

**Minutes of the Meeting of Knowlton Parish Council**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 at 7pm**  
**Horton & Chalbury Village Hall**

Item	
<b>845</b>	<b>Attendance</b> Cllr Morgan Antell Cllr Steve Butler (Chairman) Cllr Anthony (Sam) Keet Cllr Paul Millett (Vice Chairman) Cllr Kevin Minns Cllr Ian Potentier 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)
<b>846</b>	<b>Welcome from the Chairman including housekeeping notices</b>  The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
<b>847</b>	<b>To receive and accept apologies for absence</b>  Cllr Caroline Barnes Cllr Trevor Brown Cllr Colin Davidson Cllr Linda Stocks
<b>848</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest &amp; Grants for Dispensation</b>  None.
<b>849</b>	<b>Confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>  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.
<b>850</b>	<b>To consider any matters arising from the Annual Meeting of Electors</b>  Cllr Paul Millett will liaise with residents of Chalbury and Horton to support them with the setup of a speed watch team.
<b>851</b>	<b>Outstanding Actions</b>  Please see <b>Annex A</b> of these minutes.

<b>852</b>	<b>KPC Projects</b>  All of the KPC projects are moving forward; the Wimborne St Giles play inspection date has been delayed.
<b>853</b>	<b>Chairman's Announcements</b>  None.
<b>854</b>	<b>Clerk's Report</b>  Please see <b>Annex B</b> of these minutes.
<b>855</b>	<b>Dorset Councillors Reports</b>  <u><b>Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne &amp; Alderholt Ward (Woodlands &amp; Wimborne St Giles)</b></u>  The Councillor gave an update at the meeting and the Clerk will circulate the report.  Please see <b>Annex C</b> of these minutes
<b>856</b>	<b>Dorset Councillors Reports</b>  <u><b>Cllr Will Chakawhata – Dorset Councillor Stour &amp; Allen Vale Ward (Horton &amp; Chalbury)</b></u>  The Councillor gave an update at the meeting.
<b>857</b>	<b>Public Open Session</b>  A resident asked if Cllr Paul Millett could give an update on what their plans are with the meeting for residents in relation to speed calming measures in Chalbury. Cllr Paul Millett noted they are going to ask Dorset Council to carry out an independent safety review of the area, to ensure all options are available to be considered. Once a review has been carried out Cllr Paul Millett will liaise with residents to find a convenient time to hold a meeting on a weekend.
<b>858</b>	<b>Planning Applications &amp; Matters</b>  <b>P/HOU/2025/01437</b> Proposal: 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.  <b>P/HOU/2025/01097</b> Proposal: Erect single storey front extension and erect a single storey rear extension. Location: 31 New Road, Woodlands, BH21 8LR Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.  <b>P/LBC/2025/01252 &amp; P/HOU/2025/01087</b> Proposal: Roof Repairs & Skylight Replacement: Replacement of five existing skylight windows with appropriate conservation-grade units. Repairs to the eaves (soffits, fascias). Masonry Repairs & Repointing: Various repointing works to the main house and to the garden

	<p>wall. Replacement of two garden gates. Replacement of windows and doors in thirteen openings. Septic Tank and drainage field Replacement: Installation of a new sewage treatment plant to replace the existing septic tank. Location: Abbey House South, Horton, BH21 7JA</p> <p>Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p>
859	<p><b>Highways Matters</b></p> <p>The flooding at Wigbeth is being investigated further by DC Highways.</p> <p>The SID by Slough Lane is registering excessive speeds. <i>The Clerk to follow the excessive speeds being registered by the SID at Slough Lane with the DC SID Team.</i></p>
860	<p><b>Rights of Way/Open Spaces</b></p> <p>None.</p>
861	<p><b>Burgess Field Play Area, Woodlands – Inspections</b></p> <p>Weekly visual play inspections completed by Cllrs Morgan Antell and Linda Stocks.</p> <p><i>Clerk to follow up with Aster Housing the rubbish that has been dumped next to the play field and the fixing of the fence to prevent the rubbish being dumped.</i></p> <p>Members unanimously agreed to the Elite Play Inspections contract.</p>
862	<p><b>Tree Matters</b></p> <p>None.</p>
863	<p><b>Change of Parish Council Meeting Start Time to 7:30pm from May to September</b></p> <p>Members agreed to change the start time of the Parish Council meeting to 7:30 pm.</p>
864	<p><b>Review the Register of Data Processing</b></p> <p>Members reviewed the Register with no amendments.</p>
865	<p><b>Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>The Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan has been completed and the referendum took place on 20<sup>th</sup> March with a strong 'yes' vote. The Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan is due to be considered at the next available Cabinet.</p>
866	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To approve items of expenditure including Clerk's Salary:</li></ul> <table><tr><td>ONLINE</td><td>WSG VILLAGE HALL</td><td>Hire for WSG Neighbourhood Plan</td><td>£20.00</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE</td><td>SLCC</td><td>CILCA Qualification Fee</td><td>£450.00</td></tr></table>	ONLINE	WSG VILLAGE HALL	Hire for WSG Neighbourhood Plan	£20.00	ONLINE	SLCC	CILCA Qualification Fee	£450.00
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867	<p><b>Other Information for report only</b></p> <p>None.</p>								
868	<p>Next Meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday <b>14<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b> at 7:30pm in Horton &amp; Chalbury Village Hall. Members are reminded to submit nominations to the Clerk for Chairman and Vice Chairman 10 days in advance.</p>								

**Meeting closed at 19:54 hours**

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

*Forwood.*

Signed;.....

.....5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Annex A**

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><b>July 21:</b> Ranger has visited with MA and will consider a stone surface to improve this path.</p> <p><b>Dec 21:</b> Ranger has agreed to this work and the Landowner is on board with helping, ground conditions might mean this has to wait.</p> <p><b>May 23:</b> MA continues to discuss with DC Ranger.</p> <p><b>Nov 23:</b> Leave on the action list until next summer.</p> <p><b>Feb 24:</b> 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><b>June 24:</b> Clerk to contact the DC Ranger to ask when the geogrid will be put down.</p> <p><b>July 24:</b> 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><b>Oct 24:</b> Email sent to DC Ranger asking for an update.</p> <p><b>Nov 24:</b> 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><b>Aug 22:</b> DC plan to install a new gully and pipe to watercourse with adjacent landowners' permission, subject to priority and funding. <b>Nov 23:</b> Clerk to follow up, ask who is responsible and raise an incident number.</p> <p><b>Feb/Apr 24:</b> Clerk to arrange for the water to be tested along with the water leak opposite Meadow Cottage.</p> <p><b>June 24:</b> A water sample has been taken and passed to Microtech Services for testing.</p>

				<p><b>July 24:</b> 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><b>Aug 24:</b> 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><b>Nov 24:</b> 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><b>Jan 25 (06.01.25):</b> 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. <b>07.01.25:</b> 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><b>Jan 25:</b> 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. <b>31.01.25:</b> 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><b>Feb 25:</b> Members unanimously agreed to check the leak in a couple of months.</p> <p><b>Mar 25:</b> Councillors to meet at the site of the leak to decide the plan for the leak going forward.</p> <p><b>Mar 25:</b> 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><b>Apr 25:</b> Southwest Water have updated that it may be a leak from an old asbestos pipe. They are currently looking into this further.</p>
02/22	Feb 2022	Water leak opposite Meadow Cottage, Horton Road, Woodlands. Cllr Trevor	Clerk	<p><b>Apr 22:</b> not yet resolved.</p> <p><b>May 23:</b> Clerk reported again to SW Water ref 0012685401.</p>

		Brown has reported to Water Co.		<p><b>Jan 24:</b> This is a fixer that did not work and has broken again.</p> <p><b>Jan 24:</b> Clerk to contact the water board. June 24: A water sample has been taken and passed to Microtech Services for testing.</p> <p><b>July 24:</b> The results from the water test showed no sign of treated water.</p> <p><b>Oct 24:</b> Clerk spoke to South West Water operations team. They attended in December 23 and were supposed to return but never did. SW Water are sending a team out again case no. 0013525817 for further investigations.</p> <p><b>Nov 24:</b> Contractor attended on 18<sup>th</sup> October leak in a chamber which has been repaired.</p> <p><b>Dec 24:</b> Clerk contacted DC Highways and DC Environmental. A DC Community Highways Officer will visit the site to see if there is anything they can assist with.</p> <p><b>Jan 25:</b> The Clerk met with the DC highways officer who confirmed the water is ground water. This water will continue to run even during the summer months due to the high saturation levels in the ground.</p> <p><b>Feb 25:</b> Members unanimously agreed to check the leak in a couple of months.</p> <p><b>Mar 25:</b> The Clerk and Chair to contact Microsite in relation to the sample of water taken to asked why it did not show chlorine in the water. Clerk to order further water sampling tubes.</p> <p><b>Mar 25:</b> DC Highways contacted South West Water who have visited the site and confirmed that the water leak was theirs and have now fixed the water leak.</p> <p><b>Complete.</b></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><b>Mar 25:</b> 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><b>Mar 25:</b> 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	<p>The Clerk spoke DC highways, at the time of speaking the pond was not overflowing.</p> <p><b>Mar 25:</b> The pond overflows and drains out through the gully and down the road. See update on action 01/23</p>
05/23	Dec 2023	Cllr Ian Potentier to contact Cllr Robin Cook in relation to applying for a grant	Cllr Ian Potentier	<p><b>May 24:</b> 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</p>

		from the Community and Culture Fund Project for the footpaths that lead onto the C2.		<p>information in relation to the site visit.</p> <p><b>July 24:</b> Cllr Ian Potentier has been liaising via the Clerk with DC safer highways team to look at having a footpath alongside the C2.</p> <p><b>Sept 24:</b> An email was sent to DC inquiring about the timescale for the additional signs along the C2.</p> <p><b>Oct 24:</b> Clerk resent the email asking for an update.</p> <p><b>Jan 25:</b> Cllr Ian Potentier noted that the additional signs are still not in place.</p> <p><b>Feb 25:</b> 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.</p>
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	<p><b>July 24:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Oct 24:</b> Quotes have been received from both James Rose and Cutler Bros.</p> <p><b>Nov 24:</b> A meeting took place with Cllr Sam Keet and Morris Construction and the Clerk is waiting for the quote.</p> <p><b>Dec 24:</b> The final quote has been received from Morris Construction.</p>
04/24	Feb 2024	Clerk to contact DC about the progress of the longer layby by Knowlton Church.	Clerk	<p><b>Mar 24:</b> Clerk spoke to Cranborne Chase National Landscapes and they passed the query onto DC. Clerk to follow up with DC.</p> <p><b>Mar 25:</b> The Clerk has emailed the DC highways officer and they will check who owns the verge by Knowlton Church.</p> <p><b>Apr 25:</b> 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 <a href="#">HM Land Registry plans: boundaries (practice guide 40, supplement 3) - GOV.UK</a>) this would be PROPRIETOR: THE SHAFTESBURY TRUSTEE and THE SHAFTESBURY TRUSTEE COMPANY NO.2 LIMITED.</p> <p>The Clerk to liaise with DC highways and Cranborne Chase National Landscapes to ask if there are any plans to upgrade the layby with Defra funding.</p>
05/24	Mar 2024	Clerk to report the bank that is falling away along B3081 opposite Deer Park House.	Clerk	<p><b>April 24:</b> The Clerk has reported the bank issue.</p> <p><b>Mar 25:</b> 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.</p>



06/24	Mar 2024	The Clerk to contact DC Planning Department to enquire about the windows being filled in at the Horton Tower.	Clerk	<b>Mar 24:</b> 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><b>July 24:</b> The Clerk has been in contact with DC and waiting for a response.</p> <p><b>Sept 24:</b> Another email has been sent to DC asking for an update on when the sign will be put in place.</p> <p><b>Sept 24:</b> 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><b>Nov 24:</b> A quote has been received from DC and is on the November agenda for approval.</p> <p><b>Nov 24:</b> Moved to the December agenda.</p> <p><b>Dec 24:</b> 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><b>Jan 25:</b> An email has been sent to DC asking for a quote for the relocation of the Horton Heath sign.</p> <p><b>Mar 25:</b> Follow up email has been sent by the Clerk.</p>
11/24	May 2024	Clerk to follow up when and if the white lines through Horton will be reinstated.	Clerk	<p><b>June 24:</b> DC has been contacted, ref: 1256554 to ask when the white lines may be reinstated through Horton.</p> <p><b>June 24:</b> 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><b>Dec 24:</b> Cllr Will Chakawhata will follow up this enquiry.</p> <p><b>Mar 25:</b> DC sign team have a huge amount of work currently. Unfortunately, no dates can be given.</p> <p><b>Mar 25:</b> 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 speeding issues through Horton Village.	Clerk	<p><b>July 24:</b> An email has been sent to Dorset Road Safe for support with the speeding issue through Horton Village, awaiting a response.</p> <p><b>Aug 24:</b> 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</p>

				<p>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><b>Nov 24:</b> An email has been sent to the Dorset Road Safe Team to enquire if they have visited Horton Village.</p> <p><b>Dec 24:</b> 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>
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><b>July 24:</b> The landowner has been contacted and the felled trees by Remedy Oak will be tidied.</p> <p><b>Dec 24:</b> 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><b>Feb 25:</b> 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><b>Mar 25:</b> 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><b>Aug 24:</b> 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><b>Oct 24:</b> 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><b>Nov 24:</b> 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><b>Jan 25:</b> See update on action 02/20</p> <p><b>Feb 25:</b> Members unanimously agreed to check the leak in a couple of months.</p> <p><b>Mar 25:</b> 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><b>Nov 24:</b> Cllr Morgan Antell will give an update at the November meeting.</p> <p><b>Feb 25:</b> The rubbish and cut fence has been reported to Aster Housing requesting the fence to be fixed and the rubbish removed.</p> <p><b>Mar 25:</b> See update on action 38/24</p> <p><b>Apr 25:</b> Clerk to follow up with Aster Housing the rubbish that has been dumped next to the play field and the fixing of the fence to prevent the rubbish being dumped.</p>
31/24	Oct 2024	Cllr Morgan Antell to liaise with the	Cllr	<b>Nov 24:</b> An Art Conserver will visit the memorial plaque and make an

		Woodlands Church warden and obtain a quote for the renewal of the memorial plaque.	Morgan Antell	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. <b>Dec 24:</b> 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.
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	<b>Nov 24:</b> An email was sent to DC. DC have forwarded the email to the relevant department to respond. <b>Apr 25:</b> 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.
38/24	Nov 2024	Clerk to contact Aster to fence in the gap and remove the rubbish.	Clerk	<b>Dec 24:</b> An email has been sent to Aster asking them to clear the area and erect a fence in the remaining gap. <b>Jan 25:</b> 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. <b>Feb 25:</b> Aster have confirmed a job has been logged to their estates team to have the rubbish removed.
41/24	Nov 2024	Clerk to contact the owners of the woodland to clear the felled trees next to Remedy Oak.	Clerk	<b>Dec 24/Feb 25:</b> See update on action 16/24 <b>Apr 25:</b> See update on action 16/24.
43/25	Jan 2025	Clerk to report to DC the blocked culvert on Horton Road in Wimborne St Giles.	Clerk	<b>Jan 25:</b> 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. <b>Feb 25:</b> 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	
49/25	February 2025	Clerk to ask Cutler Bros for a quote to tidy up the hedges around Woodland Playfield.	Clerk	<b>Apr 25:</b> 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	
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	<b>Apr 25:</b> An email has been sent to the relevant department in DC.
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	<b>Mar 25:</b> 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.
55/25	April 2025	The Clerk to follow the excessive speeds being registered by the SID at Slough Lane with the DC SID Team.	Clerk	

**Annex B****Clerks Report****2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025****Correspondence**

None.

**Road Closures**

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LUMBER LANE, KNOWLTON DORSET COUNCIL** has issued a Notice under Section 14 [2] of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 as amended. All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along Lumber Lane, Knowlton between B3078 Cranborne Road and a point approximately 1700 metres north. The Notice is needed in order to comply with health and safety regulations which require the provision of safe working areas and to minimise likelihood of danger to highway users. It will come into operation on 24th March 2025 and remain in force for five days, however it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 28th March 2025. This Notice will enable Wessex Internet safe access to carry out fibre cable installation works in the highway.

**URGENT TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF UNNAMED ROAD, WIMBORNE ST GILES DORSET COUNCIL** has issued a Notice under Section 14 [2] of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 as amended. All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along Unnamed Road, Wimborne St Giles between B3081 and Park Lane, a distance of approximately 510 metres. The Notice is needed in order to comply with health and safety regulations which require the provision of safe working areas and to minimise likelihood of danger to highway users. It will come into operation between 09:30 and 14:30 on 20th March 2025 and remain in force for five days, however it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 21st March 2025. This Notice will enable Openreach safe access to carry out urgent works in the highway to restore customer service.

**EMERGENCY TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF UNNAMED LANE, WOODLANDS DORSET COUNCIL** has issued a Notice under Section 14 [2] of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 as amended. All vehicles, cyclists and horse riders will be prohibited from proceeding along Unnamed Lane, Woodlands outside Heythorne Cottage. The Notice is needed in order to comply with health and safety regulations which require the provision of safe working areas and to minimise likelihood of danger to highway users. It came in to operation with immediate effect and can remain in force for up to 21 days, however it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 26th March 2025. This Notice will enable South West Water safe access to carry out emergency works to repair burst main.

**PROPOSED WORKS IN YOUR AREA –Parishes of Cranborne, Edmondsham, Wimborne St Giles, Woodland and Horton** Between 2nd June and 18th June 2025, the roads highlighted on the attached map are scheduled for surface dressing. These sites will form a rolling programme that is weather dependent and liable to change. For safety reasons, work on the roads shown in red will be carried out under a road closure with a local diversion. On the roads shown in orange work will be carried out under a temporary speed restriction of 10mph with convoy working under Stop and Go. Signs on site will indicate the traffic management in operation. During the closure periods there will be no on street parking available. Parking restrictions will be imposed to prevent waiting or parking on the roads stated above. Any vehicle in contravention of any restriction imposed by this Notice may be removed under the provisions of the Removal and Disposal of Vehicles Regulations 1986. If a vehicle has been towed the owner will need to contact our towing contractors Ashleywood Recovery Ltd/Bride Valley Recovery Ltd on 01305 889421. Working times will be between the hours of 5am and 5pm, works will not take place at night, over the weekend or on Bank Holidays

## Annex C

### Cllr David Tooke's Report

#### 250405 Dorset Councillor Report for Knowlton Parish Council

##### New Chief Executive News

Following the departure of our Chief Executive to Wellington in New Zealand the Council cross-party Staffing Committee unanimously recommended that Dr Catherine Howe as Dorset Council's new Chief Executive. This appointment is subject to final approval by Full Council on 10 April.

Catherine will take over from Sam Crowe who is interim Chief Executive, following the Matt Prosser's departure earlier this year.

Dr Catherine Howe is a highly experienced local government leader with extensive expertise in managing complex organisational change, driving digital transformation, and promoting community-led initiatives.

She is currently the Chief Executive of Adur and Worthing Councils, where she has successfully steered significant financial restructuring and ambitious climate and organisational design programmes. Catherine previously held senior roles at Cancer Research UK and Capita PLC, leading large multidisciplinary teams in innovative technological and organisational change projects.

##### Affordable Housing

Dorset Council has outlined several initiatives to address affordable housing needs:

1. **Temporary Accommodation:** The council plans to provide 100 homes within the next year for temporary housing. This initiative aims to reduce reliance on bed-and-breakfast accommodations for emergency housing.
2. **Leasing Homes:** Over the next three years, the council intends to lease 1,200 homes to assist residents on the housing register. This effort is expected to alleviate the backlog of individuals waiting for affordable housing.
3. **Pilot Schemes:** A pilot program will utilize council-owned land and buildings to create homes for individuals with complex housing needs. This approach is designed to address specific challenges faced by vulnerable residents.
4. **Affordable Housing Partnerships:** The council is exploring partnerships to develop affordable housing on council-owned land. These collaborations aim to increase the availability of homes that local residents can afford.

##### Community Funding

Community Funding Opportunities: Local Alliance Groups are offering funding for community projects aimed at improving the lives of children, young people, and families. Schools, charities, and community groups in East Dorset can apply for grants of up to £20,000 for innovative projects.

Community groups, education settings and volunteer organisations can now apply for funding through their Local Alliance Group.

Details of the East Dorset Local Alliance Group are available at [East Locality Partnership Site - Home](#)

Local Alliance Groups bring together people who are passionate about improving the lives of children, young people and families.

There are six Alliance Groups across the Dorset Council area, each focused on identifying priorities and developing initiatives that directly benefit their local area.

In the last round of funding, 159 projects received support, all aimed at enhancing the wellbeing of Dorset's children, young people and families.

##### Climate and Nature Goals

The council has accelerated its climate action plans, aiming for net-zero carbon emissions by 2035 for council operations and by 2045 for the county. Initiatives include transitioning to electric vehicles, making buildings greener, and increasing renewable energy generation.