



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 10 FEBRUARY 2020
COMRADES HALL

PRESENT: Cllr. Rowland Hibbard (Chairman), Cllr. David Leader (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Tim Bassett, Cllr. Cindy Bodycombe, Cllr. David Chumbley, Cllr. Steve Chubb, Cllr. Peter Hardwill, Cllr. Bob Harris, Cllr. Fraser Hughes, Cllr. Susanna Laurie, Cllr. Kevin Madder-Smith, Cllr. Dorothy Rowe, Cllr. Jacqui Sewell.

ATTENDANCE: Councillor Simon Christopher (Dorset Council), Helen Cudmore (Clerk).

ABSENT: Cllr. Lloyd Curtis, Cllr. Andrew Frampton.

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and was opened by the Chairman. There were three members of the public present. Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the Meeting.

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from PCSO Bishop and unanimously approved by the Parish Council.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS, DISPENSATIONS AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATES

a. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors and employees on matters to be considered at the Meeting.

None.

b. To receive requests for dispensations.

None.

c. To grant any requests for dispensation.

None.

d. To receive any updates to the Register of Interests from Councillors.

No updates were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the Meeting held on 13 January 2020 were confirmed as a true record and signed by Councillor Hibbard and unanimously approved by the Council.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to the circulated report from Councillor Harris regarding the Dorset Council Local Plan event which was held on 3 February and attended by both Councillors Sewell and Harris. Councillor Sewell thanked Councillor Harris for his detailed report and stated that at the event Councillor David Walsh, the Portfolio Holder for Planning had stated that Dorset Council's priorities are to seek to address the housing needs of the area as well as to provide affordable rural housing. Councillor Sewell stated that the papers from the event had been circulated to Councillors and that the settlement figure used for Broadwindsor showed a population of 554. Councillor Sewell stated that within the planning application for the proposed development on the land south of Fullers, the population of Broadwindsor had been quoted as 1319 with a comment stating that Broadwindsor was a relatively large village. Councillor Sewell asked Councillor Christopher if he could confirm the correct population figure, Councillor Christopher stated that he would not do that at this time. Councillor Harris asked whether the figures quoted were dwellings, Councillor Sewell stated that it was population. Councillor Hibbard stated that the population figure for Broadwindsor as cited in the Neighbourhood Plan was 613. Councillor Chubb stated that the planning application was therefore incorrect. Councillor Sewell stated that the event was informative and that it was very worthwhile. Councillor Harris stated that the Parish Council had been asked to provide feedback following the event. Councillor Sewell stated that a pub should also be included on the list.

Councillor Chubb stated that he was in contact with Dorset Council regarding a possible empty home and stated that he would send details of the matter to Councillor Christopher. Councillor Chubb stated that there is a long history of people travelling some distance to work and asked Councillor Christopher why this was now being seen as a planning constraint. Councillor Christopher stated that Dorset Council along with many other councils and bodies such as the Local Government Association have all declared a Climate Emergency and that there is a great concern about the environment. Councillor Christopher stated that he would send further details of the case which was refused by the Planning Inspector due to it not being seen as sustainable development, to the Clerk for circulation. Councillor Chubb stated that Dorset Council has made significant cuts to local bus services. Councillor Christopher stated that this was correct but that he had been lobbying Councillor Ray Bryan, Dorset Council's Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment that sustainable development depends on good local transport services. Councillor Christopher stated that when he attended the Economic Development Advisory Group, he also reiterated that if you want economic development you need transport. Councillor Chubb stated that Dorset Council was failing in its delivery of services.

Councillor Christopher stated that he stood before the Parish Council last month and quoted the number of children in care as 73,000, this has now increased to 76,000, he also stated that two thirds of the Council's budget is spent on social care for adults who cannot reasonably provide for themselves and on looking after children. Councillor Christopher

stated that there are many challenges facing rural areas in such a changing world, stating that M&S closes in Dorchester this month with 53 people losing their job, Denner's which is part of Beals is closing in Yeovil. Councillor Christopher stated that he had just recently attended an event and listened to a speech given by Jacob Rees-Mogg during which he talked about 'levelling up', giving rural areas more money and investing more money in rural infrastructure such as schools and the fact that there is hope. Councillor Chubb stated that if council tax was being harmonised across the County, then rural areas should have access to the same level of services. Councillor Sewell stated that up until four years ago there was a direct link to Yeovil and before that the 47 bus which went backwards and forwards all day, but now there is currently no bus service to Yeovil and that it is no surprise that shops were closing down there. Councillor Sewell stated that if all development takes place in towns and not in rural areas, then schools in those areas would not be able to cope and children would have to be transported by bus by Dorset Council to village schools as they would be empty as there would be no young families living in villages anymore.

Councillor Christopher asked whether the development of fifteen houses on the land South of Fullers was therefore a good idea, with a minimum of five affordable homes included in the plan and possibly more. Councillor Sewell stated that permission was for up to twenty-two dwellings. Councillor Leader stated that there seems to be a great emphasis on providing houses in built up areas rather than in rural areas and stated that in order to survive, rural communities need a mix of residents, of different ages. Councillor Leader stated that low wages should not exclude local people living in the place that they have been born in and that it is essential that affordable homes are built for local people. Councillor Christopher stated that he had supported the development at Mosterton which includes affordable housing. Councillor Sewell stated that affordable rural housing was cited as a priority for Dorset Council. Councillor Leader asked Councillor Christopher if he supported affordable homes for local people, Councillor Christopher stated that he does.

Councillor Rowe reported that she had sent via the Clerk, a list of questions regarding prevention strategies to Councillor Christopher who had kindly agreed at the last meeting to pass on to Councillor Andrew Parry, Portfolio Holder for Children's Services at Dorset Council. Councillor Rowe asked Councillor Christopher if he had received a reply. Councillor Christopher stated that he had been in discussion with Councillor Parry and suggested a meeting with Councillor Rowe. Councillor Rowe stated that she would prefer to receive answers to her submitted questions in the first instance before any meeting is arranged. Councillor Rowe stated that she had been in contact with Home-Start West Dorset and had been informed that they have received a £17,100 grant from Dorset Council for core services, which represented a 10% reduction compared to previous years and that they do not know how much they will receive in the future or even if they will receive a grant at all. Councillor Rowe stated that Home-Start West Dorset is a charity that provides front line support to families and that the work that they do prevents many children from being placed in care.

Councillor Christopher stated that Councillor Parry was currently busy with budget planning for the next financial year.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were invited to address the Council by Councillor Hibbard. There were no comments made.

a. Report from Councillor Simon Christopher, Dorset Council

Councillor Christopher reported that he had been reviewing road signage and the problem of speeding and was currently working with Council Officers to see how they can bring about improvements. Councillor Christopher stated that he would like a review of all road signage and stated that he was shocked that many areas around schools within his ward have no speed limit signage. Councillor Christopher stated that he was very concerned about speeding vehicles and was saddened to read of the death of a motorist in Bridport. Councillor Christopher stated that elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner take place on 7 May and that he hoped that his concerns over speeding vehicles would be addressed. Councillor Hibbard stated that in his opinion, the only way to stop speeding vehicles would be to set up cameras in every village. Councillor Sewell stated that the 20 mph roundel still needed to be installed in the correct location. Councillor Christopher reported that he is encouraging Officers to walk around the villages to assess how things could be made better. Councillor Chubb stated that a three-pronged approach was needed, infrastructure, prosecution and education and that it was extremely difficult to prevent some accidents.

Councillor Rowe reported that as part of her role as lead Councillor for planning applications WD/D/19/002925 and WD/D/19/002926, she had contacted the applicant to arrange a site visit. Councillor Rowe stated that she had been informed by the applicant that they had already been visited by Councillor Christopher and a Conservation Officer and could not understand why another meeting was required. Councillor Rowe stated that she had explained to the applicant that the Parish Council was a statutory consultee and as such was required to carry out a consultation on the applications and submit its comments to Dorset Council. Councillor Rowe asked Councillor Christopher about the purpose of his visit to the applicant and whether it was appropriate for the Chair of the Planning Committee to make such a visit at that time. Councillor Christopher asked what the property was and who lived there and on being given the response, he confirmed that he had never visited there. Councillor Rowe stated that she was reporting the information which she had received and was sorry if she has been given incorrect information.

Councillor Hardwill stated that Councillor Christopher has always remained adamant that he cannot discuss planning applications within the Grouped Parish due to his position as Chair of the Planning Committee and given that, Councillor Hardwill stated that he did not believe that the Grouped Parish was being represented in relating to planning at Dorset Council level. Councillor Hardwill stated that Parish Councils are statutory consultees in the planning

process but their views do not seem to be listened to and stated when the Parish Council has strongly supported an application, it has been refused permission by Dorset Council. Councillor Christopher stated that only about one in a hundred planning applications reach Committee and that the final decision does not rest with the Chair of the Planning Committee. Councillor Hardwill stated that the Parish Council had recently discussed an application from Drimpton and was in support of its proposals but despite being constantly told by Dorset Council that Parish Councils are going to be taken more notice of, the planning application did not get to be presented at the Planning Committee and was refused. Councillor Hardwill stated that if the Parish Council cannot talk to their ward councillor about these matters, then to whom should the Parish Council go to, to allow its voice to be heard and be represented. Councillor Hardwill referred to a planning application from Greenham which had been recommended for refusal but supported by the Parish Council. Councillor Sewell stated that as the then District Councillor she had managed to get the application called in for decision by the Planning Committee, supporting the applicants and the Parish Council's view and it was subsequently approved without restrictions. Councillor Sewell stated that the Planning Officer had stated that the site was unsustainable, ignoring the fact that there was a bus passing the site five times a day, six times a week. Councillor Sewell further stated that the Planning Officer had also initially stated that the applicants could only develop the site as a 'holiday home' and not as a permanent home for themselves and that the conversion had to be 'tied' to the existing property and used only for tourism or family accommodation.

Councillor Christopher stated that probably one in a hundred cases will actually go before the Planning Committee and the final say is not with the Chair of Planning, it is decided by the lead officer after consideration by the case officer, the Chair and the Vice Chair. Councillor Sewell stated that it is also decided by the ward member, Councillor Christopher concurred. Councillor Sewell stated that if the Parish Council supports an application, then the ward member should get an application called in and then represent them at the meeting. Councillor Christopher stated that if the Parish Council was unhappy with the process then the matter should be raised with Councillor Walsh, Portfolio Holder for Planning or the new Member of Parliament.

Councillor Leader stated that he was of the understanding that the view of the Parish Council is represented at Dorset Council by the ward councillor and stated that as Chair of the Planning Committee, Councillor Christopher has stated that he cannot represent the Grouped Parish on planning related matters. Councillor Leader stated that this was unsatisfactory. Councillor Leader asked why Councillor Christopher could not remove himself from the position of Chair when there is a planning application from the Grouped Parish area, and that this would allow for the Parish to be represented and for Councillor Christopher to retain an ethical position. Councillor Christopher stated that most matters were discussed with the Case Officer. Councillor Leader asked why Councillor Christopher could not just declare an interest and still represent the Parish on planning matters. Councillor Christopher stated that if there were a conflict of interest, he would of course withdraw from the Committee.

Councillor Leader asked if Councillor Christopher could represent the Grouped Parish. Councillor Christopher stated that all comments are usually made to the Case Officer and stated that some ward councillors do go along with what their parish council says. Councillor Chubb stated that surely the role of a ward councillor was to advise the Parish Council on matters and when opinions differ, to provide information and guidance. Councillor Christopher stated that most negotiating takes place with the Case Officer and it is usually a matter of compromise on both sides. Councillor Chubb stated that if applicants did not have the correct information and advice, money and time would be wasted. Councillor Leader stated that when there is a large development being proposed, which does not happen that often, it is often controversial, and it is important that the ward councillor engages with the Parish Council. Councillor Leader stated that the Parish Council would look to Councillor Christopher for guidance and that there is obviously a break down in the current system.

Councillor Sewell asked the Clerk if she had received the documentation from Councillor Christopher from Legal Services as referred to in previous meetings, the Clerk stated that she had not received them. Councillor Sewell asked Councillor Christopher if there were plans to hold a meeting in Broadwindsor about the cuts to the No 6 bus service as was held in Beaminster. Councillor Christopher stated that he had been lobbying Councillor Bryan on the matter and will keep the Parish Council informed. Councillor Sewell asked how he was going to communicate information and stated that he had promised to set up a Facebook page. Councillor Christopher stated that he would be happy to use social media.

Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Christopher for attending the meeting. Councillor Christopher left the Meeting.

b. Report from Dorset Police

In the absence of PCSO Bishop, the Clerk read aloud his report. The report stated that on 6 January there was an attempted theft of an anvil from an address in Stoke Abbott, the investigation is still on going. On Tuesday 21 January, Police seized a vehicle on the High Street for no insurance and being declared off road. On 2 February there was a report of suspicious males at a farm in Blackdown, two males in their mid to late 20s were seen looking around. The report stated that if anyone is concerned about their security or would like security advice, to contact PCSO Bishop. The report stated that PCSO Bishop would be attending his usual surgery in Broadwindsor on Tuesday 11 February at 11.00 am.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES

a. Dorset Council, Dog Related Public Space Protection Order Consultation

The Clerk reported that this communication had been previously emailed to Councillors and that the deadline for comments is 19 April. The Clerk stated that the survey was relatively short and would not take a long time to complete. Members of the Council agreed to submit independently and not collectively.

b. Citizens Advice, Bridport & District, Request for Grant

The Clerk reported that this communication had been previously emailed to Councillors. Councillor Sewell stated that there had been an increase in the number of service users from the Grouped Parish area and that she had been informed by the CAB that one reason for this increase was because of the problems with Universal Credit. Councillor Sewell stated that the CAB should be supported by the Parish Council. All Members concurred. It was agreed that a grant of £200.00 should be added to the March agenda for approval.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Chubb, seconded by Councillor Leader and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously agreed to provide a grant of £200.00 to Citizens Advice, Bridport & District.

c. Life Education Wessex, Receipt of Grant and Thanks

This was noted.

d. A35 Diversion Group, Email Alert

Councillor Sewell stated that she is the local contact for this Group and in the case of an incident occurring, then she would contact the Clerk with details, who would then share and circulate.

e. Broadwindsor Resident, Parked Vehicles at Junction with Trusthams/Back Lane

The Clerk reported that this communication had been previously emailed to Councillors. Councillor Hibbard stated that he had asked the Clerk to seek guidance from Dorset Police and the Clerk then read aloud an email from PCSO Bishop. Councillor Hibbard stated that he didn't believe that yellow lines would be well received by village residents and suggested including some of the points raised by PCSO Bishop in the Broadwindsor Parish News. The Clerk stated that she would circulate the email to Councillors and the Broadwindsor resident after the meeting.

7. ACCOUNTS

a. To receive the Finance Report

The Clerk referred Members of the Council to a spreadsheet highlighting income and expenditure for the first, second and third quarters of 2019/2020, which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of the 31 January 2020 was £35,849.65. There were no questions.

b. To approve payment of £6.71 for HMRC (NI)

c. To approve payment of £12.00 for Comrades Hall (Room Hire)

d. To approve 3% Salary Increase for Clerk (Post Review Annual Increment)

Councillor Hibbard read aloud the list of payments and Councillor Bassett proposed that they be approved en bloc. This was agreed.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Rowe and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved payments b to d.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Applications Received and Circulated for Consultation

WD/D/19/002925, Lower Sandpit Farm, Drimpton, DT8 3RS

WD/D/19/002926, Lower Sandpit Farm, Drimpton, DT8 3RS

Councillor Rowe stated that she had been the lead Councillor for these applications and had made a site visit and spoken with the applicants. Councillor Rowe reported that the building is Grade II listed and that the planning application is seeking to remove a 1980s singly storey extension at the back of the house to be replaced by a two-storey extension. Councillor Rowe further stated that it is proposed that some original features inside and outside of the house which were changed in the 1980s and 1990s will be reinstated and some general improvements also being made to the internal access areas inside the building. Councillor Rowe stated that from her observations at the site visit and from her understanding of the heritage statement, it is her opinion that the proposed changes will constitute a considered and sensitive extension with minimal changes and no great impact to the historic fabric of the house. Councillor Rowe stated that the application should be supported by the Parish Council. Councillor Hibbard asked if the footprint would be bigger, Councillor Rowe stated that there would be a slight increase. Councillor Chubb stated that he had looked at the application and believed the improvements to be positive.

WD/D/19/003117, High Croft and Valley View, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QT

The Clerk informed that the applicant was present at the meeting. Councillor Chumbley stated that he had been the lead Councillor for the application which was seeking a change of use from a commercial premises to a residential. Councillor Chumbley stated that he had spoken with the immediate neighbours who had recently moved in and stated that they welcomed the change of use proposal. Councillor Chumbley stated that the Parish Council should support the application.

b. Other Applications

None.

c. Results

The Clerk reported the following results:

WD/D/19/002596, West Swillets Cottage, West Swillets Road, Seaborough, DT8 3QZ:

Approved

WD/D/19/002699, 12 Redlands Lane, Broadwindsor, Beaminster, DT8 3ST: Approved

WD/D/19/002481, Greenways, Causeway Lane, Blackdown, DT8 3LE: Approved

9. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

a. Working Group Update

Councillor Leader reported that a meeting had taken place with Low Carbon Dorset and that a survey of buildings in the Grouped Parish area to assess their suitability for photovoltaic solar cells and offer advice on other ways to reduce the carbon footprint had taken place. Councillor Leader stated that a summary had been circulated prior to the meeting and reported that the Community Shop could potentially save around £4000.00 and a grant could be available to support the cost of changing the boiler in Comrades Hall which

was twenty-eight years old. Councillor Chubb stated that there was still between £7m and £9m in the grant pot available for projects.

10. GROUP PARISH WELCOME PACK

Councillor Bodycombe presented a prototype pack to the Council and reported that following an initial set up charge, it was envisaged that each pack would cost approximately £1.00 to produce. Councillor Bodycombe requested information from Councillors regarding services and amenities within all of the villages within the Grouped Parish area so that she could include within the Pack. The Clerk stated that she would send the Parish Council logo to Councillor Bodycombe. Councillor Sewell stated that she would also forward a copy of the First Responder Map. Councillor Rowe stated that Councillor Bodycombe had spent considerable effort and time in achieving the most cost effective and presentable folder. Councillor Bodycombe stated that the emphasis was very much on the contents of the Pack rather than the front cover. The Clerk asked if she could have details of the contents in order that she could include the appropriate information on the Parish Council's website. Councillor Chumbley asked how the Packs would be distributed. Councillor Leader stated that all Councillors would have a number of copies of the Pack, to be given out to those moving into the area, Councillor Rowe stated that she would be happy to personally visit new residents. Councillor Chumbley suggested that local estate agents could be asked to identify properties with new owners. The Clerk was asked to contact estate agents and seek their response to this suggestion. Councillor Sewell stated that a note of thanks to Councillor Bodycombe and the Working Group should be minuted. Members agreed and paid thanks to the Working Group.

11. DATE FOR APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Clerk reported that the April Parish Council Meeting would fall on Easter Monday and stated that a different date would need to be agreed. The Clerk suggested Tuesday 7 April and stated that Comrades Hall was available. The Clerk stated that an alternative would be 14 April at Blackdown Village Hall and stated that she would confirm the date to Councillors by email after the meeting.

12. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2020

The Clerk stated that a date for the Annual Parish Meeting needs to be agreed and stated that it should fall between 1 March and 1 June. A suggestion of 7 May was put forward and the Clerk stated that she would check availability with Comrades Hall and confirm the date to Councillors by email after the meeting. Councillor Chubb stated that Councillor Christopher should be invited and that the Police should be there if possible. The Clerk was asked to provide the date, once confirmed to PCSO Bishop at the earliest convenience. Councillor Sewell stated that a report from the First Responders should be included on the agenda.

13. ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Madder-Smith reported that the tree planting event had taken place and eight new trees had been planted and an additional parking space had also been created. Councillor

Madder-Smith stated that he had also spoken with the Broadwindsor representative from the Beaminster Eco Group and confirmed that they will be planting trees on Plot 20.

14. HIGHWAYS

a. Report from the Footpaths Officer

Councillor Rowe stated that there was no update at this time and that communication with Dorset Council was still intermittent.

b. Verge Management in the Grouped Parish Area

Councillor Rowe reported that plans for the wildflower patch were still progressing and that she would be meeting with Councillor Leader during the week after next. Councillor Rowe asked the Clerk why the agreed funds for seeds and compost were not on this agenda, the Clerk stated that this was an oversight and that she would include on the agenda for March.

c. Parking at Fullers, Adoption of Land

Councillor Leader reported that he could confirm that there was no legal owner of the triangular piece of land at Fullers which could potentially be used to solve parking problems for residents. Councillor Leader stated that residents could therefore be advised to seek advice from a solicitor to assess the options available to them. Councillor Leader stated that the Parish Council could offer to provide additional support. Councillor Madder-Smith asked how many spaces the land could provide, Councillor Leader stated that potentially six additional car parking spaces could be created, which could substantially ease congestion problems. Councillor Sewell stated that residents could also seek advice from the CAB.

d. Update on Highway Safety Concerns

The Clerk reported that she had, as requested at the last meeting, contacted Mr. Ian Newport at Dorset Council regarding a number of highways matters, the outstanding road repairs in Broadwindsor, the reinstatement of the 'Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles' sign at Drimpton Cross, corrections to the position of the 20 mph sign outside Rose Cottage and the reinstatement of the SLOW, yellow bars and white kerb markings on the B3163 at Honeycombe Farm. The Clerk stated that she had received a reply from Mr. Newport and a confirmation that a reply to each matter raised would be received. Councillor Chubb stated that local roads seemed to be in a bad state of repair again and that recent repair works were of a poor quality. Councillor Rowe stated that a large sign had been installed at the crossroads in Broadwindsor and the Clerk stated that she would contact Dorset Council. Councillor Sewell asked for a reminder of the 20 mph roundel matter be sent to Councillor Christopher. Councillor Leader stated that the patched repairs in West Street had been completed by butting tarmac to tarmac and that these repairs were now breaking up. Councillor Leader stated that he would send an image of the problem to the Clerk for reporting to Dorset Council. Councillor Hughes stated that some of the larger patches of road had been repaired in Broadwindsor, but not the smaller ones.

The Clerk referred Members to the Bridport Town Council Statement on the Withdrawal of Bus Services as previously circulated and asked if Members supported the Statement. Members concurred.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Chubb, seconded by Councillor Leader and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously agreed to support the Bridport Town Council Statement on the Withdrawal of Bus Services.

Councillor Sewell reported that she had circulated a copy of the letter from BAVLAP to the new MP for West Dorset regarding rural transport and the No 6 bus service. Councillor Sewell stated that the previous Dorset County Council had allowed the cherry picking of routes which has subsequently caused the problems of today. Councillor Chubb stated that community buses may be the way forward for the future. Councillor Sewell stated that buses are subject to fuel duty whilst other modes of transport such as trains and aeroplanes, do not have to pay, which is highly unfair.

15. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

a. Report from the Broadwindsor Group Parish Community Land Trust

Councillor Leader reported that the application was still with the Planning Department and that the CLT was awaiting an update.

16. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

a. Items for next Agenda from Members of the Council

Councillor Hibbard thanked Members of the Council for their questions to Councillor Christopher and stated that it was clear that the Parish Council did not feel as though they were being adequately represented on planning matters at Dorset Council. Councillor Hibbard stated that a reply to the concerns raised with Councillor Walsh had not been received to date and asked Councillors for a proposal for a way forward. Councillor Leader stated that the current position was not satisfactory. Councillor Rowe stated that she had not been satisfied with the response to her question regarding the planning application site visit and had been made to feel quite uncomfortable. It was agreed to contact Mr. Matt Prosser, Chief Executive of Dorset Council and highlight the concerns raised at the meeting.

b. Items for next Agenda from Members of the Public

None.

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were invited to address the Council by Councillor Hibbard. A member of the public stated his frustration that Dorset Council Highways have raised concerns over the suitability of Netherhay Lane to accommodate new dwellings when in the past houses have been built throughout the village in a similar context.

18. CLOSE

The Council Meeting was formally closed at 9.24 pm. Councillor Hibbard thanked everyone for attending.