



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 1 MARCH 2024

DRIMPTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr. Rowland Hibbard (Chairman BGPC), Cllr. Rebecca Burt, Cllr. Steve Chubb, Cllr. Andrew Frampton, Cllr. Bob Harris, Cllr. Fraser Hughes, Cllr. Stefan Nikolov, Cllr. Sonia Raymond, Cllr. Nathalie Roberts, Chris Loder MP, Cllr. Simon Christopher (Dorset Council) and Mrs. Helen Cudmore (Clerk).

The Meeting commenced at 6.20 pm and was opened by Councillor Hibbard. There were twelve members of the public in attendance.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Rowland Hibbard, Chairman of Broadwindsor Group Parish Council welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Councillor Hibbard outlined the agenda for the evening.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Bassett, Councillor White, PCSO Bishop, Philip Hardwill, Ruth Yarde, Jacqueline Clark-Basten, Wendy Shields and Andrew Hookings.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

A copy of the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 April 2023 as previously circulated was confirmed as a true record and duly signed by Councillor Hibbard. There were no matters arising.

4. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Hibbard, Chairman of the Broadwindsor Group Parish Council presented the Annual Report. **Report attached.**

5. WORKING FOR WEST DORSET

Chris Loder MP presented an overview of his work as MP for West Dorset and invited questions from the meeting. **Report attached.**

6. DORSET COUNCIL REPORT

Councillor Christopher presented the report for Dorset Council. **Report attached.**

7. COMMUNITY POLICING REPORT

The Clerk presented the Community Policing Report as prepared by PCSO Alex Bishop. **Report attached.**

8. BROADWINDSOR SCHOOL

Councillor Simon Christopher presented the report for Broadwindsor School on behalf of Jacqueline Clark-Basten. ***Report attached.***

9. VILLAGE HALLS REPORT

a. Blackdown Village Hall

Councillor Sonia Raymond presented the report for Blackdown Village Hall. ***Report attached.***

b. Comrades Hall

Megan Jones presented the report for Comrades Hall. ***Report attached.***

c. Drimpton Village Hall

Councillor Steve Chubb presented the report for Drimpton Village Hall. ***Report attached.***

10. BROADWINDSOR GROUP PARISH CLIMATE & ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY GROUP

Councillor Rick Dyke presented the report for the Broadwindsor Climate and Ecological Emergency Group. ***Report attached.***

11. BEAMINSTER AREA AND BROADWINDSOR ECO GROUPS

Sheila Hawkins presented the report for the Beaminster Area and Broadwindsor ECO Groups. ***Report attached.***

12. BROADWINDSOR GROUP PARISH COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Councillor Rowland Hibbard presented the report for the Broadwindsor Group Parish Community Land Trust. ***Report attached.***

13. CHARITIES REPORT

a. The FMR Trust

The Clerk presented the FMR Trust Report. ***Report attached.***

b. The Blackdown Educational Trust

Councillor Rebecca Burt presented the report for the Blackdown Educational Trust. ***Report attached.***

c. The Broadwindsor & District Sick Poor Fund

The Clerk presented the report for the Broadwindsor & District Sick Poor Fund as prepared by Kate Penney for John Hansford. ***Report attached.***

14. BROADWINDSOR ALLOTMENT GROUP

Councillor Stefan Nikolov presented the report for the Broadwindsor Allotment Group. ***Report attached.***

15. DRIMPTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Diana Leake presented the report for the Drimpton & District Gardening Club. ***Report attached.***

16. BROADWINDSOR COMMUNITY STORES

Councillor Fraser Hughes presented the report for the Broadwindsor Community Stores as prepared by Andrew Hookings. ***Report attached.***

17. BROADWINDSOR COMMUNITY PUB – THE WHITE LION

Councillor Rick Dyke presented the report for the Broadwindsor Community Pub. ***Report attached.***

18. FARESHARE COMMUNITY LARDER

Councillor Nathalie Roberts presented the report for the Fareshare Community Larder. ***Report attached.***

19. BROADWINDSOR RAINBOWS, GUIDES AND WEST DORSET RANGERS

Emma House presented the report for the Broadwindsor Rainbows, Guides and West Dorset Rangers. ***Report attached.***

20. BROADWINDSOR POST OFFICE USERS GROUP

The Clerk presented the report for the Broadwindsor Post Office Users Group as prepared by Ruth Yarde. ***Report attached.***

21. BROADWINDSOR CRICKET CLUB

Councillor Andrew Frampton presented the report for Broadwindsor Cricket Club. ***Report attached.***

22. CLOSE

On behalf of the Parish Council, Councillor Frampton paid thanks to Councillor Hibbard as he retires from his position as Chairman and from the Parish Council in May. Councillor Frampton thanked Councillor Hibbard for his long service to the community and for shepherding the Council so well for so many years. Councillor Hibbard thanked everyone for attending and presenting their reports and stated that the Grouped Parish is a wonderful community which relies on so many volunteers and on behalf of the Parish Council, a huge thank you to all those who get involved, take part and help out. Councillor Hibbard stated that it had been a real privilege to have served as Chairman and be part of the Parish Council. The Annual Parish Meeting was formally closed at 8.05 pm.