

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 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 Jerry Laker  Cllr Linda Stocks  Lisa Goodwin (Clerk to the Parish Council)</p> <p>Cllr Robin Cook, Dorset Councillor Stour &amp; Allen Vale Ward (Horton &amp; Chalbury)</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 Anthony (Sam) Keet  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 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 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 2022-2023 presented by the Parish Council Chairman</b></p> <p>Yearly highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan consultation stage has ended with responses received from the necessary organisations; next stage is to review the responses. Thanks to our Wimborne St Giles Councillors Jerry Laker and Caroline Barnes for their hard work on this.</li> <li>• We arranged for the repair of the Fingerposts at Sutton Hill and Bull Bridge at Wimborne St Giles.</li> <li>• The 30mph speed limit at Deer's Court, C2 Horton Road that we requested has been</li> </ul>

	<p>approved by Dorset Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We continue to maintain the Burgess Field Play Area and Woodlands Green including replacing a number of rotten dragons teeth here and at the Triangle at Wimborne St Giles.</li> <li>• We continue to report highway defects and footpath issues to Dorset Council.</li> <li>• We have purchased a new Speed Indicator Device to deploy at 6 locations around the Parish.</li> <li>• Jointly with Wimborne PCC we have replaced the Noticeboard at Horton.</li> <li>• Members have attended Planning Update events with Dorset Council.</li> <li>• Dorset Councillors regularly attend our meetings to update on Dorset Council matters.</li> <li>• We are pleased to have made grants towards upkeep of Woodlands churchyard £350.00 and Wimborne St Giles Cemetery £350.00 and to Life Education Wessex £175.00 to support their work with Wimborne St Giles First School.</li> <li>• We continue to support community transport with the 97 Bus and the PlusBus service.</li> <li>• We continue to monitor the ancient Remedy Oak tree with Dorset Council.</li> <li>• We agreed to maintain the Precept demand @ £30.71 per Band D property for 2023/24.</li> <li>• Members have attended training sessions and seminars with the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils.</li> <li>• We organised a Litter Pick at Woodlands and thanks to those who regularly litter pick and to St Giles Estate for clearing B3078.</li> <li>• Over the year we considered and responded to 21 Planning Applications and with research managed to maintain the green belt in Woodlands.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Statement of the Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.</b></p> <p>The audited accounts for the financial years ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 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>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Public Open Question Time</b></p> <p>None present.</p>

The meeting closed at 18:41

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

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