

Minutes of the Meeting of Knowlton Parish Council
12th June 2024 at 7pm
Horton & Chalbury Hall

Item	
634	<p>Attendance</p> <p>Cllr Morgan Antell Cllr Caroline Barnes Cllr Trevor Brown Cllr Steve Butler (Chairman) Cllr Colin Davidson Cllr Anthony (Sam) Keet Cllr Paul Millett (Vice Chairman) Cllr Kevin Minns Cllr Ian Potentier Cllr Linda Stocks Cllr Will Chakawhata – Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward (Horton & Chalbury) Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne & Alderholt Ward (Woodlands & Wimborne St Giles) Miss Sarah Forwood (Clerk)</p>
635	<p>Welcome from the Chairman including housekeeping notices</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
636	<p>To receive and accept apologies for absence</p> <p>None.</p>
637	<p>Declarations of Interest & Grants for Dispensation</p> <p>None.</p>
638	<p>Confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 15th May 2024</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>
639	<p>Chairman's Announcements</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Morgan Antell for cutting back the foliage around the SID at Horton.</p>
640	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>See Annex A of these minutes.</p> <p>The Clerk updated the Cllrs on the potential water test results from both of the Woodlands leaks. The results may not show if there is any chlorine in the water due to not being able to take the</p>

	water direct from the source and instead taken from puddles and running water on the road. The results are due back on Friday 14 th June.
641	<p>Dorset Councillors Reports</p> <p><u>Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne & Alderholt Ward (Woodland00s4+ & Wimborne St Giles)</u></p> <p>Please see Annex B of these minutes.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Butler asked what the difference is between the way BCP did their children’s reports and the way DC do their reports? BCP and DC now do their own reports and do not have to rely on each other. They will still have a working relationship.</p>
642	<p>Dorset Councillors Reports</p> <p><u>Cllr Will Chakawhata – Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward (Horton & Chalbury)</u></p> <p>Cllr Will Chakawhata introduced himself.</p>
643	<p>Public Open Session</p> <p>Two members of the public attended and raised the following points relating to the Chalbury SIDS and traffic speed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 30mph limit signs are hidden by the foliage from the hedges. • It would be useful for the Police to do a speed check through Chalbury. • The two members of the public did not support the proposal of the SID in Chalbury.
644	<p>Planning Applications & Matters</p> <p>None.</p>
645	<p>Highways Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors considered the extension of the 30mph speed limit in Chalbury from Manor Farm in Horton coming up into Chalbury Common and coming down from the Church by the water pumping station coming into Chalbury. <i>Clerk to contact DC highways to get their view on extending the 30mph speed limits in these areas.</i> • Cllr Colin Davidson noted a Horton residents concern about the traffic speed through Horton Village specifically by the Horton Pump. The resident suggested single lane traffic in the way of chicanes. Cllr Trevor Bronw noted that in past discussions with DC highways they have turned down chicanes through Horton. Cllr Paul Millett suggested contacting the Speed Partnership Team on behalf of the Parish Council. <i>Clerk to contact the Speed Partnership Team to ask for their support with the speeding issues through Horton Village.</i> • <i>Clerk to contact DC to confirm if the traffic survey has been completed in Wimborne St Giles, Cllr David Tooke in the correspondence.</i> • Cllr David Tooke noted Sanctuary Homes has been asked to put a new septic tank in Ashleigh Cottages in Wimborne St Giles. • The white lines through Horton Village will be reinstated in the next couple of months. Cllr David Tooke noted that DC’s white line team have a backlog due to the amount of rain earlier in the year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Morgan Antell noted sight lines on verges are not good enough. Cllr David Tooke noted sight lines can be reported on the DC portal: Dorset Council Portal
646	<p>Rights of Way/Open Spaces</p> <p>None.</p>
647	<p>Burgess Field Play Area, Woodlands – Inspections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly visual play inspections completed by Cllrs Morgan Antell and Linda Stocks. • Cllr Morgan Antell noted the new swing has a bolt missing on the D-link on the stabilisers and needs replacing. <i>Clerk to arrange for the missing bolt to be replaced on the swing.</i> • Cllrs considered and agreed the request from Aster to cut back the overgrown area outside of play field to carry out potential survey work. • <i>Clerk to contact DC to request the hedges to be cut back from the property next to the playfield.</i>
648	<p>Tree Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Clerk to contact the landowner of the wood to ask them to clear the felled trees next to the Remedy Oak.</i> • Cllr Trevor Brown expressed his dissatisfaction with the pile of deadwood from the Remedy Oak left next to the Remedy Oak tree. It was noted that DC has requested that the deadwood remain in place for biodiversity and to give the tree some protection.
649	<p>Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The plan has been submitted to the council. An application has been submitted to apply for another grant.</p>
650	<p>Actions List</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 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). <i>June 24: Clerk to contact the DC Ranger to ask when the geogrid will be put down.</i></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. Feb/Apr 24: Clerk to arrange for the water to be tested along with the water leak opposite Meadow Cottage. June 24: A water sample has been taken and passed to Microtech Services for testing.</i></p>

Feb 22	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> Apr 24: Works should be taking place in May/June depending on budget.												
	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> June 24: <i>A water sample has been taken and passed to Microtech Services for testing.</i>												
April 23	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.												
Nov 23	Pond is overflowing at Little Haythorne and going onto the road. <i>Clerk to raise a report with Dorset Council.</i>												
651	<p>Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members confirmed they have no conflict of interest with the external auditor BDO LLP. Members resolved unanimously for the annual play inspection for Burgess Playfield to take place £90.25 Members resolved unanimously to pay items below including Clerk's Salary: <table> <tr> <td>ONLINE GRASS AND GROUNDS</td> <td>Grass Cutting Woodlands</td> <td>£173.21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE MRS L MORRIS-BOURNE</td> <td>Internal Audit</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE CLERKS EXPENDITURE</td> <td>Reimbursement of Expenses Apr – June 24</td> <td>£61.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ONLINE MJ HODGSON</td> <td>Woodlands Noticeboard</td> <td>£150.00</td> </tr> </table>	ONLINE GRASS AND GROUNDS	Grass Cutting Woodlands	£173.21	ONLINE MRS L MORRIS-BOURNE	Internal Audit	£50.00	ONLINE CLERKS EXPENDITURE	Reimbursement of Expenses Apr – June 24	£61.23	ONLINE MJ HODGSON	Woodlands Noticeboard	£150.00
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652	<p>Register of Interests</p> <p>All Members were reminded to review their Register of Interests.</p>												
653	<p>Other Information for report only</p> <p>None</p>												
654	Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 17th July 2024 at 7pm in Horton & Chalbury Village Hall.												

Meeting closed at 20:14

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

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Signed;.....

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Annex A**Clerks Report**
12th June 2024**Correspondence**

Woodlands Defib MOU – includes one service per year, the rental of the current defib and cabinet, pad and battery replacement, welfare checks for those who have had to use the defib, training sessions every year for any number of people, new defib if the current one is lost or stolen and data drops from the defib.

Woodlands Green saplings damage – the contractors checked the trees and the grass directly around the trees was not cut. In the interest of good will, the contractors are prepared to donate a replacement sapling in the winter period to replace the one that was lost.

Thank you, letter was received from Life Education Wessex, for KPC grant.

Road traffic regulation act 1984, Temporary closure of Horton Road Woodlands, to allow Openreach to carry out pole inspections.

Urgent closure of Burts Lane, Horton due to a water leak.

Road traffic regulation act 1984, Temporary closure of Horton Road Woodlands, to carry out carriageway maintenance work.

Proposed temporary 30MPH speed limit, various roads, Wimborne St Giles for the ‘We out here festival’

Update on actions from previous meetings

*Clerk to research an independent water analyst for the water leak located opposite Four Oaks in Woodlands and Meadow Cottage. **Update May 24:** Two water test’s have been ordered and delivered from Mircotech Services Wessex to test both waterleaks in Woodlands. **Update June 24:** The water samples have been hand delivered to Mircotech Services and a report should be received by 14 June.*

CLlr Brown – Lawn mover damage has been reported and DC are going to check their highway extents plans showing historical grips in this area.

*Clerk to report the damaged road surface at West View in WSG to Dorset Council. **Update June 24:** The company responsible fixed the issue on the 17th May.*

*Clerk to follow up when and if the white lines through Horton will be reinstated. **Update June 24:** DC has been contacted, ref: 1256554 to ask when the white lines may be reinstated through Horton.*

*Clerk to report the fallen down tree next to the Remedy Oak to DC. **Update June 24:** An email has been sent to DC Arboricultural Officer.*

Annex B
240612 Dorset Councillor Report for Knowlton Parish Council

FY 23/24 Financial Outturn

The financial year 2023/24 concluded with an overspend of £0.998m which represents 0.29% of the Councils budget requirement (£347.6m). This overspend falls to be financed from the general fund reserve. This is a significantly improved position than had been predicted earlier in the year. Whilst this improvement to the Councils net position is welcome this is driven by one-off changes within the heading Central Finance driving a £14.9m underspend/over recovery as well as work within services to drive down costs impacted by inflation and rising demand and complexity.

It is therefore essential to remain committed to the ongoing requirement for mitigation to address the overspend of £15.9m across Service budgets as shown in the table below. Much of the underlying pressures associated with need and complexity will feature operationally in 2024/25 and the pre-existing and emerging transformation activity will be key to delivering on the balanced budget as set at Full Council in February 2024

Directorate	Net Budget £'000	Outturn £'000	(Overspend)/ Underspend £'000		Change since Q3 £'000
People - Adults	151,184	154,292	(3,108)	(2.1%)	296
People - Children's	80,803	83,129	(2,326)	(2.9%)	718
Place	86,684	99,300	(12,616)	(14.6%)	1,605
Corporate Development	44,210	42,475	1,735	3.9%	900
Legal & Democratic Services	7,010	6,582	428	6.1%	22
Public Health	1,890	1,890	0	0.0%	0
Total Service Budgets	371,781	387,668	(15,886)	(4.3%)	3,542
Central Finance	(359,871)	(374,760)	14,889	(4.1%)	(1,017)
Whole Authority	11,910	12,908	(998)		2,524
Dedicated Schools Grant budgets	941	24,597	(23,655)		1,002

Cost of Living Support

Many Dorset Council residents have been directly affected by the cost-of-living challenge. In many ways, Dorset residents are facing the same issues as people across the country. However, our 2022 research data showed one factor affects Dorset Council residents more than elsewhere in the country: the high cost of housing relative to earnings. This has been felt in higher rental and mortgage payments, which lead to lower or, in some cases, no disposable income with which to absorb any price increases to fuel, energy bills and food. On Tuesday Cabinet will be asked to support a further £2m to support the continuation of a targeted programme of work to support the most vulnerable residents.

Children's Safeguarding Partnership

Currently there is a single Pan-Dorset structure for Children's safeguarding operating across Dorset Council and BCP.

It is proposed that a separation of the Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children arrangements take place, and create a Dorset Safeguarding Children's Partnership and a BCP Safeguarding Children's Partnership in order to meet the needs of two separate Local Authorities and enable the effectiveness of the partnership arrangements moving forward.

One of the fundamental reasons behind this proposal is the significant disparity between the two local authorities within the existing partnership. The authorities operate differently, and their approaches to

safeguarding and working practices often diverge. The recent changes outlined in the Working Together Guidance2023 pose an additional challenge for our current Pan-Dorset arrangement. With the removal of the Independent Chair role, implementing the necessary changes becomes considerably more complex under a Pan-Dorset arrangement. By transitioning to a Dorset Safeguarding Partnership and a separate BCP Safeguarding Partnership, both authorities can adapt their structures and procedures seamlessly to align with the revised guidelines. This will enable them to fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities independently and effectively across the region, with each Director of Children's Services maintaining individual responsibility and being supported by scrutineers.

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