

Minutes of the Annual General & Full Meeting of Knowlton Parish Council
Wednesday 14th May 2025 7:30pm
Horton & Chalbury Village Hall

1.	<p>Election of Chairman for 2025-2026</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Morgan Antell and seconded by Cllr Caroline Barnes to appoint Cllr Steve Butler as Chairman for 2025-2026. Resolved unanimously.</p>
2.	<p>Election of Vice Chairman for 2025 – 2026</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Steve Butler and seconded by Cllr Morgan Antell to appoint Cllr Paul Millett as Vice Chairman for 2025-2026. Resolved unanimously.</p>
3.	<p>Declaration of Acceptance of Office – Chair & Vice Chair</p> <p>Cllr Steve Butler and Cllr Paul Millett duly signed the acceptance of office for the forthcoming year.</p>
4.	<p>Attendance & Apologies</p> <p>Cllr Steve Butler (Chairman of the Parish Council) Cllr Morgan Antell Cllr Caroline Barnes Cllr Trevor Brown Cllr Colin Davidson Cllr Paul Millett Cllr Kevin Minns</p> <p>Cllr Will Chakawhata – Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward (Horton & Chalbury) Sarah Forwood (Clerk to the Parish Council)</p> <p>2 members of public present</p> <p>Apologies received:</p> <p>Cllr Sam Keet Cllr Ian Potentier Cllr Linda Stocks Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne & Alderholt Ward (Woodlands & Wimborne St Giles)</p>
5.	<p>Public Open Session</p> <p>A resident raised the grass triangle area by the bus stop where New Road joins the Roman Road at Jubilee Hill is very untidy and needs cutting and tidying up. Could the Parish Council pay for this area to be tidied up? Cllr Steve Butler noted that the Parish Council look after the areas that belong to the Parish Council; Burgess Play Area and Woodlands Playing Field. Cllr Will Chakawhata will follow up with Dorset Council and the Woodlands Parish Councillors will keep reviewing this area.</p>

	<p><i>Cllr Will Chakawhata to follow up the untidy grass area in Woodlands with Cllr David Tooke and DC.</i></p> <p>The resident raised the War Memorial in the Church and asked if there was any further progress on reinstating the names on the plaque. Cllr Morgan Antell noted that the Church have added to the noticeboard all the names of the soldiers who died in the village and a list of all those who were injured. Cllr Morgan Antell has liaised with the church wardens and the church are considering a brass plaque with all the names of the soldiers. The resident suggested if a memorial plaque would be a suitable project for the TV programme the repair shop and would the Parish Council approach them as recognition of those who have died. Cllr Steve Butler noted that this would be for the church to approach the repair shop. Cllr Steve Butler also noted that the Parish Council would support the church/ Diocese with financial assistance with what decision they make for the plaque.</p> <p>A resident raised their concerns over the dangerous overgrown verge at the crossroads in Woodlands coming out of King's Lane and the overhanging brambles on Kings Lane by Froud's which are causing vehicles to be scratched when another vehicle is approaching.</p> <p><i>Clerk to report the overgrown verge at the crossroads in Woodlands and the overgrown bramble falling onto the road by Froud's.</i></p>
6.	<p>Appointment of Representatives for the coming year</p> <p>DAPTC (SB) Emergency Planning (MA/SB) Staffing Committee (MA/TB) Horton & Chalbury Village Hall (IP) Rights of Way Officers (LS – Woodlands) (CB – Wimborne St Giles) (CD – Horton & Chalbury) Tree Officers (MA/KM) KPCBF Committee (JH/IP/PE/CB/MR)</p>
7.	<p>Declarations of Interest & Grants for Dispensation</p> <p>None.</p>
8.	<p>Confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 2nd April 2025</p> <p>The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held 2nd April 2025 were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council.</p>
9.	<p>Minutes of the Knowlton Parish Community Benefit Fund held 29th March</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting having been circulated to members prior to the meeting were accepted.</p>
10.	<p>Wessex Internet Representation</p> <p>There are approx. 40 properties within Wimborne St Giles that Wessex Internet are looking to</p>

	connect via a central Government contract, who will be funding the connectivity. The engagement will start in a few week's time and a community meeting for residents is taking place on 3 rd June 2025 in the evening.
11	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>Please see Annex A of these minutes.</p>
12.	<p>Outstanding Actions</p> <p>Please see Annex B of these minutes.</p>
13.	<p>Dorset Councillors Reports</p> <p>Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne & Alderholt Ward (Woodlands & Wimborne St Giles)</p> <p>Please see Annex C of these minutes.</p> <p>Dorset Councillors Reports</p> <p>Cllr Will Chakawhata – Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward (Horton & Chalbury)</p> <p>Cllr Will Chakawhata updated the Cllrs on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meadowview Caravan Park. <i>Cllr Will Chakawhata will follow up on what is happening with the road flooding outside of the Meadow View Caravan Park</i> • Cllr Nick Ireland, the Leader of Dorset Council will be visiting all the Parishes • Cllr Will Chakawhata has met with Cllr Paul Millett and a local Chalbury resident in relation to speeding through Chalbury.
14.	<p>Planning Applications & Matters</p> <p>P/PAAF/2025/01856 Proposal: Change of use of one agricultural building to flexible commercial use (Class B8 Storage and Distribution). Location: French Farm Bottlebush Lane, Wimborne St Giles, BH21 5NH. <i>For Information Purposes Only</i></p> <p>P/HOU/2025/01437 Proposal: Side, rear, and front extensions, raise ridge, demolition of asbestos sheet clad element of house & replace with a new timber framed & weather boarded structure with a clay tile roof. Location: Silverwood Farm, Horton Road, Three Legged Cross, BH21 6SD Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/HOU/2025/01935 Proposal: retain garage. Location: Little Haythorne Horton Road Church Hill Woodlands To Horton Lane, Woodlands, BH21 7JG Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the proposal due to the proximity to the ancient woodland which effects the openness of the greenbelt.</p> <p>P/NMA/2025/02163 Proposal: Non - Material Amendment - To add double oak doors to the left hand bay, replace the existing oil tank, eliminate the proposed log store and shift proposed garage eastward by one metre - to planning application P/HOU/2023/02960: Erection of a two bay oak</p>

	<p>framed cart style garage with storage. Location: Abbey House Horton To The Oaks Horton Hollow, Horton, BH21 7JA. For Information Purposes Only</p> <p>P/FUL/2024/04380 Demolition of a barn and the erection of a dwelling (self-build project) at Longview Farm, Chalbury Hill to Chalbury Lane, Horton, Dorset, BH21 7HJ. Notice of Appeal. Members unanimously OBJECTED to the proposal due to the impact of building on greenbelt land.</p> <p>P/PABA/2025/02312 Proposal: Erect a new agricultural building to measure 15.2m in length, 20m in breadth, a height to eaves of 2.88m and a ridge height of 4.22m Location: Sutton Farm, Sutton, BH21 8NQ. For Information Purposes Only</p>
15.	<p>Highway Matters</p> <p><i>Clerk to report the pothole by Meadow Cottage.</i></p> <p><i>Clerk to send a letter of complaint to South West Water in relation to the length of time it took South West Water to fix the water leak opposite Meadow Cottage, Horton Road, Woodlands.</i></p>
16.	<p>Rights of Way Matters/Public Spaces</p> <p>Members considered Chasers FC using Woodlands Play Field. The Cllrs have asked for the Chairman of Chasers FC to attend the Parish Council meeting on 11th June 2025.</p>
17.	<p>Burgess Field Play Area, Woodlands</p> <p><i>Cllr Morgan Antell to obtain a quote for the fencing to be fixed by Burgess Playfield to prevent further rubbish being dumped.</i></p>
18.	<p>Tree Matters</p> <p><i>Clerk to contact DC Arborist Team in relation to the Chalbury resident's concerns over a tree that has been marked with a red dot.</i></p>
19.	<p>Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan has been confirmed at Cabinet, with a decision reached to make the Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan part of the statutory development plan for the Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p><i>Clerk to draft a letter of thanks to a previous Cllr for all their work during the Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan.</i></p>
20.	<p>Financial Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members approved the accounts for the y/e 31 March 2024 • Members reviewed Spend against Budget 2024-2025. • Members confirmed there are no conflicts of Interest with BDO LLP. • Members received and noted the Internal Audit Report for y/e 31 March 2025 from which

	<p>there were no matters arising.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members approved the Annual Governance Statement for y/e 31 March 2025.• Members approved the Accounting Statement for y/e 31 March 2025.• Members approved the Annual Insurance Renewal due 1st June 2025.• Members approved the following items for payment and the Clerk's salary: <table><tr><td>ONLINE GB SERVICES</td><td>Replace Broken Noticeboard Glass at Woodlands</td><td>£150.00</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE CUTLER BROS</td><td>Replace 15 Broken Dragons Teeth at Woodlands Playfield</td><td>£540.00</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE ELITE PLAYINSPECTIONS</td><td>Quarterly Operational Play Inspection</td><td>£90.00</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE MIKE MCCARTHY</td><td>Horton Pump Maintenance 2024/25</td><td>£100.00</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE WHEELER BROWN</td><td>Annual Payroll</td><td>£300.00</td></tr><tr><td>DD ICO</td><td>Annual Data Registration Fee</td><td>£35.00</td></tr></table>	ONLINE GB SERVICES	Replace Broken Noticeboard Glass at Woodlands	£150.00	ONLINE CUTLER BROS	Replace 15 Broken Dragons Teeth at Woodlands Playfield	£540.00	ONLINE ELITE PLAYINSPECTIONS	Quarterly Operational Play Inspection	£90.00	ONLINE MIKE MCCARTHY	Horton Pump Maintenance 2024/25	£100.00	ONLINE WHEELER BROWN	Annual Payroll	£300.00	DD ICO	Annual Data Registration Fee	£35.00
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21.	<p>Other Information for report only</p> <p>Cllr Colin Davidson reported that both the Woodlands and North Farm Solar Farms were approved at the Dorset Council Strategic Planning Committee.</p>																		
	<p>Next Meeting will be on Wednesday <u>11th June 2025</u> at 7:30pm in Horton & Chalbury Village Hall.</p>																		

Meeting closed at 21:04 hours

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

Forwood.

Signed;.....14th May 2025

Appendix A

Clerks Report

14th May 2025

Correspondence

Woodlands Village Hall Open day on 31st May 10am until 12noon at Woodland Village Hall.

Flood Warden Lunch & Learn sessions. Our next session- **Natural Flood Management** -is next Thursday (24th April 12:30-13:00). The next session is a face to face drop in at our Bridgwater (TA6 4YS) and Blandford (DT11 8ST) offices on **5th June 12:30-15:30** as part of National Volunteers Week 2025. If you would like to attend, please let us know by emailing floodwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Planning Application Number: P/FUL/2023/03415 Location: Woodlands Manor Farm Horton Wimborne BH21 8ND Description: Construction of Solar Farm and associated infrastructure. The application will be considered by Strategic Planning Committee on 1 May 2025. The meeting will be held at: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Dorset Council Grass Cutting, starting this grass cutting season, we will be introducing our 'cut and collect' method of grass cutting in your area.

Previously, we cut the verges five times per year and left the cuttings in situ. The new 'cut and collect' method involves fewer cuts, but we will remove the grass cuttings from the verges.

Cut and drop, as has been used in your area previously and shown in the attached picture, allows organic matter to decompose into the soil, increasing its fertility and supporting faster growth rates. Combined with longer growing seasons, this makes the verge increasingly difficult and expensive to manage. To break this cycle, we are now removing this organic material in most urban areas across Dorset. This reduces fertility, slows growth rates, and favours naturally occurring wildflower species. Although this operation is more involved than the previous method, it is compensated for by reducing the number of cuts from five to either two or three per year. Additionally, the goal is to achieve lower growth rates in the future.

In some areas where we have implemented the 'cut and collect' method, we have reduced the number of cuts from seven to two per year due to decreased soil fertility. The wildflowers have greatly benefited from this, with an increase in both number and diversity. By reducing the number of cuts, the wildflowers can complete their life cycles, benefiting bees and other pollinators. The 'cut and collect' method also reduces our fuel consumption and carbon footprint, benefiting both the local and wider environment.

As part of the success of our cut and collect methodology, we have increased the number of verges that are designated as Sites of Nature Conservation Interest (SNCI's). More information on this designation can be found here [SNCI | Dorset Wildlife Trust](#).

We are increasingly asked by the public and Councillors to consider climate and ecological emergencies, and this verge cutting methodology is part of Dorset Council's response to these issues.

More information is available via this link: [Managing verges for wildlife - Dorset Council](#)

Appendix B

Action No	Date	Action	Assigned To	Status
01/20	Nov 2020	E59/7 Woodlands off Jubilee Hill behind houses is waterlogged all year round.	Clerk	<p>July 21: Ranger has visited with MA and will consider a stone surface to improve this path.</p> <p>Dec 21: Ranger has agreed to this work and the Landowner is on board with helping, ground conditions might mean this has to wait.</p> <p>May 23: MA continues to discuss with DC Ranger.</p> <p>Nov 23: Leave on the action list until next summer.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>June 24: Clerk to contact the DC Ranger to ask when the geogrid will be put down.</p> <p>July 24: DC is waiting to hear back regarding some potential external funding. A DC contractor had a look at the path and once a quote is received DC may be able to use some of this funding. Alternatively, the DC ranger will use rubble and stone to see if this helps with the water logging.</p> <p>Oct 24: Email sent to DC Ranger asking for an update.</p> <p>Nov 24: The DC Ranger will be testing some drainage in one corner of the footpath. The work needs to be scheduled to install the drainage.</p>
02/20	July 2020	Water rising in Woodlands opposite ‘Four Oaks.	Clerk	<p>Aug 22: DC plan to install a new gully and pipe to watercourse with adjacent landowners’ permission, subject to priority and funding. Nov 23: Clerk to follow up, ask who is responsible and raise an incident number.</p> <p>Feb/Apr 24: Clerk to arrange for the water to be tested along with the water leak opposite Meadow Cottage.</p> <p>June 24: A water sample has been taken and passed to Microtech Services for testing.</p> <p>July 24: The Clerk has contacted Bournemouth Water asking for the water leak to be looked at due to the presence of chlorine in the results from the water sample that was tested.</p> <p>Aug 24: An email has been sent to Bournemouth water with the Parish Councils water</p>

				<p>test results highlighting the chlorine found in the water. The Clerk requested on behalf of the Parish Council an independent water test.</p> <p>Oct 24: Clerk spoke to the operations team at South West Water. Case no. 0013998244. A works order has been raised to reattend the site and undertake another test.</p> <p>Nov 24: South West water attended and have liaised with DC. South West water listened to the AP box and there was no noise, no water and no leak.</p> <p>Jan 25 (06.01.25): The Clerk spoke to Alex at Bournemouth Water they are requesting a member of their team to contact the Clerk directly by 10 January 2025 to discuss the water leak and possibly arrange to meet up at the leak site with an inspector. ref: 0013998244. 07.01.25: Bournemouth Water are going to visit the site again on a dry day to retrieve several samples of water to test for main water.</p> <p>Jan 25: Bournemouth Water has not visited the site again due to several tests already undertaken and they are unable to find a leak. They advised that the Parish Council liaise with DC highways department. 31.01.25: The Clerk met with DC Highways who confirmed that the leak is ground water. This water will continue to run even during the summer months due to the high saturation levels in the ground. If the Parish Council is considering digging up the verge they would need DC highways permission. The Highways officer checked the ditches along part of the road near to the leak and where water was running down the road and noted that the ditches required clearing to prevent the water running down the road.</p> <p>Feb 25: Members unanimously agreed to check the leak in a couple of months.</p> <p>Mar 25: Councillors to meet at the site of the leak to decide the plan for the leak going forward.</p> <p>Mar 25: The Clerk has contacted Southwest Water further to the other leak in woodlands being a Southwest Water leak. Southwest Water are going to send a team to investigate the leak further on 26 March and will update the Clerk on the outcome.</p> <p>Apr 25: Southwest Water have updated that it may be a leak from an old asbestos pipe. They are currently looking into this further.</p> <p>May 25: South West Water have listened to the AP box and are not able to hear a leak. They will retest the water and update the Parish Council.</p>
01/23	April 2023	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.	Clerk	<p>Mar 25: Clerk to follow up with DC the issue with the gully that was put in by the landowner. DC to replace or refill the gully.</p> <p>Mar 25: DC highways will check the pond water draining down the road the next time there is heavy rain. DC highways will also check to see what drainage there is in the area.</p>

04/23	Nov 2023	Pond is overflowing at Little Haythorne and going onto the road. Clerk to raise a report with Dorset Council.	Clerk	The Clerk spoke DC highways, at the time of speaking the pond was not overflowing. Mar 25: The pond overflows and drains out through the gully and down the road. See update on action 01/23
05/23	Dec 2023	Cllr Ian Potentier to contact Cllr Robin Cook in relation to applying for a grant from the Community and Culture Fund Project for the footpaths that lead onto the C2.	Cllr Ian Potentier	May 24: An email has been sent to DC requesting availability for a site meeting to take place. An email has been received from DC requesting further information in relation to the site visit. July 24: Cllr Ian Potentier has been liaising via the Clerk with DC safer highways team to look at having a footpath alongside the C2. Sept 24: An email was sent to DC inquiring about the timescale for the additional signs along the C2. Oct 24: Clerk resent the email asking for an update. Jan 25: Cllr Ian Potentier noted that the additional signs are still not in place. Feb 25: Following a phone call and email to the Road Safety Technical Officer at DC, the following response has been received; no date has been given yet for the work for the signs as the sign shop colleagues are working through a significant backlog. The Road Safety technical Officer will provide a further update after the next meeting.
06/23	Dec 2023	Cllr Sam Keet to take forward the grant from the Community and Culture Fund Project for the bridleway project at Queens Copse.	Cllr Sam Keet	July 24: Cllr Sam Keet and the Clerk have met with James Rose contractors and Cutler Bros to obtain quotes for the works on the bridleway at Queens Copse. Oct 24: Quotes have been received from both James Rose and Cutler Bros. Nov 24: A meeting took place with Cllr Sam Keet and Morris Construction and the Clerk is waiting for the quote. Dec 24: The final quote has been received from Morris Construction.
04/24	Feb 2024	Clerk to contact DC about the progress of the longer layby by Knowlton Church.	Clerk	Mar 24: Clerk spoke to Cranborne Chase National Landscapes and they passed the query onto DC. Clerk to follow up with DC. Mar 25: The Clerk has emailed the DC highways officer and they will check who owns the verge by Knowlton Church. Apr 25: Cranborne Chase National Landscapes contacted DC in 2022 in wanting to pay to extend the layby using DEFRA funding, but DC haven't heard any more since. Ownership of the subsoil (highway overrides this ownership until such time if ever the highway rights are extinguished) then this would be up to the middle of the road (Ad Medium Filum HM Land Registry plans: boundaries (practice guide 40, supplement 3) - GOV.UK) this would be PROPRIETOR: THE SHAFTESBURY TRUSTEE and THE SHAFTESBURY TRUSTEE COMPANY NO.2 LIMITED.
05/24	Mar 2024	Clerk to report the bank that is falling away	Clerk	April 24: The Clerk has reported the bank issue.

		along B3081 opposite Deer Park House.		Mar 25: DC highways are going to look at the bank and will liaise with Senior Management if it is an issue to agree the next steps.
06/24	Mar 2024	The Clerk to contact DC Planning Department to enquire about the windows being filled in at the Horton Tower.	Clerk	Mar 24: Email sent, no reply was received.
08/24	April 2024	Clerk to request a quote for a new sign at Clump Hill Horton and ask if this sign can be moved further down the road.	Clerk	<p>July 24: The Clerk has been in contact with DC and waiting for a response.</p> <p>Sept 24: Another email has been sent to DC asking for an update on when the sign will be put in place.</p> <p>Sept 24: An email was received by DC. DC have a lot of safety critical signing to complete at the moment. DC will get to site as soon as possible and come back a quote.</p> <p>Nov 24: A quote has been received from DC and is on the November agenda for approval.</p> <p>Nov 24: Moved to the December agenda.</p> <p>Dec 24: Members resolved unanimously to the quote for the Clump Hill sign replacement. Members unanimously agreed to request that DC move the Horton Heath sign from its current location to a more visible location. A quote to be received from DC for this to take place.</p> <p>Jan 25: An email has been sent to DC asking for a quote for the relocation of the Horton Heath sign.</p> <p>Mar 25: Follow up email has been sent by the Clerk.</p> <p>April 25: The Parish Council is waiting for a quote from DC.</p>
11/24	May 2024	Clerk to follow up when and if the white lines through Horton will be reinstated.	Clerk	<p>June 24: DC has been contacted, ref: 1256554 to ask when the white lines may be reinstated through Horton.</p> <p>June 24: A works order has been raised to refresh the existing road markings, work has started and most elements of this (including the defects meeting the CoP criteria) have been reinstated. DC are unable to advise exactly when the centre line will be reinstated, due to current demands, but hopefully this will be completed during the next couple of months.</p> <p>Dec 24: Cllr Will Chakawhata will follow up this enquiry.</p> <p>Mar 25: DC sign team have a huge amount of work currently. Unfortunately, no dates can be given.</p> <p>Mar 25: Clerk to follow this up with Cllr Will Chakawhata.</p>
13/24	June 2024	Clerk to contact the Speed Partnership Team to ask for their support with the	Clerk	July 24: An email has been sent to Dorset Road Safe for support with the speeding issue through Horton Village, awaiting a response.

		speeding issues through Horton Village.		<p>Aug 24: Dorset Road Safe Team responded; due to the number of locations on the Camera Team enforcement list across Dorset and a small team to cover these, we are unable to guarantee how quickly this site will be visited. Clerk to contact Dorset Road Safe Team in November to check if they have any results from this visit.</p> <p>Nov 24: An email has been sent to the Dorset Road Safe Team to enquire if they have visited Horton Village.</p> <p>Dec 24: The location is on the Camera Team's list to visit, however there are nearly 1000 locations to cover across Dorset and limited resources to cover them so we can't guarantee when they will attend.</p> <p>May 25: A follow up email has been sent to the Dorset Road Safety Team asking for an update.</p>
16/24	June 2024	Clerk to contact the landowner of the wood to ask them to clear the felled trees next to the Remedy Oak.	Clerk	<p>July 24: The landowner has been contacted and the felled trees by Remedy Oak will be tidied.</p> <p>Dec 24: An email has been sent to the landowners and a reply received. This will be looked at over the Christmas period with a view to tidying the area.</p> <p>Feb 25: An email has been sent to the landowner's son asking if they have decided how they will clear or tidy the trees that were felled following their visit over the Christmas period.</p> <p>Mar 25: Email has been resent.</p>
18/24	July 2024	Clerk to contact Bournemouth Water to request another test or a joint independent test for the water leak outside Longacre and note that the water leak only started when the tap was tee'd off for the field.	Clerk	<p>Aug 24: An email has been sent to Bournemouth water with the Parish Councils water test results highlighting the chlorine found in the water. The Clerk requested on behalf of the Parish Council an independent water test.</p> <p>Oct 24: Clerk spoke to the operations team at South West Water. Case no. 0013998244. A works order has been raised to reattend the site and undertake another test.</p> <p>Nov 24: South West water attended and have liaised with DC. South West water listened to the AP box and there was no noise, no water and no leak.</p> <p>Jan 25: See update on action 02/20</p> <p>Feb 25: Members unanimously agreed to check the leak in a couple of months.</p> <p>May 25: See update on action 02/20.</p>
26/24	Oct 2024	Clerk to liaise with Cllr Morgan Antell in relation to the rubbish being dumped at Burgess Field, Woodlands.	Clerk	<p>Nov 24: Cllr Morgan Antell will give an update at the November meeting.</p> <p>Feb 25: The rubbish and cut fence has been reported to Aster Housing requesting the fence to be fixed and the rubbish removed.</p> <p>Mar 25: See update on action 38/24</p> <p>May 25: Email sent asking for an update on when the rubbish will be removed and the fence will be fixed.</p>

				May 25: Aster do not own the fence so it is not their responsibility to fix it. They will raise another job to collect the rubbish.
31/24	Oct 2024	Cllr Morgan Antell to liaise with the Woodlands Church warden and obtain a quote for the renewal of the memorial plaque.	Cllr Morgan Antell	<p>Nov 24: An Art Conservator will visit the memorial plaque and make an assessment and will give suggestions as to what might be done. There may be a range of things that could be done including cleaning and possibly some enhancement. The initial visit will be for free.</p> <p>Dec 24: A quote has been received to renew the war memorial plaque for £4570.00. Cllr Morgan Antell will contact the church warden to request a breakdown of the quote and obtain further quotes.</p> <p>May 25: The Parish Council are waiting on the church's decision to have a brass plaque situated in the church with all of the names of those who died and those who were in the war who were from Woodlands.</p>
32/24	Oct 2024	Clerk to contact Mark Adams and CC Cllr David Tooke to ask if the road past Remedy Oak is going to be resurfaced and is there a plan to complete the road out of Woodlands and Horton.	Clerk	<p>Nov 24: An email was sent to DC. DC have forwarded the email to the relevant department to respond.</p> <p>Apr 25: A follow up email has been sent to DC Economic Growth and Infrastructure team at DC. These sections are due to be surfaced in quarter 4 of this financial year. There are no programmed dates at this moment but it is designed and ready to go.</p>
38/24	Nov 2024	Clerk to contact Aster to fence in the gap and remove the rubbish.	Clerk	<p>Dec 24: An email has been sent to Aster asking them to clear the area and erect a fence in the remaining gap.</p> <p>Jan 25: An email has been received from Aster who are offering to quote for the extra work. The clerk has contacted DC to see who is responsible for the rubbish and DC has reported it as fly tipping DC ref: SR00684092.</p> <p>Feb 25: Aster have confirmed a job has been logged to their estates team to have the rubbish removed.</p> <p>May 25: Email sent asking for an update on when the rubbish will be removed and the fence will be fixed.</p> <p>May 25: Aster do not own the fence so it is not their responsibility to fix it. They will raise another job to collect the rubbish.</p>
41/24	Nov 2024	Clerk to contact the owners of the woodland to clear the felled trees next to Remedy Oak.	Clerk	<p>Dec 24/Feb 25: See update on action 16/24</p> <p>Apr 25: See update on action 16/24.</p>
43/25	Jan 2025	Clerk to report to DC the blocked culvert on Horton Road in Wimborne St Giles.	Clerk	Jan 25: The Clerk and Cllr Morgan Antell met with the DC highways officer who has recommended that the Parish Council contact Shaftesbury Estate to clear the ditches alongside the road to ensure the water has an escape route into the ditch.

				Feb 25: DC highways are currently following the blocked ditches up with Shaftesbury Estate.
45/25	February 2025	Clerk to start to look at finding suitable funders for the queen Copse project.	Clerk	May 25: Cllr Sam Keet and the Clerk are meeting up to discuss funding options.
49/25	February 2025	Clerk to ask Cutler Bros for a quote to tidy up the hedges around Woodland Playfield.	Clerk	Apr 25: Clerk and Cllr Sam Keet to confirm if the ground near the hedge is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) before any hedges are cut.
50/25	March 2025	Councillors to liaise with Cllr David Tooke to find out what DC highways department are doing about the B3081 road and the dangerous conditions.	Cllrs	
51/25	March 2025	Cllr Paul Millett to discuss with DC other speed calming options throughout Chalbury.	Cllr Paul Millett	Apr 25: Cllr Paul Millett has emailed DC Road Safety Officer.
52/25	March 2025	The Clerk and Cllr Paul Millett to arrange a date for a public meeting on a weekend where all residents are invited to attend to discuss the speeding issues through Chalbury.	Clerk/Cllr Paul Millett	
53/25	March 2025	Clerk to enquire about a grit bin being placed on Horton Road (near to the Remedy Oak Tree) for the use of the residents in the nearby houses.	Clerk	Apr 25: An email has been sent to the relevant department in DC. May 25: Clerk has contacted DC Highways for an update.
54/25	March 2025	Clerk to approach Dorset Council for a warning sign before the bend along the B3081 highlighting the bend from Verwood and a possible reduced speed limit (30 or 40mph on the bend).	Clerk	Mar 25: Further to correspondence with DC highways it was agreed that the Clerk should contact DC to request a road safety review of the B3081. The Clerk has emailed the relevant department. May 25: DC Road Safety Technical Officer is about to run their latest route and cluster site analysis – the routes are defined as any route across the county (for example the B3081 in its entirety) that has recorded a high number of injury collisions per km, and our cluster sites are defined by 3 or more injury collisions within 100 metres in the last 3 years. The B3081 has previously flagged as a route analysis, however this has been swayed by the amount of injury collisions close to Ringwood near the A31 and the junction for Alderholt and not so much near Remedy Gate.

				If it doesn't flag as one of our top route analysis this year, following this request I will add it to our list, however, please be advised I do not have a timescale for this analysis. Once It's been completed, I will get back to you.
55/25	May 2025	Cllr Will Chakawhata to follow up the untidy grass area in Woodlands with Cllr David Tooke and DC.	Cllr Will Chakawhata	
56/25	May 2025	Clerk to report the overgrown verge at the crossroads in Woodlands and the overgrown bramble falling onto the road by Froud's.	Clerk	
57/25	May 2025	Cllr Will Chakawhata will follow up on what is happening with the road flooding outside of the Meadow View Caravan Park		
58/25	May 2025	Clerk to report the pothole by Meadow Cottage.	Clerk	
59/25	May 2025	Clerk to send a letter of complaint to South West Water in relation to the length of time it took South West Water to fix the water leak opposite Meadow Cottage, Horton Road, Woodlands.	Clerk	
60/25	May 2025	Cllr Morgan Antell to obtain a quote for the fencing to be fixed by Burgess Playfield to prevent further rubbish being dumped.	Cllr Morgan Antell	
61/25	May 2025	Clerk to contact DC Arborist Team in relation to the Chalbury resident's concerns over a tree that has been marked with a red dot.	Clerk	
62/25	May 2025	Clerk to draft a letter of thanks to a previous Cllr for all their work during the Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan.	Clerk	

Appendix C

250514 Dorset Councillors Report for Knowlton Parish Council

1. Nature Recovery Strategy Launched

Dorset Council has introduced a Local Nature Recovery Strategy aimed at reversing the decline of wildlife and natural habitats across the county, including East Dorset. The strategy identifies priority species and habitats and seeks to enhance and connect nature areas. Residents are invited to contribute their views through an online survey running until July 30.

[Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation - Dorset Council - Citizen Space](#)

- **Public Consultation:** Residents can provide feedback until July 30, 2025, shaping the final strategy.
- **Funding Mechanisms:** The strategy aligns with biodiversity net gain, nutrient mitigation, and Environmental Land Management schemes, ensuring financial sustainability.
- **Monitoring & Review:** Progress will be assessed every 3 to 10 years, refining efforts based on measurable outcomes.

This initiative could influence planning policies, requiring developers in East Dorset to integrate nature recovery principles into their projects. It also opens opportunities for community-led conservation efforts.

Dorset Council is leveraging several funding mechanisms to support its Local Nature Recovery Strategy:

- **Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG):** Developers must ensure a measurable increase in biodiversity when undertaking projects, generating funds for conservation.
- **Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELMS):** Government-backed funding for sustainable farming and habitat restoration.
- **Nutrient Mitigation Projects:** Financial incentives for landowners to reduce nutrient pollution, benefiting local ecosystems.
- **Community-Led Initiatives:** Grants available for local conservation projects, encouraging public participation.

2. Children's Services Rated 'Outstanding'

Dorset Council's Children's Services received an 'Outstanding' rating from Ofsted in three out of four categories. The report praised the council's commitment to supporting children, families, and care leavers, driving:

- **Enhanced Support for Families:** Stronger participation from children and families in shaping services.
- **Collaboration with Local Partners:** Close work with police, health services, and education providers to improve child welfare.
- **Future Funding Considerations:** The council is addressing care leaver support, which was identified as an area for improvement.

This recognition strengthens Dorset Council's position for additional government funding and policy influence, ensuring continued investment in child welfare programs.

Following Ofsted's 'Outstanding' rating, Dorset Council may access additional funding streams:

- Government Grants: Potential increases in central funding for child welfare programs.
- Local Partnerships: Collaborations with health services and education providers to secure joint funding.
- Social Impact Bonds: Innovative financing where investors support social programs with measurable outcomes.

4. Climate and Ecological Emergency Initiatives

Dorset Council continues to implement measures under its Climate and Ecological Emergency Plan, which includes efforts to restore natural environments and improve biodiversity. Recent actions include demanding the replanting of Fleet Wood after illegal tree felling and celebrating restoration efforts on Portland.

- Carbon-Neutral Commitment: The council remains committed to achieving a carbon-neutral council by 2040 and supporting Dorset as a whole to reach net-zero by 2050.
- Biodiversity and Nature Restoration: Efforts to restore 'ghost tunnels' on Portland have been celebrated with a community event, highlighting conservation work.
- Illegal Tree Felling Response: Dorset Council has demanded the replanting of Fleet Wood after illegal tree felling, reinforcing its commitment to protecting local ecosystems.
- Sustainable Transport Initiatives: The council has secured around £10.5 million from the Transforming Cities Fund to create new active travel walking and cycling routes over the next three years.
- Low Carbon Dorset Grants: Approximately £1.8 million in grants have been distributed to support local businesses and community projects in reducing carbon emissions.
- Renewable Energy Supply: Dorset Council has secured a certified 'green' renewable energy tariff for its electricity supply since September 2020.

Dorset Council has been actively working on nature conservation through its Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), which aims to restore and protect biodiversity across the county. Here are some key initiatives:

- Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation: Dorset Council launched a **public consultation on May 7, 2025**, inviting residents to contribute to the Local Nature Recovery Strategy, which will guide conservation efforts for the next decade.
- 30by30 Target: The council is working towards the national goal of protecting 30% of land and rivers for nature by 2030, using funding mechanisms like biodiversity net gain, nutrient mitigation, and Environmental Land Management schemes.
- Nature Recovery Maps: Dorset Council has developed high-level nature recovery maps to identify priority areas for conservation and habitat restoration. These maps help guide efforts to improve ecological networks and natural capital.