

Minutes of the Meeting of Knowlton Parish Council
8th October 2025 at 7:00pm
Horton & Chalbury Village Hall

Item	
	Attendance Cllr Morgan Antell – joined the meeting at 7:21pm Cllr Caroline Barnes Cllr Steve Butler (Chairman) Cllr Colin Davidson Cllr Anthony (Sam) Keet - joined the meeting at 7.25pm Cllr Paul Millett (Vice Chairman) Cllr Ian Potentier Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne & Alderholt Ward (Woodlands & Wimborne St Giles) 5 members of public present Miss Sarah Forwood (Clerk)
1	Welcome from the Chairman including housekeeping notices The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2	To receive and accept apologies for absence Cllr Trevor Brown Cllr Kevin Minns Cllr Will Chakawhata – Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward (Horton & Chalbury)
3	Declarations of Interest & Grants for Dispensation None.
4	Public Open Session - A resident noted their disappointment over not being able to view KPC's response to the Dorset Council Local Plan Options Consultation 2025 prior to it being reviewed at the Parish Council meeting. The Chairman noted that at the meeting on Saturday 27th September the Parish Council gave their views. The notes from this meeting were published on the KPC website and on the Woodlands Facebook page. It was then up to the local residents to put their objections in from the information they had been given. The Parish Councils response is as it was said it was going to be at the meeting, there was nothing new that came out of this meeting. Formal approval is needed from the other Councillors at this evenings meeting before this is published. - The rights of way maps on the Parish Council website have no key or footpath numbers to report any issues. The Chairman noted that Dorset Explorer has all the rights of way numbers to allow residents to report any issues. <i>Clerk to add the link for Dorset Explorer to the rights of way page on the Parish Council website.</i>

	- The Chairman confirmed that Knowlton Parish Council is funding the War Memorial at Woodlands Church. <i>Clerk to add the residents concern over the posts on the grass verge on the turning into Crane Valley Golf Course to the action list.</i>
5	KPC response to the Local Dorset Plan Options Consultation 2025 Please see Annex A of these minutes.
6	Confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10th September 2025 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.
7	Minutes of the Knowlton Parish Community Benefit Fund Committee Meetings held 8th & 30th September 2025 The minutes of the meetings, having been circulated to members prior to the meeting, were accepted.
8	Outstanding Actions Please see Annex B of these minutes.
9	KPC Projects The WSG play area project is complete. Cllr Kevin Minns will be carrying out a final check.
10	Chairman's Announcements None.
11	Clerk's Report Please see Annex C of these minutes.
12	Dorset Councillors Reports <u>Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne & Alderholt Ward (Woodlands & Wimborne St Giles)</u> Please see Annex D of these minutes
13	Dorset Councillors Reports <u>Cllr Will Chakawhata – Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward (Horton & Chalbury)</u>

	No update due to Cllr Will Chakawhata sending apologies.
14	Planning Applications & Matters P/FUL/2025/05349 Proposal: Convert existing building into dwelling house - including part demolition and new build extensions Location: Oak Tree Paddock, Batchelors Lane, Horton, BH21 7DS. Members resolved unanimously to OBJECT to the proposal due to the building being an inappropriate development in the greenbelt, NPPF Paragraph 154. P/PAAC/2025/05648 Proposal: Convert agricultural building to C3 residential dwelling. Location: Old Bull Pen, Greenlands Farm, Horton Road, Woodlands, Wimborne, BH21 8NB <i>This application is for information purposes. The application is not a planning application but a request for the Council to determine whether or not Prior Approval is required for the proposal.</i> P/TRC/2025/05210 Proposal: T1 Acer: Removal of lower branch overhanging church. T8 Beech: Removal of lower branches growing at a height of not more than 4m above ground level overhanging garden. Removal of extension growth on some higher branches, not exceeding a diameter of 50mm. T3 Beech: Removal of 3 x lower branches. T10 Acer: Fell. T12 Beech: Removal of extension growth on some lower branches, not exceeding a diameter of 50mm. Location: Abbey House Horton To The Oaks Horton Hollow, Horton, BH21 7JA. <i>Please note this planning application is for information purposes only.</i> P/FUL/2024/07633 Proposal: Quarry extension (correction of site boundary). Location: Redmans Quarry Horton Road, Three Legged Cross. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal. P/HOU/2025/03606 Proposal: Erection of a ground floor extension with roof alterations including dormer windows to create first floor accommodation. Location: Hedgerow, Verwood Road, Woodlands, BH21 8LJ Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal. P/TRC/2025/05822 Proposal: T1 Leyland cypress - Remove, T2 Sycamore - Crown lift to 5m, Reduce branches growing towards dwelling by 2m, T3 Copper beech - Reduce branches growing towards the property by 2-3m, T4 Spruce – Remove, T5 Poplar – Remove, T6 Leyland cypress – Remove, T7 Leyland cypress - Crown lift to 6m over drive, T8 Leyland cypress - Crown lift to 6m over drive. Location: The Beeches, C2 From Horton To Junction With C76, Horton, BH21 7JA. <i>For information purposes only.</i>
15	Highways Matters <i>Clerk to follow up on the signs along the C2 road.</i> <i>Clerk to report the fly tipping at the top of Bagmans Lane.</i> <i>Clerk to report the missing road sign at the bottom of Keepers Hill, B3078.</i>
16	Rights of Way/Open Spaces None.
17	Burgess Field Play Area, Woodlands – Inspections Weekly visual play inspections completed by Cllr Morgan Antell.

18	Tree Matters None.									
19	KPC Response to the DAPTC Smaller Parish Council Survey Members jointly completed the DAPTC Smaller Council Survey and this was submitted to the DAPTC.									
20	Woodlands and Wimborne St Giles Telephone boxes – paint and broken/missing glass The glass in the Woodlands telephone box has been repaired. Cllr Morgan Antell will arrange for the Woodlands telephone box to be painted. It was unanimously agreed the KPC would finance the paint for both the Woodlands and Wimborne St Giles telephone boxes and the glass in the Wimborne St Giles telephone box. Cllr Caroline Barnes will arrange for the Wimborne St Giles telephone box to be painted.									
21	Review complaints procedure This item has been carried forward onto the November agenda.									
22	Inspection of Horton Pump and Woodlands Green Cllr Colin Davidson volunteered to inspect the Horton Pump and Cllr Morgan Antell volunteered to inspect Woodlands Green and give an update at the next Parish Council meeting.									
23	Financial Matters • The Clerks updated contract, having been circulated to members prior to the Parish Council meeting, was unanimously agreed. The Clerk and Chairman signed the contract. • Members noted the Conclusion of the Audit for year ending 31 March 2025. • CIL Payments will be considered at the November meeting • Members resolved unanimously to support the maintenance of Woodlands Churchyard with a grant of £350.00. Members resolved unanimously to the Clerk’s Salary and agree to delegate authorised Cllrs for online banking payments.: <table><tr><td>ONLINE GRASS & GROUNDS</td><td>Grounds Maintenance Woodlands/Play Areas (July & Aug)</td><td>£346.42</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE BDO LLP</td><td>Review for Year End March 2025</td><td>£252.00</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE CREATIVE PLAY</td><td>Payment WSG Play Area Resurfacing</td><td>£3,811.33</td></tr></table>	ONLINE GRASS & GROUNDS	Grounds Maintenance Woodlands/Play Areas (July & Aug)	£346.42	ONLINE BDO LLP	Review for Year End March 2025	£252.00	ONLINE CREATIVE PLAY	Payment WSG Play Area Resurfacing	£3,811.33
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24	Other Information for report only None.									

25	Next Meeting will be on Wednesday <u>12th November 2025</u> at 7:00pm in Horton & Chalbury Village Hall.
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Meeting closed at 20:46 hours

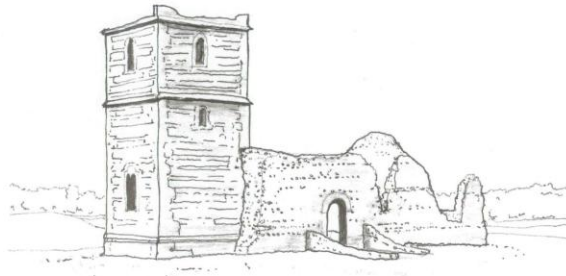
These minutes are to be signed by the Chairman after approval at the next meeting of the Parish Council

Forwood.

Signed;.....

.....17th October 2025

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Annex A

Knowlton Parish Council
Group Council for the Parishes of Chalbury, Horton, Wimborne St Giles & Woodlands

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8th October 2025

Response of Knowlton Parish Council – GT/WLAN/001 Chipping Depot, Woodlands

The B3081/Verwood Road junction has severely restricted visibility in both directions and increased use is likely to create additional highway dangers to what is already a dangerous junction particularly for long vehicles. Passage through the village is deemed "Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles"

Access to the site is very restricted and unsuitable for van/trailer combinations (between bends and on the brow of a hill). Vehicles with trailers would have to cross the carriageway or possibly blocking the highway which would be a danger to other road users.

No public transport services are available in the village.

Dorset Council has confirmed that the chipping depot is not redundant, it is in use, and they want to keep it for highways.

No pavements are in place and there are no safe passageways for pedestrians throughout the village.

No street lighting or road safety markings.

No low voltage electricity services to the site.

Existing electricity grid condition (capacity for further load) unknown.

No mains water services to the site.

No mains sewerage services available to the site.

No mains gas services to the site or in the village.

No surface run-off facilities at the site – all water and waste run-off is to culverts and gully's.

With the authorisation with the two locations in Horton there is no need for further pitches in Parish of Knowlton (Woodlands). The two pitches in Horton are acceptable due to their rural location.

Subterranean water table drains into existing (potentially contaminated) drainage gullies and culverts throughout the village.

Site is on historic aggregates extraction area and existing land contamination potential is very high.

Protected species (bats, lizards etc.) use and live in and around the site.

The site will require drainage and foul sewerage run-off investigation and remediation/mitigation.

Planning Envelope – the site is outside existing planning envelopes of Woodland and Whitmore.

Woodlands is already home to traveller families which could cause inter-group friction.

The proposed site is very close to New Road with a sizeable established population of both young and elderly families.

New Road is used as a pick up and drop off point for school buses and the safety of children in our community is paramount.

New road also has its own resident's playground for use by local children. The location of the proposed site represents a significant risk of conflict with the local established rural community and policing this risk will be very difficult due to the location of the law enforcement units.

In Conclusion:- To rewrite local planning policies, habitat concerns, ignore road, pedestrian, children and local safety concerns and ignore the lack of close local amenities i.e. schools, shops, doctors and dentists seems a high price for 5 pitches.

Response to Twin Acorn GT/HORT/001 and Land at Wigbeth Farm 002

Knowlton Parish Council would support the 15 and 2 sites are content for these sites to be authorised as they are established sites which have been in place for some time and they are moderately remote.

Response of Knowlton Parish Council – LA/HORT/002 Crane Valley Golf Club

Access to the site from the Verwood direction, including any public transport, will be made over Romford Bridge. This bridge is narrow, 2 cars can pass but not 2 lorries, there is no pedestrian access across the narrow bridge. A new bridge with pedestrian facilities would need to be built to allow the extra traffic in and out of Verwood is this affordable? NPPF 77. a

Dentist and Doctors in the area have full waiting lists, has this been considered? NPPF 27.a

A material plan consideration would be a secondary school would be critical.

There is no Mains Sewerage on the Woodlands side of the Crane River. The effect on the potentially full capacity Sewage Network and the need for a new electricity sub-station for the extra 900+ houses will need to be fully costed. NPPF 27.a

The Golf Club is on green belt which is there to provide a buffer between the sprawl of Verwood and the Hamlet of Woodlands. NPPF 143.a

The Health and Wellbeing of Communities require recreational space, if you build on the Golf Club, you are reversing the process and removing recreational space to provide yet more houses. NPPF 98

Verwood has limited employment opportunities, substantial journeys to Bournemouth or Southampton will be needed. NPPF 8.c NPPF 111

Several footpaths pass through the Gold Course which would be lost. NPPF 105

The Golf Course in the Local Plan is in Verwood but it is currently in Woodlands. To change this a Community Governance Review will be needed, with local views taken into account, at the Town Meeting in Verwood and the Village Meeting in Woodlands no-one supported the plan.

Guidance on community governance reviews. 164

The proposed site is within the New Forest recreational area buffer zone.

The proposed site is within the Cranborne Chase National Landscape zone.

The proposed site is within the priority habitat head water area.

The proposed site is within the SSSI impact risk zone.

Flexible Statements Policy

The Councillors unanimously agreed to 5.9 Neighbourhood plans and that the Neighbourhood plans should not be changed.

Annex B

Action No	Date	Action	Assigned To	Status
02/20	July 2020	Water rising in Woodlands opposite 'Four Oaks.	Clerk	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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Feb 25: Members unanimously agreed to check the leak in a couple of months.

				Mar 25: Councillors to meet at the site of the leak to decide the plan for the leak going forward. 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. Apr 25: Southwest Water have updated that it may be a leak from an old asbestos pipe. They are currently looking into this further. 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. June 25: A spot leak was detected by South West Water. The leak has been repaired, and the verge has been reinstated. July 25: South West water has raised another works order to review the leak. Works order number 11810490 the Clerk will be meeting with South West water at the end of July. Aug 25: Meeting was cancelled by South West Water, Clerk has since tried contacting via phone with no response.
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	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. 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.
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. July 25: The two new pedestrian road signs for the C2 is on DC sign shop list of jobs to complete. The signing team are currently working through a significant amount of work, including over 40 jobs from the road safety team alone. At this time, the Road Safety Technical Officer is unable to provide a date for this work to take place, however, regular meetings take place with our colleagues and updates will be provided when they have further information.
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. June 25: The Clerk and Cllr Sam Keet have applied for grant funding towards the project. July 25: The application for the grant funding from DC for the Queen Copse Project was unsuccessful. The Clerk has asked for feedback and will pursue other funding routes.
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 along B3081 opposite Deer Park House.	Clerk	April 24: The Clerk has reported the bank issue. 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. Sept: This road is part of DC planned drainage scheme which will take place before the winter. The bank will be reprofiled by making it lower and more of a curve. Oct 25: The bank has been reprofiled by DC. Complete
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. Sept 25: A DC planning enforcement form has been completed for the Horton Tower windows. Oct 25: Following a review of the photographs provided and consultation with DC Conservation Team, DC enforcement has confirmed that there appears to be no breach of planning control. The images show that the windows have been fitted with clear material consistent with the approved planning application. If the resident is referring to the windows being completely filled in, we would be grateful if they could clarify: • What materials they believe have been used; • Why they believe this differs from the approved plans. This information will help us determine whether any further investigation is required. Councillors confirmed that the first two tiers are blackened out. <i>Clerk to reclarify what the windows are filled in with and respond to DC enforcement.</i>
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	July 24: The Clerk has been in contact with DC and waiting for a response. Sept 24: Another email has been sent to DC asking for an update on when the sign will be put in place. 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. Nov 24: A quote has been received from DC and is on the November agenda for approval. Nov 24: Moved to the December agenda. 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. Jan 25: An email has been sent to DC asking for a quote for the relocation of

				the Horton Heath sign. Mar 25: Follow up email has been sent by the Clerk. April 25: The Parish Council is waiting for a quote from DC. July 25: A quote has been received to supply & erect a new sign and 2 new posts at the location provided by the Parish Council is £1137.73 including traffic management. Aug 25: An email has been sent to DC accepting the quote for the Clump Hill sign.
13/24	June 2024	Clerk to contact the Speed Partnership Team to ask for their support with the speeding issues through Horton Village.	Clerk	July 24: An email has been sent to Dorset Road Safe for support with the speeding issue through Horton Village, awaiting a response. 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. Nov 24: An email has been sent to the Dorset Road Safe Team to enquire if they have visited Horton Village. 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. May 25: A follow up email has been sent to the Dorset Road Safety Team asking for an update. June 25: The Camera Team have visited this location twice in the past year. The first was on 04/11/2024 at 16.30 and the second was on 30/05/2025 at 08.23, both sessions were of one hour duration and there were no activations. Due to the vans parking on a grass verge, visits are only possible in dry weather, which may account for the further delay. This location will be added to the next enforcement list for the Camera Team to visit.
26/24	Oct 2024	Clerk to liaise with Cllr Morgan Antell in relation to the rubbish being dumped at Burgess Field, Woodlands.	Clerk	Nov 24: Cllr Morgan Antell will give an update at the November meeting. Feb 25: The rubbish and cut fence has been reported to Aster Housing requesting the fence to be fixed and the rubbish removed. Mar 25: See update on action 38/24 May 25: Email sent asking for an update on when the rubbish will be removed and the fence will be fixed. 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. June 25: Aster have confirmed that the rubbish has been removed. Clerk to

				<i>report to Aster that further rubbish has been dumped at the site. The Parish Council has since had a padlocked gate put in the gap to prevent further rubbish being left.</i> July 25: The rubbish left at the site has been reported to Aster.
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	Nov 24: An email was sent to DC. DC have forwarded the email to the relevant department to respond. 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.
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. Sept 25: DC are continuing to follow up the blocked culvert with Shaftesbury Estates.
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. June 25: The Clerk and Cllr Sam Keet have applied for grant funding towards the project.
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. June 25: A meeting is being arranged to discuss road calming measures. July 25: A meeting has taken place between Cllr Paul Millett, Cllr Will

				Chakawhata and the DC Road Safety Officer. Cllr Paul Millett will write up the possible solutions to decide what the next steps are.
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. June 25: The delay on the salt bin process is currently due to location. DC are unable to determine a suitable and safe location on highway land for this salt bin, which is accessible to the local residents who may need to access it. The initial location of being near or next to the remedy oak tree has been declined. Once this has been figured out it will then go to ranking and an assessment will take place to determine if it meets requirements. Sept 25: DC have confirmed they do want to place a salt bin put in the location, have not been able to find a site that meets the criteria which is safe for people to use the salt bin safely. DC are unable to place the bin next to the Remedy Oak tree due to it being a protected tree.
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. Action: Clerk to liaise with DC Highways in relation to the previous higher

				<i>quality finish, skid resistant road surface that was placed along the B3081.</i>
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	Cllr Will Chakawhata	July 25: Works started on 07/07/25. Works started at the outfall within the caravan park and DC continue to progress towards the public highway- approx. 65% of the works is complete. All works are programmed to be completed by 01/08/2025.
66/25	June 2025	Clerk to report the water leak on Chalbury Hill to South West Water.	Clerk	July 25: Reported on South West Water website.
67/25	July 2025	Clerk to report the thin branch hanging across the B3081 road.	Clerk	Sept 25: The branch has been reported on the DC portal.
68/25	July 2025	Clerk to draft an email and send to Cllr Chakawhata over the issues raised in relation to Meadow View Caravan Park.	Clerk	
69/25	July 2025	Cllr Millett to draft a response to the email that was received in June from a local resident in relation to Chalbury speeding. Clerk to forward the email to the resident.	Cllr Millett	Aug 25: A reply email has been drafted by Cllr Paul Millett and sent to the resident. Complete
70/25	July 2025	Clerk to contact DC to confirm if the flashing signs at Horton Inn are working and being used.	Clerk	Aug 25: The signs were removed by DC due to wiring concerns. Plans are in place for the signs to be reinstalled. DC Highways is currently coordinating and will provide updates regarding the timeline for replacement.
71/25	July 2025	Clerk to contact DC highways in relation to the white markings on the road through Woodlands and what work is taking place.	Clerk	Oct 25: Has the work taken place and have the white markings gone? <i>Clerk to follow up with highways.</i>
72/25	July 2025	Clerk to follow up on when the resurfacing of the road through Woodlands past the golf course when will take place.	Clerk	
73/25	July 2025	Clerk to report the potholes in the road near the Remedy Oak.	Clerk	Aug 25: The potholes by Remedy Oak have been reported on the DC portal.

74/25	Sept 2025	Clerk to visit the area where the waste has been placed and report to the relevant department at DC.	Clerk	Oct 25: The waste/rubbish has been reported to DC environmental health.
75/25	Sept 2025	Clerk to liaise with DC Highways Department to gain their views on traffic calming measures at Parsonage Way, Wimborne St Giles.	Clerk	Oct 25: An email has been sent to DC Highways asking for them to review the traffic calming measures.
76/25	Sept 2025	Cllr Morgan Antell to email Cllr Kevin Minns with issues raised around the We Out Here Festival to be taken to the 'Wash Up' meeting on 22 nd September.	Cllr Antell	
77/25	Oct 2025	Clerk to add the link for Dorset Explorer to the rights of way page on the Parish Council website.	Clerk	
78/25	Oct 2025	Clerk to add the residents concern over the posts on the grass verge on the turning into Crane Valley Golf Course to the action list.	Clerk	Sept 25: The clerk has spoken to the DC highways officer about the posts who will check these are safe when they are next in the area.
79/25	Oct 2025	Clerk to follow up on the signs along the C2 road.	Clerk	
80/25	Oct 2025	Clerk to report the fly tipping at the top of Bagmans Lane.	Clerk	
81/25	Oct 2025	Clerk to report the missing road sign at the bottom of Keepers Hill, B3078.	Clerk	

Annex C**Clerks Report****8th October 2025****Correspondence****Next Climate and Nature Action Support Meeting: Mon 13th Oct 7.30pm and notes and vid from Sept.**

Please find attached the notes and presentation from September's Climate & Nature Action Support meeting.

We were joined for an excellent talk and discussion by Environmental Educator Edd Moor who is head of education for the Green Schools Project. Edd worked closely with renowned scientist and conservationist Dame Dr. Jane Goodall, who sadly passed last week aged 91 years.

Salt bins and Dumpy bags 2025/26 season

From Monday 6th October 2025, we plan to start to fill the initial first fill of the grit bins for free – both community and strategic.

If your Parish Council have moved a grit bin into storage over the summer; please could it be re-installed in the position agreed.

If there are any damaged/cracked bins, can you let us know so we can remove from the list. Likewise, if you have purchased a new bin over the summer months, please let us know so we can add to our system, so it's not missed (we will need a copy of the location map of the missed/new bin).

All community bins that are emptied over the Winter season after the initial fill will be charged as per last year if a refill is needed.

To reflect national cost pressures and price increases for aggregates and minerals experienced over the last 12 months we will need to increase the cost of this service for the 2025/26 winter season by 5%. Whilst we recognise the financial pressures that the Parish Councils are under, this increase is unfortunately unavoidable. We make every effort to keep costs to an absolute minimum and as such we have raised the threshold for small grit bins to include all bins up to and including 200 litres in capacity (previously 150 litres).

Road Closures**LOCATION: - Verwood Road Woodlands Dorset**

Further to our previous correspondence, a programme change means we unfortunately have had to change proposed dates of the planned closure for maintenance works on the above site.

The road will now be closed between the 13th and 17th November 2025. All other information will remain the same as below. Any previously agreed adjustments will stand for the new dates.

The road will be closed daily, between the hours of 08:00 and 18:00 and will be re-opened to traffic overnight. We will be carrying out targeted and localised repairs to sections of those roads highlighted in red on the attached map. The recommended diversion route is marked in blue, and

this will remain in place for the full duration of the above works. National regulations state that traffic must be diverted onto roads with the same classification as the one that is closed.

During the closure periods there will be no on street parking available, and temporary parking restrictions will be implemented to prevent waiting or parking on the roads listed above. Please note that any vehicle waiting in contravention of temporary parking restrictions may be removed under the provisions of the Removal and Disposal of Vehicles Regulations 1986. If a vehicle has been removed, the owner must contact the Council's vehicle recovery contractor: Ashleywood Recovery Ltd/Bride Valley Recovery Ltd on 01305 889421.

These works will be carried out by Colas Ltd and Dorset Highways on behalf of Dorset Council.

We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused to you as a result of this change.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF UNNAMED ROAD, EDMONDSHAM

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, Edmondsham as indicated by signage on site. The Notice is needed in order to comply with health and safety regulations which require the provision of safe working areas and to minimise the likelihood of danger to highway users. It will come into operation on 13th October 2025 and remain in force for five days, it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 17th October 2025.

This Notice will enable Dorset Council to carry out drainage repair works. A locally signed diversion route will be put in place to enable traffic to travel around the closed section.

Annex D**251008 Knowlton Parish Council — Dorset Councillor Report****Recent Actions & Developments**

A heathland restoration project in East Dorset SSSIs has launched this autumn to protect rare habitats and reduce wildfire risk, potentially affecting local land management.

The project, supported by funding from Natural England and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), will focus on restoring lowland heathland - an internationally rare ecosystem that supports endangered species such as the Nightjar, Woodlark, and all six of Britain's native reptiles, including the elusive Smooth Snake.

Work will take place at the following sites:

- Stephens Castle, Verwood
- Dewlands Common North, Verwood
- Slop Bog, Ferndown
- Parley Common, Ferndown
- Pine Clump, Upton.

[Dorset heathland restoration project to protect rare wildlife and reduce wildfire risk - Dorset Council](#)

Dorset Council announced expansion of energy-efficient LED street lighting, replacing about 18,500 outdated units.

[Street Lighting and Illuminated Signs Policy 2025 - Dorset Council](#)

At Dorset Council Cabinet last week the Council announced a ten year Farms Estate Strategy which recognises the importance of supporting new entrants into agriculture, promoting sustainable land management, and ensuring that our rural holdings continue to deliver public value. It includes a £12 Million investment for urgent repairs and modernisations. Cabinet was told by Councillors for Tarrant's Hill Forts and Marshwood Vale, that the previous County Council had neglected County Farms for decades

[FINAL Farms Strategy.pdf](#)**Upcoming Consultations / Deadlines**

Local Plan Options Consultation — deadline **13 October 2025** (submit views on housing, growth, land allocations). Due to heavy user demand the on-line Consultation has been working very slowly. Dorset Council has recently announced that whilst the web page Consultation will close on the 13th contributions via email, letter etc., will continue to be accepted until the end of the month

[Dorset Council Local Plan options consultation 2025 - Dorset Council - Citizen Space](#)

Local Transport Plan Consultation — closing date **13 October 2025**. This consultation will close as advertised.

[Local Transport Plan consultation - Dorset Council](#)