route, Clerk to request this is actioned shortly.</i>	<b>Clerk</b>								
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. MNT41120</i>	<b>DC</b>								
<b>157</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members resolved unanimously to make a donation of £200.00 toward the upkeep of Woodlands Churchyard for 2020.</li> <li>Members reviewed and approved the effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit control.</li> <li><b>Members resolved unanimously to pay items below including Clerk's Salary:</b></li> </ul> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Horton &amp; Chalbury Hall</td> <td>Hosting DAPTC Area East Meeting 7 Jan 2020</td> <td>£27.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>RHV Tree Specialists</td> <td>Tree/Hedgework at Woodland Green as quoted</td> <td>£360.00</td> </tr> </table>	Online	Horton & Chalbury Hall	Hosting DAPTC Area East Meeting 7 Jan 2020	£27.00	Online	RHV Tree Specialists	Tree/Hedgework at Woodland Green as quoted	£360.00	
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<b>158</b>	<p><b>Information for Report Only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Parish Meeting will be held 7pm Wednesday 29 April 2020.</li> <li>Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held 7:30pm Wednesday 27 May 2020.</li> </ul>									
	<b>Next Meeting – <u>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020</u> at 7:30pm Horton &amp; Chalbury Village Hall.</b>									

**Meeting closed at 20:28**

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

**Signed;..... 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020**