

Minutes of the Meeting of Knowlton Parish Council
15th July 2026 at 7:00pm
Horton & Chalbury Village Hall

Item	
	Attendance Cllr Steve Butler (Chairman) Cllr Colin Davidson Cllr Marian Eldrett Cllr Anthony (Sam) Keet Cllr Kevin Minns Cllr Ian Potentier Cllr Nicola Watson Cllr Will Chakawhata – Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward (Horton & Chalbury) Miss Sarah Forwood (Clerk)
1	Welcome from the Chairman including housekeeping notices None.
2	To receive and accept apologies for absence Cllr Morgan Antell Cllr Trevor Brown Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne & Alderholt Ward (Woodlands & Wimborne St Giles)
3	Declarations of Interest and/or consider the granting of dispensation None.
4	Public Open Session None.
5	Confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10th June 2026 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.
6	KPC Projects None.
7	Chairman's Announcements

	None.
8	Clerk's Report Please see Annex A of these minutes.
9	Outstanding Actions Please see Annex B of these minutes.
10	Dorset Councillors Reports <u>Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne & Alderholt Ward (Woodlands & Wimborne St Giles)</u> Report received. Please see Annex C
11	Dorset Councillors Reports <u>Cllr Will Chakawhata – Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward (Horton & Chalbury)</u> • The residents of Deer Park have requested to meet with MP Vicky Slade to discuss a footpath being put in place from Deer Park to the roundabout. • Essential gas works are taking place along Verwood Road. • The fly-tipped bags along Horton and Holt Road will be collected on Saturday. • The MP Vicky Slade has been in touch with Dorset Council around the fly tipping on the corner of Horton Road. • The missing HGV sign at the bottom of Haythornes Road has been replaced. • The Environmental Department's threshold for intervening in the Haythorne barking dog issue is too high. Cllr Brown will make further enquiries. • Cllr Chakawhata met with Cllr Potentier in relation to a planning building issue local to Cllr Potentier.
12	Planning Applications & Matters P/FUL/2023/02829 and Woodlands Solar Farm ref. P/FUL/2023/03415 Proposal: Proposed cable route in conjunction with approved solar farm developments (North Farm Solar Farm ref. at Mannington, Horton. Location: Land between Woodlands Solar Farm, North Farm Solar Farm, and Mannington Substation. <i>This application will be considered by Planning Committee on 21 July 2026.</i> P/HOU/2026/03291 Proposal: Refurbish and extend existing house to create ground floor kitchen and new entrance porch to hallway and first floor bedroom suite and home office. Convert integral garage to a home gym. Location: Oxleaze Junction On B3078 At Sybil Cottages Via Chalbury Hill To Chalbury Lane, Horton, BH21 7HJ Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION on the proposal. P/PAAF/2026/03202 Proposal: Prior Notification for the proposed change of use of agricultural barn to a flexible commercial use - Class B8 (storage or Distribution) - under Schedule 2, Part 3, Class R of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). Location:

	Breach Barn, Chalbury Farm, Horton Wimborne, BH21 7HJ. <i>For Information Purposes Only.</i>									
13	Rights of Way/Open Spaces None.									
14	Highways Matters Positive feedback has been received in relation to the resurfacing of the road throughout Woodlands. Due to a potential safety hazard and as a matter of urgency the white lines need to be reinstated on the crossroads. <i>Clerk to urgently notify Highways that the white lines at the Woodlands crossroads need reinstating.</i>									
15	Burgess Field Play Area, Woodlands – Inspections Weekly visual play inspections have been completed, the quarterly report was received and circulated. Cllr Eldrett noted that Cllr Antell has arranged for a qualified carpenter to fix the loose planks within the next two weeks.									
16	Tree Matters None.									
17	New Register of Interests Process for Councillors All Councillors were reminded to complete their register of interests on the new ROI page. The Clerk has circulated instructions on how to do this.									
18	Financial Matters Members approved the donation of £300 to the South Western Ambulance Charity To approve items of expenditure including Clerk’s Salary and agree to delegate authorised Cllrs for online banking payments: <table><tr><td>ELITE PLAYGROUND INSPECTION</td><td>Burges Field Quarterly Inspection</td><td>£96.00</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE GRASS AND GROUND</td><td>Grass Cutting</td><td>£100.20</td></tr><tr><td>CLERKS PENSION</td><td>Annual Pension year ending 25/26</td><td>£172.38</td></tr></table>	ELITE PLAYGROUND INSPECTION	Burges Field Quarterly Inspection	£96.00	ONLINE GRASS AND GROUND	Grass Cutting	£100.20	CLERKS PENSION	Annual Pension year ending 25/26	£172.38
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19	Other Information for report only None.									
20	Next Meeting will be on Wednesday <u>9th September 2026</u> at 7:30pm in Horton & Chalbury Village Hall.									

Meeting closed at 19:42 hours

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

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Annex A

Clerks Report15th July 2026Correspondence

None.

Road/ROW/Bridleway Closures

- **TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ORDER, B3081, WIMBORNE ST GILES DORSET COUNCIL** has made an Order under Section 14 [1] of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 as amended. The Order 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 24th July 2026 and remain in force for 18 months however it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 7th August 2026. This Order will enable Dorset Council to carry out surface dressing works.
- **PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF UNNAMED LANE, WIMBORNE ST GILES** I have received an application from Openreach to close Unnamed Lane, Wimborne St Giles between Bailey Hill Dairy and The Corner House, a distance of approximately 320 metres. The closure has been requested to allow Openreach to carry out ducting works.
- **TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF RESTRICTED BYWAY E54/21, HORTON DORSET COUNCIL** has made an Order under Section 14 [1] of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984, as amended. All pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists will be prohibited from proceeding along Restricted Byway E54/21, Horton from grid reference SU 08284 07010 to grid reference SU 08596 06877, a distance of approximately 350 metres. The Order 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 1st July 2026 for a period of 26 weeks, however it is anticipated the works will be complete by 27th September 2026. This Order is required to allow National Grid to carry out essential works to their power lines.
- **TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC FOOTPATHS E46/7/9/10/11, HORTON DORSET COUNCIL** has made an Order under Section 14 [1] of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984, as amended. All pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists will be prohibited from proceeding along Footpath E46/10, Horton from grid reference SU 06894 06118 to grid reference SU 07824 06344, a distance of approximately 1000 metres. The Order 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 1st July 2026 for a period of 26 weeks, however it is anticipated the works will be complete by 27th September 2026. This Order is required to allow National Grid to carry out essential works to their power lines.
- **PROPOSED TEMPORARY 30MPH SPEED LIMIT, VARIOUS ROADS, WIMBORNE ST GILES** I have received an application from We Out Here Limited to introduce temporary 30mph speed limits on Various Roads, Wimborne St Giles as described; [i] B3081 at such times and to such extent as indicated by the traffic signs; [ii] B3078 at such times and to such extent as indicated by the traffic signs; [iii] Creech Hill - Wimborne St Giles to B3081 at such times and to such extent as indicated by the traffic signs; [iv] Lane From Junction At B3078 And B3081 To Edmondsham at such times and to such extent as indicated

by the traffic signs. The temporary speed limits will be introduced in conjunction with temporary traffic lights and stop/go boards to assist access and egress to We Out Here Festival. T

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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. Nov 25: The clerk emailed the DC Highways Officer with the necessary information. The officer will reach out to South West Water regarding the water leak. Dec 25: The Highways Officer continues to make contact with South West Water. The highways officer is planning to meet up with the water board when they are in the area.
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
06/23	Dec 2023	Cllr Sam Keet to take forward the	Cllr Sam	July 24: Cllr Sam Keet and the Clerk have met with James Rose contractors

		grant from the Community and Culture Fund Project for the bridleway project at Queens Copse.	Keet	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. Jan 26: The Clerk has approached the British Horse Society for funding towards the bridleway through their 'Ride Out Fund Scheme'. An application form is being forwarded to the Clerk for completion.
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. Feb 26: Cranborne Chase National Landscape previously looked at extending the layby with grass create block panels with holes to allow the grass to grow through. The space they were looking at creating was for five car spaces. DEFRA's access for all funding may be available to improve parking and Cranborne Chase National Landscapes will look into this. They would like to be part of the discussions with DC highways. <i>Councillors agreed to consider funding the Knowlton Church Layby along with potential funding from Knowlton Community Benefit Fund, Defra funding and contact English Heritage.</i>
32/24	Oct 2024	Clerk to contact Mark Adams and CC Cllr David Tooke to ask if the road past	Clerk	Nov 24: An email was sent to DC. DC have forwarded the email to the relevant department to respond.

		Remedy Oak is going to be resurfaced and is there a plan to complete the road out of Woodlands and Horton.		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. Nov 25: It has been confirmed by the Principal Project Engineer at Dorset Council that the road is being resurfaced on 1st-11th December 2025. Dec 25: Patching has taken place and the whole road will be resurfaced in 2026. July 26: The road has been resurfaced through Woodlands. Complete.
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. Jan 26: The Clerk has approached the British Horse Society for funding towards the bridleway through their 'Ride Out Fund Scheme'. An application form is being forwarded to the Clerk for completion. July 26: Due to the cost of the project this is on hold until after the Clerk has completed their CiLCA qualification.
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. Jan 26: The Clerk has search magic maps and Dorset Explorer and neither show SSSI around Woodland playfields. Complete
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	
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. Nov 25: The grit bin is continuing to be considered by Dorset Council Highways. DC need to confirm if this is a high priority gritting route and the liability for residents spreading grit on an icy road. The Parish Council could purchase a grit bin, however DC Highways Officer needs to confirm whose responsibility it would be to maintain the grit bin and where liability lies in relation to spreading the grit across the road. The Highways Officer has emailed the relevant department and is awaiting an update. Dec 25: DC Highways has confirmed that the grit bin liability /maintenance would be the Parish Council. The Grit Bins position would need to be authorised and assessed by DC Highways. DC Highways Officer has emailed, as a matter of urgency, the Community Highways Team Leader to arrange a site meeting. Jan 26: The Grit bin scoring has taken place and it will have to be a 'community bin'. This will be purchased and maintained by the parish. DC Highways are waiting on a cost and any further information. April 26: An email has been sent to DC Senior Estimator for the quote that was requested by DC Highways in February. May 26: The Clerk has spoken to DC and they will be responding with a quote asap. June 26: A quote has been received for the grit bin from DC. The location for the grit bin has been confirmed by DC Highways Team as outside the residents house or on the same side as the Remedy Oak Tree but further up the lane. The Clerk has emailed the resident to confirm the location preference.
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 quality finish, skid resistant road surface that was placed along the B3081.

Nov 25: The Clerk has spoken to Dorset Council Highways Officer who has passed on the relevant contact details for the resurfacing team in relation to the skid resistant road surface for the B3081. The Clerk has emailed the resurfacing team and is awaiting a response.

April 26: The update from the Road Safety Technical Officer from Dorset Council is; a route analysis was conducted last year, however, in the section that falls within KPC the road safety team only addressed some maintenance concerns with some existing warning/regulatory signage that was obscured by vegetation.

At the start of 2025 numerous concerns were raised regarding surface water/ice around the Remedy Gate area. Significant drainage works were carried out at this location in autumn to address this which included making up the edges to carriageway specification, clearing headwalls and jetting the system. No further public reports have been received since.

In 2025, between the junction of the B3078 and the Verwood Town border we do have a record of a moderately serious collision, this occurred close to the entrance for the Crane Valley golf course. No other injury collisions were reported within your section of the B3081 in 2025.

Part of the B3081 is planned to be surface dressed in July of this year, whilst this date may change, the parish will be updated by the relevant teams closer to the time. This process will involve the repainting of any existing lines.

We will be conducting a further route analysis of the B3081 from the B3078 junction to the A31 in the next 3 months and will ensure you are updated following this.

Finally, we encourage the community to report incidents directly to us through

				our public reporting system, which provides a further layer of information to supplement our police data. The link for this is: Tell us about small collisions or near misses to help us target road improvements - Dorset Council . It would be greatly appreciated if you could promote this within the community.
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.
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. July 26: There are no potholes since the resurfacing has taken place through Woodlands. Complete.
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. Dec 25: Dorset Council waste enforcement team have received numerous reports on this matter. It has been passed over to their partners at the Environment Agency as it is a waste site on private land. A visit has been carried out and they are continuing to investigate.
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. Nov 25: Dorset Council Highways Officer will raise this again with Community Highways Team Leader. It is likely there is not enough fronting properties for a speed reduction. An accident data and speed survey reduction may need to be completed. Dec 25: Due to illness the DC Community Team Leader has not been able to undertake a site visit, the site visit will take place in the New Year. Jan 26: Update from DC: Requests for 20mph speed limits must come from the Parish Council via the form here: 20mph Limits and Zones - Dorset Council and then go through the appropriate assessment by our Road Safety Team. The record of collision data shows that in the last five years there have been no injury collisions in this section of road, and therefore according to the department of transport guidance, the speed limit appears to be set correctly, The current signing could be improved by the insertion of a slow road marking next to the concealed entrance sign (general or unspecified hazard Diagram 562) and DC highways are happy to fund this from their capital signs and lines budget, although it will likely be in the new financial year now rather than before due to the likely weather conditions.

				April 26: An email has been sent to DC Community Highways Team Leader for an update on SLOW road markings.
84/25	Nov 2025	Cllr Butler and Cllr Antell to report on their findings after a visit to Woodlands Green to assess the damage on the field from the cars parked during the football on Saturdays.	Cllr Butler Cllr Antell	
85/25	Dec 2025	Clerk to report the rubbish that has been fly tipped in Bagmans Lane, Woodlands. Clerk to contact Dorset Council to enquire if a gate and or camera/sign can be placed on Bagman's Lane to prevent further rubbish being fly tipped.	Clerk	Feb 26: The fly tipping has been reported to DC SR00835377. Signage can be put up providing it is to the side of the track, it maybe a good idea to check with landowners first. Unless there is a need for livestock no gates can be put in place due to it being a byway. <i>Clerk to contact DC Ranger to discuss the options of having cameras on the byway. Clerk to obtain a quote for the cameras.</i> April 26: The rubbish has been removed and a fly tipping sign is insitu. <i>Clerk to ask Dorset Council about camera options for the byway.</i> May 26: The Clerk will liaise with DC environment agency, Ferndown Town Council and highways in relation finding further information on installing fly tipping cameras. DC ROW Team are the team who maintain the byway surface, but this is not maintained for road traffic just for green lane vehicles. Gates can be placed on byways if there are livestock but they cannot be locked, due to a byway being open to all.
87/25	Dec 2025	Clerk to inform DC highways about the flooding at Pump House Corner.	Clerk	Jan 26: The flooding issues at the pump house corner has been reported to DC Highways and COULD potentially be a location that is targeted once their capital budget becomes available from April. There is already a long list of works that need doing it is a case of where it ranks. Gullies have been cleared at this location on multiple occasions however asking landowners to clear ditching is an ongoing issue.
89/25	Dec 2025	Clerk to apply to KPCBF for a grant for	Clerk	June 26: The clerk has obtained a quote for £100.00 plus VAT and £12.00

		the Woodlands Green goal nets.		postage for a pair of goal nets using a local company in Bridport. July 26: The goal nets have been ordered. Complete
90/25	Dec 2025	Cllr Brown to email Cllr Chakawhata in relation to the dog barking logs that have been kept by the local resident.	Cllr Brown	May 26: Cllr Brown and Cllr Chakawhata have meet to discuss the barking dog at Haythorne. Cllr Chakawhata will follow up this with the environmental department at DC.
91/25	Dec 2025	Clerk to follow up the HGV sign at Haythornes, Horton Road	Clerk	Dec 25: The sign has been ordered and is awaiting DC sign shop to make and install. April 26: A job order has been raised via the Highways Officer with the sign shop. Clerk has sent an email to the sign shop for an update. May 26: The sign shop confirmed that it will take three months for the sign to be produced and installed. Cllr Chakawhata is aware of the issues around the missing HGV sign. May 26: The sign has been made and waiting for it to be installed by the sign shop. Highways Officer has asked for it to be installed asap. July 26: The sign is insitu. Complete
95/26	Feb 2026	Cllr Colin Davidson to contact DC and Planning to discuss the routes in and out for the solar farm at Woodlands.	Cllr Davidson	
96/26	Feb 2026	Cllr Colin Davidson to bring back to the March meeting what funding KPC will receive from both solar farms and the number of panels that are being installed on both solar farms.	Cllr Davidson	Mar 26: Cllr Davidson has contacted the relevant Planning Officer and is waiting for a reply. Cllr Davidson will continue to investigate the current information is both solar farms are offering £20,000 annually over 40 years. It was noted that the planting for the screening should have already commenced.
97/26	March 2026	Cllr Tooke and Cllr Chakawhata to look into the arrangements for both Woodlands and North Farm Solar Farms in relation to the transportation routes for solar panels and ESCROW contracts.	Cllr Tooke and Cllr Chakawhata	April 26: Cllr Tooke sent emails in relation to the Construction Traffic Management Plan for the Woodlands Solar Farm. Cllr Tooke contacted DC Planning and Highways about the road surface. That will be inspected during construction and any repairs needed agreed with the solar contractors. They will then either make good themselves or DC will and then invoice them. Construction has not yet started, the cable routes need to get planning permission first.
101/26	Mar 2026	Clerk to seek appropriate action to prevent the mole hills in Burgess Playground.	Clerk	
103/26	Mar 2026	Clerk to seek quotes for the	Clerk	April 26: The clerk is liaising with a company for a quote to clean the algae

		playground equipment to be cleaned at Burgess Field.		from the play equipment.
104/26	May 26	Clerk to enquire what the process is for the Chalbury Councillor vacancy are they able to join the Horton Councillors or if there can be two Chalbury Councillors. Clerk to enquire when the next community review is taking place.	Clerk	June 26: An email has been sent to the elections team in Dorset Council. July 26: Email received from the elections team: The types of changes you mention can only be made following a community governance review which is a process that takes approximately a year. The guidance on community governance reviews is very long but you can read it here. Dorset Council carried out a council-wide review in 2021, and we are scheduled to undertake a further review in the Spring/Summer of 2027. We will write to all parishes once this starts to ask if there are any governance arrangements that parishes would like us to consider. Having said that, the number of councillors is set to ensure electoral equality. I haven't looked at the number of residents in Chalbury but it may be that they have significantly fewer than in the other parishes. If this is the case, then their councillor numbers have to reflect this as every vote must carry the same weight. If the parish has been unable to fill the vacancy in Chalbury, I'm not sure increase their number to two would help! Of course, a councillor for Chalbury would not necessarily need to live in Chalbury provided they met one of the other qualifications: • You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards. • You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election. • Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the parish area. • You have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election. If your councillors would like to review their governance arrangements when

				we undertake a community governance review next year then please do respond to the email that we will circulate. Complete
106/26	May 26	Clerk to confirm, with Dorset Council, where the grit bin is going to be located.	Clerk	June 26: Dorset Council's Highways team have recommended to place the grit bin either outside the residents house or further down the road on the same side as the Remedy Oak Tree.
108/26	June 26	Clerk to contact DC Highways in relation to the give way signs at the Horton Inn junction being made more visible and the potential of rumble strips leading up to the junction. CC Cllr Tooke into the email sent to DC Highways.	Clerk	July 26: An email has been sent to DC Highways.
109/26	June 26	Clerk to contact DC Officer noting local knowledge says the best route in would be from the Remedy Oak Tree end.	Clerk	July 26: The DC Cabinet Member has resigned and their successor will be announced on Thursday. The Clerk will contact them once they are in place.
110/26	June 26	Clerk to contact the DC Ranger in relation to a notice being put for the Haythorne footpath (next to Haythorne Nursery).	Clerk	July 26: The DC Ranger is in contact with the owner and discussions are taking place to resolve the footpath issue.
111/26	July 26	Clerk to urgently notify Highways that the white lines at the Woodlands crossroads need reinstating.	Clerk	

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1. Transport and Road Safety

Road safety has been a significant focus for Dorset Council across the Eastern Area during the past month. Whilst not directly affecting residents locally there are improvements in areas very close by that may impact us when travelling.

Ferndown and West Parley

- Dorset Council announced a reduction in the speed limit on sections of New Road and Christchurch Road from 40mph to 30mph. The change is intended to improve safety for residents, pedestrians and cyclists and is due to be implemented during summer 2026.

Lytchett Minster

- The council has approved measures to improve pedestrian safety on the B3067 Dorchester Road, including a new crossing point and lower speed limits. The scheme is particularly aimed at improving safety for pupils travelling to and from school.

Wimborne

- The temporary traffic management arrangements on Julian's Bridge have been reviewed, with the council ending the footway and traffic signal trial early and restoring normal two-way traffic from 18 June. The decision followed monitoring and assessment of the trial's impacts, which demonstrated an unacceptable impact on traffic in the town.

Looking Ahead

- Dorset Council's forward programme includes consideration of a Department for Transport e-scooter rental trial, with Upton and Corfe Mullen identified as a potential pilot area. If approved, this could have implications for local transport planning and road safety in eastern Dorset.

2. Wildfire Prevention and Environmental Protection

With periods of exceptionally warm and dry weather, Dorset Council has increased its focus on wildfire prevention.

- Dorset Council and Litter Free Dorset jointly called on retailers to suspend sales of disposable barbecues during periods of extreme heat and heightened wildfire risk. The initiative is intended to protect Dorset's countryside, heathland habitats and nearby communities from accidental fires.

- The council has continued wider environmental management work, including the deployment of innovative technology including autonomous robot weeders to tackle invasive plant species and support habitat management across the county.
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3. Adult Social Care

Several county-wide adult social care initiatives have been launched or expanded during the reporting period.

Greater Choice in Care Services

- From 1 July, Dorset Council expanded its Individual Service Fund arrangements, enabling eligible residents to exercise greater choice and flexibility in how their care and support services are delivered. Under this arrangement, people who are eligible for council-funded care can choose to have their personal care budget managed by their care provider on their behalf, while retaining influence over how the funding is used. The approach is designed to provide greater flexibility than traditional commissioned services, enabling individuals to shape support around their own needs and preferences while reducing the administrative burden associated with managing a direct payment. Dorset Council reports that the expansion will give more residents greater choice and control over their care arrangements.

Support for Unpaid Carers

- A new hospital discharge pilot has been introduced to identify unpaid carers at an earlier stage and provide access to practical advice and support services.
- Dorset Council has also promoted the enhanced "Bridgit" digital support platform, providing carers with improved access to information, guidance and support at any time. Available online 24 hours a day, the service uses AI-supported technology to help unpaid carers access personalised information, local support services, benefits advice, wellbeing resources and emergency planning tools. The platform is intended to make it easier for carers to find appropriate support without lengthy referrals or searches across multiple organisations.