

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors**  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 6:30pm**  
**Horton & Chalbury Village Hall**

	<p><b>Attendance</b></p> <p>Cllr Steve Butler (Chairman of the Parish Council)  Cllr Paul Millett  Cllr Kevin Minns  Cllr Ian Potentier  Sarah Forwood (Clerk to the Parish Council)</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 Morgan Antell  Cllr Caroline Barnes  Cllr Trevor Brown  Cllr Colin Davidson  Cllr Sam Keet  Cllr Linda Stocks</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Minutes of the last Parish Meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 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 2024-2025 presented by the Parish Council Chairman</b></p> <p>Yearly highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over the year we considered and responded to 31 Planning Applications across the Knowlton Parish Council area with members researching their own Parish Areas bringing their ideas and proposals to the meetings.</li> <li>• The Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan has been completed and the referendum took place on 20<sup>th</sup> March with a strong 'yes' vote. The Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan is due to be considered at the next available Cabinet.</li> <li>• Following continuing pressure from Knowlton Parish Council and Dorset Council to Southwest Water one of the ongoing water leaks in Woodlands has been fixed. Knowlton Parish Council have now gone back to Southwest Water about the other ongoing water</li> </ul>

	<p>leak in Woodlands which they are now reinvestigating.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Parish Council have asked for a road safety review and a grit bin to be supplied for the Remedy Oak Gate properties along the B3081 due to the ongoing accidents</li> <li>• We continue to maintain the Burgess Field Play Area and report rubbish being left alongside the play area.</li> <li>• At Woodlands Green we have replaced the goal mouths and several rotten dragons teeth.</li> <li>• The Horton Pump continues to be maintained.</li> <li>• Two Parish Council meetings have been dedicated to the speeding through Chalbury and we are currently in the process of setting up a meeting to invite all residents in Chalbury to bring along their ideas.</li> <li>• The Speed Indicator Devices at Woodlands and Horton continue to provide effective traffic calming and are rotated across six locations in Woodlands and Horton.</li> <li>• Knowlton Parish Council are looking at carrying out the following projects; bus shelter along the C2 road for children waiting for the school bus, renovate the Wimborne St Giles play area and upgrading a bridleway through Queen Cospe in Horton.</li> <li>• A speed survey was carried out through Wimborne St Giles.</li> <li>• We are pleased to have made grants towards upkeep of Woodlands churchyard £350.00, Wimborne St Giles Cemetery £350.00 and to Life Education Wessex £155.00 to support their work with Wimborne St Giles First School.</li> <li>• We continue to report highway defects and footpath issues to Dorset Council.</li> <li>• We agreed to maintain the Precept demand @ £30.71 per Band D property for 2025/26.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Statement of the Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.</b></p> <p>The audited accounts for the financial years ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 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>Two members of public attended the meeting.</p> <p>Speeding through Horton Village where the speed limit is 30 mph was raised as an issue. The Chairman noted that Knowlton Parish Council have requested the Speed Partnership team to attend Horton Village to check on the speeding issue. The Parish Council have been reassured by the Speed Partnership Team that Horton is on their list to visit, however there are nearly 1000 locations to cover across Dorset and limited resources to cover them so they can't guarantee when they will attend. Cllr Paul Millett will liaise with residents of Chalbury and Horton to support them with the setup of a speed watch team.</p> <p>The resident thanked the Parish Councillors for their time.</p>

The meeting closed at 18:47

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

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