

**Minutes of the Meeting of Knowlton Parish Council**  
**13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7pm**  
**Horton & Chalbury Hall**

Item	
587	<p><b>Attendance &amp; Apologies</b>            Cllr Morgan Antell            Cllr Caroline Barnes            Cllr Trevor Brown            Cllr Steve Butler (Chairman)            Cllr Anthony (Sam) Keet            Cllr Paul Millett            Cllr Ian Potentier            Cllr Linda Stocks            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)            Miss Sarah Forwood (Clerk)</p> <p><b>Apologies received from:</b>            Cllr Jerry Laker (Vice Chairman)            Cllr Colin Davidson</p>
588	<p><b>Welcome from the Chairman including housekeeping notices</b></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
589	<p><b>To receive and accept apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from:            Cllr Colin Davidson            Cllr Jerry Laker</p>
590	<p><b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Grants for Dispensation</b></p> <p>None.</p>
591	<p><b>Confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b></p> <p>It was resolved unanimously that the minutes, having been circulated to members prior to the meeting, are confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
592	<p><b>Chairman's Announcements</b></p> <p>Cllr Jerry Laker has resigned from his position as Councillor for Wimborne St Giles. <i>Clerk to draft a letter thanking Cllr Jerry Laker for his work whilst in the Parish Council.</i></p>
593	<p><b>Clerk's Report</b></p>

	See <b>Annex A</b> of these minutes.
594	<p><b>Dorset Councillors Reports</b></p> <p><b><u>Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne &amp; Alderholt Ward (Woodlands &amp; Wimborne St Giles)</u></b></p> <p>Please see <b>Annex B</b> of these minutes.</p>
595	<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></p> <p>Please see <b>Annex C</b> of these minutes.</p> <p><i>Cllr Sam Keet to contact the clerk to draft an email to DC in relation to the operational matters at the Wigbeth flooding.</i></p>
596	<p><b>Public Open Session</b></p> <p>None present.</p>
597	<p><b>Planning Applications &amp; Matters</b></p> <p><b>P/VOC/2024/00781</b> Proposal: Application to Vary Condition No. 4 of Approved P/A 3/16/0074/FUL (Demolish existing dwelling house and erect new dwelling house with associated garage/car port and home office) to allow for the installation of photovoltaic panels to the west and south elevations of the dwelling. Location: Chase House, Parsonage Lane, Wimborne St Giles, BH21 5NT. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p><b>P/PASO/2024/00977</b> Proposal: Install solar PV to the roof of a grain store. Location: Frain Store, All Hallows Farmhouse, Cranborne, Wimborne, BH21 5NJ. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p><b>P/HOU/2024/00779</b> Proposal: Erect front and rear single storey extensions. Location: Woodleigh, Horton Road, Horton Heath, BH21 7JN. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p><b>P/FUL/2024/00324</b> Proposal: Convert existing building into dwelling house. Location: Land at Oak Tree Paddock, Batchelor’s Lane, Holtwood, Wimborne. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p>
598	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Caroline Barnes noted the septic tank at Ashley Cottages that has been leaking onto the road at Wimborne St Giles for the past two years. <i>Cllr David Tooke will contact Environmental Health and arrange a site visit with them and Cllr Caroline Barnes.</i></li> <li>• Cllr Caroline Barnes noted the ditch along Coach Road, between 40 Wimborne St Giles and Water Meadows Cottage, which has over the years been filled in. This causes water to run along the road for 100 meters until Beaufort Cottages where the drain is situated. Dorset</li> </ul>

	<p>Council has dug the grips out on the other side of the road. <i>Cllr Caroline Barnes, Cllr Trevor Brown and Cllr David Tooke will arrange a site visit to review.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Morgan Antell reported the rough road condition on the Verwood Road into Woodlands. <i>Clerk to report the road condition.</i></li> <li>• <i>Clerk to report the bank that is falling away along B3081 opposite Deer Park House.</i></li> <li>• Cllr Trevor Brown noted the verges being cut back along Haythorne to Woodlands Cross Roads, is this in preparation for the road being resurfaced? <i>Cllr David Tooke to confirm with DC if this is a precursor to the road being resurfaced.</i></li> <li>• Members approved the Risk Assessment for the Woodlands Parish Litter Pick on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.</li> </ul>
599	<p><b>Rights of Way/Open Spaces</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Sam Keet and the Clerk met with Forestry England and Dorset Council to look at the Queens Copse bridleway. The Clerk is acquiring quotes for the work.</li> <li>• <i>Clerk to contact DC Ranger in relation to the footpath and Bridge E59/17 Slough House.</i></li> </ul>
600	<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>• One goal mouth has been complete on Woodlands Playfield.</li> </ul>
601	<p><b>Tree Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Remedy Oak fallen tree branch has been returned to the Remedy Oak Tree.</li> </ul>
602	<p><b>Filming &amp; Safeguarding Policy Review</b></p> <p>Members reviewed the policies with no amendments.</p>
603	<p><b>Annual Parish Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 6:30pm</b></p> <p>Members approved the agenda for the Annual Meeting which will be held before the next Parish Council Meeting. The Chairman will prepare the Annual Report.</p>
604	<p><b>Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>A neighbourhood plan meeting is taking place on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at St Giles House. The planning officer will be in attendance.</p>
605	<p><b>Actions List</b></p>
Nov 2020	<p>E59/7 Woodlands off Jubilee Hill behind houses is waterlogged all year round. 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. May 23: MA continues to discuss with DC Ranger. Nov 23: <i>Leave on the action list until next summer.</i> Feb 24: The DC Ranger has a pallet of Geogrid that he is going to put down. This is a rigid</p>

	<p>plastic grid that can be topped with stone. Water springing out of the field here ends up on the sunken footpath but then is reabsorbed after about 20 metres or so. The DC Ranger intends to support the geogrid on some large supports or perforated pie so that water can continue to do what it currently does (diverting or trying to “plug” it will only move the problem further down the path or into neighbouring land). The grid will give a firm surface above it that can be topped with path gravel – effectively suspended over the water flow below. DC do not tend to install boardwalks these days as they become a maintenance liability as timber rots. The DC Ranger would be looking to undertake this work when it is dry enough to get a vehicle in the adjacent field (to transport stone).</p>
Dec 2020	<p>E57/5 Maldry Wood, rotten bridge reported to Dorset Council. MNT50359 DC happy to install sleeper bridge if either the PC or Landowner provide sleepers. April 22: DC cannot enforce work to be carried out on the permissive path, only advise and remind landowners of their duties of care and maintenance. Definitive line unobstructed. May 23: MA will speak with Landowner to repair bridge. Sept 23: <i>bridge now completely collapsed, Clerk to contact Landowner.</i> Nov 23: <i>Cllr Morgan Antell will confirm if the ditch has been filled in by the landowner.</i> Dec 23: <i>Cllr Morgan has not been able to contact the landowner about repairing the footpath through Maldry Woods.</i> Jan 24: The Landowner has visited Maldry Woods and will be removing the fallen trees and repairing the rotten bridge before the Bluebells arrive.</p>
July 2020	<p>Water rising in Woodlands opposite ‘Four Oaks,’ Aug 22: DC plan to install a new gully and pipe to watercourse with adjacent landowners’ permission, subject to priority and funding. Nov 23: <i>Clerk to follow up, ask who is responsible and raise an incident number.</i> Feb 24: <i>Clerk to arrange for the water to be tested along with the water leak opposite Meadow Cottage.</i></p>
Feb 22	<p>Clerk to report extremely 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. TB has contacted DC. TB very disappointed that Grange at Furzehill has been prioritised for resurfacing over this area as has Kings Lane and will write to Cllr David Tooke on this. Clerk will report again so that it will be inspected again 1214291. June 23 – inspected and repaired in places. Nov 23: <i>Clerk to follow up.</i></p>
	<p>Water leak opposite Meadow Cottage, Horton Road, Woodlands. Cllr Trevor Brown has reported to Water Co. Apr 22: not yet resolved. May 23: Clerk reported again to SW Water ref 0012685401. Jan 24: This is a fixer that did not work and has broken again. Jan 24: <i>Clerk to contact the water board.</i></p>
Dec 22	<p>Overgrown hedges Haythorne 1200765 Cllr Trevor Brown met on site with CHO who has written to landowner. March 23 DC spoken with landowner and asked to cut back however on inspection do not believe problem is at intervention level. April 23 Members believe DC has legal obligation as in their view it is overhanging, Clerk to chase up. June 23: DC satisfied. Dec 23: <i>Enforcement letters have been sent from DC to the landowner.</i> Mar 24: <i>The hedges were cut back in January 24.</i></p>
April 23	<p>1217124 Reported Water is draining from the field from the property Little Haythorne via a gully in the verge onto the highway - we would like to suggest the gully is filled and water is diverted along the line of an old ditch to a manhole cover. DC will inspect and report.</p>
Nov 23	<p>Pond is overflowing at Little Haythorne and going onto the road. <i>Clerk to raise a report with Dorset Council.</i></p>
<b>606</b>	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members resolved unanimously to pay items below including Clerk’s Salary:</li> <li>• Members resolved unanimously and agreed to pay for the Woodlands Defibrillator by applying for a grant through Knowlton Parish Community Benefit Fund - £1800.00 + VAT four-year contract. <i>Clerk to apply for a grant through KPCBF.</i></li> <li>• Members resolved unanimously to the Vision ICT – Email price increase - £20 + VAT per email per annum</li> <li>• Members resolved unanimously to support Life Education Wessex with a grant of £155.00 toward their work with Wimborne St Giles First School.</li> <li>• Members resolved unanimously to the Woodlands Notice Board quote to fix polycarbonate front - £150.00</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members resolved unanimously to support Citizens Advice East Dorset and Purbeck Grant - £300.00</li> <li>Members reviewed and approved the effectiveness of the internal audit procedure.</li> <li>Members reviewed the Asset Register. <i>The Clerk and Chairman to update the asset register and show the depreciation value over five years and bring back to the April meeting.</i></li> <li>Members completed and approved the Annual Financial Risk Assessment.</li> <li>Members reviewed and approved the Earmarked and Allocated Reserves adding lines for Bridleways and Footpaths for £10,000 and office equipment depreciation for £1,000.</li> <li>To approve items of expenditure including Clerk’s Salary:</li> </ul> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 15%;">ONLINE</td> <td style="width: 30%;">CUTLER BROS</td> <td style="width: 45%;">16 Dragons Teeth at Woodlands Playfield</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">£192.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE</td> <td>CLERKS EXPENDITURE</td> <td>Reimbursement of Expenses Jan – Mar 24</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£87.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE</td> <td>DORSET PLANNING CONSULTANT LTD WSG</td> <td>Neighbourhood Plan</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1549.74</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE	CUTLER BROS	16 Dragons Teeth at Woodlands Playfield	£192.00	ONLINE	CLERKS EXPENDITURE	Reimbursement of Expenses Jan – Mar 24	£87.70	ONLINE	DORSET PLANNING CONSULTANT LTD WSG	Neighbourhood Plan	£1549.74
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<p><b>607</b></p>	<p><b>Other Information for report only</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Annual Parish Meeting of Electors will be held at <u>6:30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> April</u> prior to Parish Council meeting.</li> </ul>												
<p><b>608</b></p>	<p>Next Meeting will be Wednesday <u>13<sup>th</sup> March 2024</u> at 7pm in Horton &amp; Chalbury Village Hall.</p>												

**Meeting closed at 20:25**

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

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Signed;..........13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Clerks Report**  
**13<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Correspondence

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority - Consultation of draft Community Safety Plan 2024-28

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for various roads in Edmondsham, Woodlands and Verwood between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

**Notes from Feb C&EE support meeting and reminder for next meeting Thurs 14 March 7.30pm**

The Clerk spoke with Joe Allen from Dorset Council about the WSG speed limit. We need to find out what the WSG community would like in relation to the speed limit, i.e. 30mph throughout the whole village.

If for example we ask to be considered for a 20/30mph speed limit going past the school only, national speed limit signs would then be placed outside of these areas e.g. just passed the triangle towards the post office and village hall and the road with the which the Bull Inn is on?

Update on actions from previous meetings

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Council to gain advice what are the next steps that need to be taken to remedy the leak. **Update Feb 24:** Phoned Dorset Council, no reply left message for the Flood Risk Management team to contact the Clerk.

**Update March 24:** Clerk spoke to DC who have visited the site; it is not a highway safety defect and with the recent high volume of water it could be run off, but DC do not think so. Clerk has followed up with an email asking DC where do we go from here? Clerk phoned the Community Highways Officer from DC following a response on the recent email and left a message .

*Jan 24: Clerk to email to the three village halls; Woodlands, Wimborne St Giles and Horton & Chalbury to see if they would like to consider having an EV Charging site in the village hall car park. Update Feb 24:* An email was sent to the three village Halls. Woodlands have expressed an interest in finding out more about the EV Charging point, Wimborne St Giles have been sent further information and Horton and Chalbury will be discussing it at their meeting. **Update March 24:** Horton and Chalbury Village Hall have also requested further information which the Clerk has emailed.

*Jan 24: Clerk to email the DC highways team noting due to the reoccurring accidents at Sutton Holms DC highways to consider changing the road priority for the B3081. Update Feb 24* Email has been sent to DC Highways team on 11 Jan and 5 Feb 24. No response has been received. **Update March 24:** Phoned DC highways and left message, no response has been received.

*Feb 24: Clerk to report the fallen down Woodlands sign along the Wimborne/Cranborne Road on behalf of the Parish Council. Update March 24:* Reported on DC website. The sign and post have been removed.

*Feb 24: Clerk to report the road sign on the bottom of Keepers Hill by Verwood Lodge which has fallen over. Update March 24:* The sign has been replaced.

## Annex B

### 240313 Dorset Councillor Report for Knowlton Parish Council

#### Dorset Council Cabinet Response to Hants CC Minerals Plan

This response will be discussed at Cabinet on the 12<sup>th</sup> March.

The report to Cabinet includes the statement:

The Bleak Hill Quarry Extension at Hamer Warren, with a current permission for extraction of sand and gravel, lies immediately south of the proposed Midgham Farm allocation. Development of Midgham Farm as a quarry could lead to cumulative traffic loading impacts on Hilbury Road and on down Harbridge Drove. In order to avoid cumulative traffic impacts Dorset Council would want an absolute reassurance that, should Midgham Farm be allocated, the existing Hamer Warren quarry will be completed before Midgham Farm is developed and there would be no simultaneous working of Hamer Warren and Midgham Farm.

It is noted that there is also potential for cumulative traffic impacts on the access to the B3081 and the A35 should the proposed extension of Alderholt and/or the development of Purple Haze be permitted. On the information currently available, Dorset Council objects to this proposed allocation. This objection could be withdrawn should the Hampshire Authorities provide assurances that the proposed development of this site will:

- ensure adequate protection for the amenity of residents of Alderholt;
- ensure no simultaneous working with the Bleak Hill Quarry extension and;
- address the issue of potential cumulative traffic impacts in accessing the A31.

Access to the site is likely to be from the Hillbury Road, crossing land that lies within Dorset Council's administrative area and our response to this consultation is given without prejudice to any subsequent consideration we may be required to give to the development of an access.

#### Extra Funding for Road Maintenance

Dorset Council has been promised just over £2 Million a year for each of the years 2034/4 and 2024/5 from the DfT Network North fund – money released by the cancelling of HS2 – and which will be dedicated to carriageway maintenance in Dorset.

The Council is also allocating an additional £6 million for highway maintenance, to be invested in more proactive work to preserve the condition of the roads.

#### Increase in Dorset Council Staff numbers

Since Dorset Council was created in 2019 staffing numbers have risen by 300, to a current Full Time Equivalent of 4,800.

The increase in staff numbers has been due to a higher demand for services for the growing number of both older people and young people with SEND.

The Council has said, "Dorset Council provides around 450 different services to 380,000 residents. Waste collection, road maintenance, planning, housing, libraries, and adults' and children's social care are just some of the vital services which support the smooth running of our local communities. We are working to make Dorset a great place to live, work and visit."



However despite the 'no front line cuts' promise, there have been reductions in service as the threshold for receiving many council services has increased, making it more difficult for many to qualify for help and support.

The Council has made savings of around £96 Million since it was formed.

**Round 4 of Household Support Fund Closed**

Round 4 of the Household Support Fund (HSF) closed for applications in the Dorset Council area after being opened for just 32 minutes.

A total of 1,300 applications were allocated which went through before the window closed.

The government scheme, funded by the Department for Work and Pensions to help 'vulnerable households' with the rising cost of energy bills and food, provides the support in the form of supermarket vouchers.

The government has not announced whether it will fund any new schemes after April 1.

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### Annex C

#### DORSET COUNCILLORS REPORT FOR KNOWLTON PC MEETING WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH 2024

##### Council budget for 2024/25

Dorset Council budget of £377 million for 2024-25 was approved by councillors at the full council meeting on 13th February. This continues our commitment to maintain frontline services, without the need for cuts to balance the budget.

This year's budget setting exercise once again took place against a national background of extreme pressures for councils. These pressures include the high level of inflation which affects the cost of delivering council services, and also the continued growth in need for services that we provide to some of our most vulnerable residents.

Dorset Council provides around 450 different services to just under 380,000 residents. While Dorset Council is not in the same financial position as many other councils across the UK, council tax will increase next year by just under 3 per cent and the adult social care precept by 2 per cent. The increase is equivalent to £1.82 extra per week for a Band D property. Follow the link below for more detail.

[Council approves a balanced budget which continues to protect frontline services - Dorset Council](#)

##### Council tax premium

Dorset Councillors have approved proposals for a council tax premium on second homes and an amendment to agree an earlier start date for the existing Long-Term Empty Homes premium, under the new flexibilities for councils provided in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, which received Royal Assent in October 2023. For those properties classified as Long-Term Empty and Unoccupied a 100% premium will, from 1 April 2024, be applied after one year rather than the existing two years.

##### Voters encouraged to get their ID ready ahead of this year's local elections

Residents are reminded that they will need to be registered to vote and show an approved form of photo ID when they go to the polling stations on 2nd May to elect Dorset Council councillors as well as Town and Parish Councils. The Police and Crime Commissioner elections also takes place on the same day.

Following the Elections Act 2022, photographic identification is a mandatory requirement for everyone voting at polling stations. Residents will also need photo ID to vote at parliamentary general elections, expected to be called sometime this year.

Various forms of photo ID are accepted, including a driving licence, passport, Older Person's Bus Pass, a blue badge or Disabled Person's Bus Pass. The full list of accepted ID can be found [here](#).

Residents can also use an expired ID as long as the photograph is still a good likeness.

For those without accepted photo ID, a [free Voter Authority Certificate can be obtained online](#). Applications must be submitted by Wednesday, 24th April to be processed in time for the 2nd May elections. The Voter Authority Certificate is valid for 10 years and is valid for all elections.

If you need further guidance, you can also contact the Electoral services team on:

Email: [elections@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:elections@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

Telephone 01305 838299

To cast your vote in the upcoming elections, you must be registered by Tuesday, 16th April, 2024. If you're not already registered, you can complete the process on the [Government's website](#). Voters only need to register once, unless they have changed their name or address.

**Postal votes:**

There is no need for people to provide photo ID if you vote by post, but you will need to give your National Insurance number and date of birth. Once your [postal vote](#) is set up, whenever an election, referendum or poll at which you are entitled to vote is called, you will be sent a postal poll card giving details of the forthcoming election, referendum or poll. This will be followed by a postal vote pack.

**Update on flooding issues on and around the C2**

Ever increasing heavy rainfall events, particularly in recent weeks, have seen the C2 road badly affected predominately around Wigbeth, Deer Park near the eastern part of the parish, and other reported hotspots. I have discussed the matter with officers both from highways and our flood team in order to arrange for some actions to improve matters. Re the Deer Park location, I am meeting on site with officers next week, together with a representative of the new owners of the site, as it appears that action requested of them some time ago has not been undertaken and is the subject of enforcement ongoing.

Regarding Nuts Landing, funding has been requested to replace between 50 to 200 metres of 400mm pipe at this location due to failures in the existing open jointed concrete pipe. Our jetter attended and was unable to clear the blockage, and in fact the jet became stuck in broken sections of pipe work and had to be dug out. We have cleared it the best we can but it will require replacement pipework now.

The issue that led to the C2 closure at Wigbeth being closed due to flooding is due to a possible blockage of a culvert/ditch within private land and will need to be fully investigated. Both Wigbeth and Deer Park have been escalated to our top 60 flooding sites within Dorset. We have since added the drainage issue at Nuts Landing and also an issue at the B3081 Stanbridge where the road is also becoming flooded and we are having to regularly close it.

Currently we are receiving a significant amount of rainfall and a huge increase in service demand due to this and we are having to deal with each individually on a priority basis.

**CLlr Robin Cook**  
**13<sup>th</sup> March 2024**