

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors
Wednesday 17th April 2024 6:30pm
Horton & Chalbury Village Hall

	<p>Attendance</p> <p>Cllr Morgan Antell Cllr Caroline Barnes Cllr Trevor Brown Cllr Steve Butler (Chairman of the Parish Council) Sarah Forwood (Clerk to the Parish Council)</p>
1	<p>Welcome & Introduction by the Parish Council Chairman</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those present.</p>
2	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Cllr Colin Davidson</p>
3	<p>Minutes of the last Parish Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held 12th April 2023 were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council.</p>
4	<p>Matters Arising from the minutes of the last Parish Meeting</p> <p>None.</p>
5	<p>Annual Report of the Parish Council 2023-2024 presented by the Parish Council Chairman</p> <p>Yearly highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year Lisa Goodwin our Clerk stood down after many years of service to this Parish and we were lucky enough to get Sarah as her replacement. The Chairman thanked Lisa for her support and guidance over the many years. • The Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan is nearing completion and is approaching it's examination phase. Thanks to our Wimborne St Giles Councillors Jerry Laker and Caroline Barnes for their hard work on this. • We continue to maintain the Burgess Field Play Area and Woodlands Green including replacing a number of rotten dragons teeth. • We continue to report highway defects and footpath issues to Dorset Council. • The Speed Indicator Devices at Woodlands and Horton continue to provide effective traffic calming and are rotated across six locations in Woodlands and Horton. The Chairman thanked Councillors Morgan Antell and Linda Stocks for rotating these.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council is also in the process of running Speed Survey's in Chalbury and at Wimborne St Giles School to come up with effective and acceptable local solutions. • Dorset Councillors regularly attend our meetings to update on Dorset Council matters and give us insight into the working of Dorset Council. • 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 £155.00 to support their work with Wimborne St Giles First School. • We agreed to maintain the Precept demand @ £30.71 per Band D property for 2024/25. • Members have attended training sessions and seminars with the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils. • Councillor Morgan Antell organised a Litter Pick at Woodlands and thanks to those who regularly litter pick and to St Giles Estate for clearing B3078. • Over the year we considered and responded to Planning Applications across the Knowlton Parish Council area with members researching their own Parish Areas bringing their ideas and proposals to the meetings. • Having a full compliment of Parish Councillors for the next five years we need to get our councillors and clerk fully trained so the Parish Council can have the Power of Competence and use the full powers of a Parish Council. • Finally I would like to pass on all our thanks to Councillor Jerry Laker who retires from the Parish Council at the end of this year. Councillor Jerry Laker was the Chairman of this council for many years and, amongst other things, brought Speed Indicators to our attention. His research into both legal and local problems was legendary. We wouldn't be where we are today without Councillor Jerry Laker's help and guidance.
<p>6</p>	<p>Statement of the Parish Council Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023.</p> <p>The audited accounts for the financial years ending 31st March 2023 have been available to view on the Parish Council Website www.knowltonparishcouncil.org.uk and a copy is available this evening.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Public Open Question Time</p> <p>Five members of public.</p>

The meeting closed at 18:48

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

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