



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 12 OCTOBER 2020 ONLINE MEETING

PRESENT: Cllr. Rowland Hibbard (Chairman), Cllr. David Leader (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Tim Bassett, Cllr. David Chumbley, Cllr. Steve Chubb, Cllr. Andrew Frampton, 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).

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and was opened by the Chairman. There were four members of the public in attendance. Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the fifth online Parish Council Meeting. Councillor Hibbard thanked the Clerk for her hard work.

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from PCSO Bishop and from Councillor Bodycombe 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.

Councillor Frampton declared an interest in Agenda Item 10c and Councillors Leader, Sewell and Chumbley declared an interest in Agenda Item 10b.

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.

None.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the online meeting held on 12 September 2020 were confirmed as a true record and unanimously approved by the Council. Councillor Hibbard duly signed the approved minutes.

4. MATTERS ARISING

a. Vacancy for the Burstock Ward

The Clerk reported that regretfully Lloyd Curtis had been disqualified as a Councillor from the Parish Council due to non-attendance over the last six months. The Clerk stated that although she had continued to send paper copies of agendas and papers, no contact or apologies had been made since March. The Clerk stated that she had apologised that the situation had arisen and stated that she had been informed that Mr. Curtis would like to stand again. The Clerk informed that the Parish Council must now follow the required legal protocol and if an election was not requested by at least ten parishioners, then the vacancy could be filled by co-option at the November meeting. Councillor Hardwill expressed his disappointment that this situation had arisen and asked if this was a regulation imposed by Dorset Council, the Clerk confirmed that it was a national rule, contained within the Local Government Act. Councillor Hardwill asked that he wished for his disappointment to be formally recorded. Councillor Hughes stated that he believed that technological barriers had caused this situation and he looked forward to welcoming Mr. Curtis back to the Parish Council. Councillor Sewell stated that Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council had made an addendum to their Standing Orders as many of their Councillors had no broadband and could not connect to online meetings. Councillor Hibbard stated that he did not believe that this was a connectivity issue but was aware that the situation could arise and that the Parish Council needs to be aware. The Clerk stated that Councillors do need to be responsible for themselves and that the Zoom platform can be accessed without broadband through a landline and that she can offer help and support for those requiring support to engage in meetings.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Hibbard invited members of the public to address the Council. A member of the public stated that a dispensation can be given for Councillor non-attendance due to the pandemic. The Clerk stated that she wasn't aware of this until recently but stated that it could be implemented if required by the Parish Council in the future.

a. Report from Councillor Simon Christopher, Dorset Council

Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillor Christopher to the meeting. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Christopher for his report and stated that it had been circulated and asked for any questions. Councillor Hibbard stated that the report included a focus on the lack of money and questioned how this would impact on precept levels. Councillor Hughes stated that he was again disappointed in the lack of information within Councillor Christopher's report which directly affected the Grouped Parish and stated that he was also concerned

about the level of funding available from Dorset Council and the impact it may have in the Parish Council's ability to fund its activities.

Councillor Christopher stated that in his report he had tried to concentrate on a number of important issues, those being employment matters, the financial difficulties facing Dorset Council and the uncertainty and subsequent problems faced by farmers. Councillor Christopher stated that some events that he was due to attend, for example a visit to Broadwindsor School had been cancelled due to COVID-19. Councillor Hardwill stated that he thought that Councillor Christopher's report covered a lot of important matters and stated that it is his belief that times are changing and that as a country we need to take a different look at things - we need to be more efficient at growing our own food, we need to manufacture our own goods to be able to sell abroad and make a profit and roads need to improve to allow for goods to be moved more efficiently. Councillor Hardwill expressed his frustration regarding Dorset Council's inefficiencies and stated that they need to look at matters more sensibly and listen more closely to Parish Councils. Councillor Christopher concurred, stating that he was also frustrated at how long things take to get done. Councillor Sewell stated her disbelief about a recent comment made by a Dorset Council Planning Officer who had stated that a redundant farm building which had been in place for over a hundred years was 'not in keeping with the area'. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Christopher for his report.

b. Report from Dorset Police

In the absence of PCSO Bishop, the Clerk read aloud his report. The report stated that around the 8 September building materials were stolen from the side of the road by a farm near Broadwindsor, the remaining items were then moved to a shed, but then subsequently stolen from the shed a little while later. Around the same time a quad bike was stolen from a premises in Drimpton. The quad was parked on a driveway in view and not secured. This is the fourth quad stolen from the Bridport area over the last few months and in his report PCSO Bishop advised anyone with quads to be vigilant and consider security and offered help with security advice. The report stated that sometime between the 14 and 19 September, an isolated building was broken into in the Broadwindsor area and a mower and scarifier were stolen. In the early hours of the 24 September, a person was seen on a gravel driveway in Seaborough. When the resident opened the door they heard the person run off and a car drive away. In his report PCSO Bishop urged everyone to be vigilant and continue to report any suspicious activity to Dorset Police, at the time on 101, or if you believe a crime is in progress, call 999. The report also stated that a report was made to them on 8 October of a scam call from a person purporting to work for BT. They attempted to get the recipient to grant them access to their iPad. PCSO Bishop advised people to be vigilant with calls, especially cold calls, even if they say they work for a company such as BT. BT do not cold call and if there is any issue with your line, they would put it in writing. PCSO Bishop stated in his report that he has not been given clearance to get back to face to face engagements at this

time, but he will notify the relevant people when he can start coming back to the Post Office/Coffee mornings.

c. Presentation of Broadwindsor.org, Wendy Shields

Councillor Hibbard welcomed Wendy Shields to the meeting. Miss Shields addressed the Council and asked if there were any questions about her presentation as circulated prior to the meeting. Councillor Leader asked if there were any plans to expand the site to cover all of the Grouped Parish area, or was it just going to be solely for Broadwindsor. Miss Shields stated that she already acknowledges other villages from the Grouped Parish area and that she would be more than happy to expand the remit of the site. Councillor Leader stated that the Council was trying to establish the Grouped Parish as an entity and by doing so, it would be a positive step to achieve this aim. Miss Shields stated that it would be very easy to incorporate news from other villages and asked Councillor Leader if he would be looking for the domain name to be changed, Councillor Leader stated that it would be a matter for her to consider. Councillor Chubb asked Miss Shields if she was seeking funding from the Parish Council, Miss Shields stated that she was not primarily looking for funding although she would need to update equipment at some stage and that going forward, she could look to apply for funds independently but would prefer to have the support of the Parish Council. Councillor Sewell stated that she thought that the site was fantastic and went along way to replicate her former Facebook page which represented all of the villages she represented as Councillor and stated that we did not have this anymore. Councillor Sewell stated that it was a great way of getting information out there and stated that Miss Shields had started the site before the lockdown period commenced and that it has proved extremely useful in disseminating information about COVID-19. Councillor Sewell stated that the Parish Council should support this, possibly through a grant as it should not be expected that Miss Shields continue at her own expense.

A member of the public stated that she was concerned that parishioners may become confused between the Parish Council website and the community site and stated that the Parish Council needs its own website and Facebook page. The member of the public stated that it is wonderful to have a community site but there needs to be distinction between what is official and what is not. Councillor Hibbard stated that Broadwindsor Group Parish Council does have its own website and Facebook page. Miss Shields stated that she often directs visitors to the Parish Council site and offers it more exposure and does not have any intention to try and pretend it's the official Parish Council website. Councillor Rowe asked how the Broadwindsor.org site sits with the Parish Council's site, stating that the Clerk works hard to keep the pages up to date. Miss Shields stated that she obtains a lot of information from the Parish Council website and then distributes it to a far wider audience, stating that both pages complement each other. Councillor Hibbard stated that this could be discussed at a later date as the site develops and thanked Miss Shields for her presentation. Councillor Chubb stated that it was a great idea and that perhaps the Council could signpost Miss Shields to sources of funding. Councillor Hardwill stated that with the financial difficulties facing Dorset Council

and uncertainty about precept levels, that such sites should be self-financing as the Parish Council may not be able to offer the same level of grants as it has done in the past. Miss Shields stated that she was aware of restricted budgets and stated that she had been independent so far. Councillor Hibbard thanked Miss Shields for her presentation.

Councillor Hibbard asked if the Council agreed, if Agenda Item 10c, Report from Broadwindsor Cricket Club could be introduced at this point in the meeting, there were no objections. Councillor Frampton welcomed Mr. Clive Stafford Smith, Chairman of Broadwindsor Cricket Club to the meeting and invited him to address the Council. Councillor Frampton left the meeting.

Mr. Stafford Smith thanked everyone for taking the time to discuss this matter and explained that after playing cricket at the Ground for sixty years and being in existence for ninety-seven years, Broadwindsor Cricket Club is facing a crisis. Mr. Stafford Smith stated that the owners of the site want to sell the Ground and after some negotiation and reducing the initial asking price, a more manageable price of £35,000 has been agreed, although the offer has not formally been accepted. The Club wish to develop the sporting aspect of the site and explore the possibility of offering different sporting events, something which is not allowed under the current lease agreement and look at ways to engage more with younger people and women. Mr. Stafford Smith stated that the Club would like to work with the Parish Council to place the Club in trust to ensure that it remains in perpetuity. Mr. Stafford Smith reported that a Crowdfunding page had been set up with the aim of raising £10,000 and that donations so far had been fantastic, with funds coming from America and Pakistan and testimonials being made by the Chairman of the MCC and Henry Blofeld. Mr. Stafford Smith thanked the Parish Council for allowing him to address them and asked if there were any questions. Councillor Hibbard thanked Mr. Stafford Smith for attending the meeting and for the information.

Councillor Hardwill asked whether an application had been made to the English Cricket Board (ECB). Mr. Stafford Smith stated that the ECB had been approached and that the Club had to subsequently join Dorset Cricket Board and Somerset Cricket Board and they have also applied to become the sporting equivalent of a charity so that they can receive gift aid. Mr. Stafford Smith stated that historically the ECB offered interest free loans and that he was very much hoping that they may be able to access a loan to cover any difference, although he believed that the ECB would have struggled financially this year due to the lack of matches attended by the public. Mr. Stafford Smith stated that the Club had applied for grants from six different charities. Councillor Hardwill stated that there are a number of different sporting charities and suggested that the Local Education Authority be contacted. Mr. Stafford Smith stated that the Headmaster of Broadwindsor School had provided a testimonial and that the Club were using social media to raise the profile of the campaign. Councillor Hardwill suggested contacting Baron Botham as he had grown up nearby in Yeovil and had played for Somerset and stated that he may have links to other available sources of funding.

Councillor Christopher stated that he was very pleased to have become a sponsor of Broadwindsor Cricket Club, and he wished the Club well. Councillor Sewell stated that she thought the project was fantastic, especially if the Ground could offer more than just cricket. Councillor Sewell stated that there are so many more younger members of the community and it would be great to get the School, Brownies and Youth Club all involved and stated that if more young people use the Ground then could an extension of the footpath be agreed which would be much safer for them than walking on the main highway. Councillor Chubb stated that the Cricket Club is a vital part of the community and it is important to retain it within the village as once it has gone, it would not come back. Councillor Chubb stated that if there is a shortfall in fundraising then the Parish Council should seek to offer a loan or funding. Councillor Chubb also stated that the Community Land Trust may be able to provide some help.

Councillor Bassett stated that given the sporting and young people focus then a grant from the FMR Trust could be considered. Councillor Hibbard stated that he believed that an application would be forthcoming. Councillor Rowe suggested that posters be placed around the village to raise awareness and asked whether a donation box could be placed in the Community Store. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that the Store has two donation boxes, one for the Air Ambulance and the other which is used to collect for local charities. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that it had already been agreed that the other box be used to collect donations for the Cricket Club and that each time it is filled, it collects approximately £50/£60 and stated that he would be labelling the box the next day to inform Store visitors. Councillor Hibbard stated that in the past the Parish Council has committed its support to such projects and that the endorsement has allowed new doors of funding opportunities to be opened and stated that the Parish Council should seek to do this for the Cricket Club. Councillor Hibbard asked the Clerk to add this to the agenda for November. Mr. Stafford Smith stated that he had sent his personal email to the Clerk for circulation to those who would like to share funding ideas and stated that he very much welcomed the opportunity to discuss securing a low interest loan in the short term and any imaginative funding ideas. Mr. Stafford Smith thanked the Council for their interest. Councillor Hibbard thanked Mr. Stafford Smith.

Councillor Christopher left the meeting.

6. PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

a. Community Updates from Councillors

b. Supporting Vulnerable Residents

Councillor Sewell reported that the elderly lady whom Councillor Rowe was supporting had sadly passed away. Councillor Rowe stated that she believed that she had been a victim of the lockdown, through no fault of anyone she had lost her networks. Councillor Rowe stated that she had been pleased to have helped and support the lady's niece. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Rowe for the support that she had provided. Councillor Rowe stated that she does feel a sense of responsibility for those residents in Fullers and will make contact with

the new warden. Councillor Rowe stated that she has built up many trusting relationships with the residents and wishes to continue her support work.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES

a. Drimpton Resident, Concerns about Affordable Housing, Netherhay Lane, Drimpton

The Clerk stated that this letter had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillor Leader stated that the same letter had been received by the CLT and stated that he had replied on behalf of the CLT to the resident and read aloud his reply. No other comments were made.

b. Broadwindsor Community Store, Request for Support to Purchase Outdoor Customer Shelter

The Clerk stated that this correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillor Madder-Smith reported that since this request had been submitted, there was still concern that even a more heavy-duty gazebo may still become damaged or blow away in bad weather and that after speaking with the landlord, who is in agreement, it was now being proposed that a slightly more permanent, albeit still temporary structure be erected to the front of the shop. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that a price for this had not yet been obtained and they also needed to check whether planning permission would be required. Councillor Sewell stated that it was important to check whether planning permission would be required but stated that as it was proposed as a temporary structure she did not think that it would be required. Councillor Hibbard stated that the proposal made good sense and that a quotation should be obtained and that the matter would be added to the agenda for November.

c. Beaminster Town Council, Enforcement Officer

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Beaminster Town Council regarding a new Enforcement Officer post that they are currently recruiting for. The Clerk stated that the role would have the remit to issue fines for dog fouling and littering offences and that training was going to be provided by Dorset Council. The Clerk stated that the Parish Council had been approached to see whether it would like to purchase a number of hours for the person to work within the Grouped Parish area. The Clerk stated that she had requested financial information and further details about the position, but she had not yet received. Councillor Chubb stated that the position of Dog Warden is already paid for through the Council Tax and questioned why you should pay for a service that we should already be getting. A member of the public stated that the Parish Council should not accept this offer. Councillor Hibbard asked the Clerk to obtain the financial information and add the matter to the November meeting agenda in order that an informed decision could be made.

d. DAPTC, Invitation to AGM, 14 November 2020

The Clerk stated that this correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk asked that if anyone would like to attend to please let her know. Councillor Sewell informed that she would be attending.

8. ACCOUNTS

a. To receive the Finance Report

The Clerk referred Members of the Council to a spreadsheet highlighting income and expenditure for the first and second quarters of 2020/2021, which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of the 30 September 2020 was £42,292.90. There were no questions. Councillor Bassett proposed that Agenda Items b to h be approved en bloc. This was agreed.

b. To approve payment of £1.80 for HMRC (NI)

c. To approve payment of £40.00 for Zara Barber (Allotment Deposit Refund)

d. To approve payment of £7.20 for Total Web Solutions (Data Storage)

e. To approve payment of £685.00 for Michelle Abadie (Website Accessibility)

f. To approve payment of £40.00 for ICO (Data Protection Renewal Fee)

g. To approve payment of £930.06 for the Clerk (Salary Adjustment July, August and September)

h. To approve payment of £30.60 for the Clerk (Expenses October)

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Bassett , seconded by Councillor Hughes and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved Agenda Items b to h.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Applications Received and Circulated for Consultation

None.

b. Other Applications

None.

c. Results

The Clerk reported the following results:

WD/D/20/001368, 16 Trusthams, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QB: Approved

WD/D/20/000706, Blackdown House, Coombe Water Lane, Blackdown, DT8 3LE: Approved

10. UPDATE FROM VILLAGE HALLS

a. Report from Blackdown Village Hall Committee

Councillor Hardwill reported that Blackdown Village Hall was ready to go for when people required it and stated that there are a couple of projects ongoing including the reboarding of the weather side of the Hall for which quotations were being received and tarmacking, both of which will go ahead as soon as is possible. Councillor Hardwill stated that the Hall was in good order. Councillor Hibbard stated that the Dog Club was going to return in October, but plans have been put on hold due to the change in the COVID-19 restrictions. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Hardwill for the report.

b. To confirm Parish Council support for the future development of Comrades Hall and Bernards' Place

Councillor Hibbard stated that he had spoken with Councillor Leader regarding this matter and had ascertained that the Comrades Hall Committee was seeking support from the Parish Council in purchasing items required in order that the VAT element could be clawed back. Councillor Leader stated that this was part of the request for support and stated that as discussed previously, plans have been made to improve Comrades Hall and Bernards' Place to retain both as community assets and this work would cost a lot of money for which they need to fundraise. Councillor Leader stated that a collaborative approach with the Parish Council will improve their ability to access funding and he stated that the Parish Council had always been supportive of its village halls and that he was seeking this continued commitment. Councillor Leader stated the ability to claim VAT back would be significant on a project on this scale. Councillor Hibbard asked the Clerk for guidance, the Clerk stated that the Parish Council had supported projects in this way previously and provided Drimpton Village Hall's play area as an example. The Clerk stated that if there were good reason for the Parish Council to be purchasing items, then this would be acceptable. Councillor Sewell stated that the Parish Council should support Comrades Hall and Bernards' Place and that this support was listed in the Neighbourhood Plan as they were important community assets. Councillor Hardwill also stated that they should be supported by the Parish Council and Councillor Hibbard stated that if such assets are not supported, they soon become run down and then become too expensive to bring back into use.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Hardwill, seconded by Councillor Bassett and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved Parish Council support for the future development of Comrades Hall and Bernards' Place.

Councillor Hardwill stated that he had contacted Councillor Leader regarding a proposal concerning the parking of traffic and Broadwindsor Square and asked when it would be appropriate to discuss. Councillor Leader suggested that it be an item on the agenda for the November meeting so that it could be discussed collectively with the Council.

c. Report from Broadwindsor Cricket Club

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting.

11. UPDATE ON WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

The Clerk stated that she had reported to the Council at the previous meeting about the new Government website accessibility legislation which aims to improve access to public sector websites for those with a number of different disabilities. The Clerk stated that she had engaged the support of Michelle Abadie and that all amendments and an accessibility statement had been completed by the deadline of 23 September. The Clerk thanked Michelle Abadie for her support.

12. REVIEW OF EMERGENCY PLAN

Councillor Bassett reported that he had not received any comments from members of the Council regarding the proposals for update, and stated that he will now put them into action and advise Dorset Council accordingly. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Bassett.

13. ALLOTMENTS

No update.

14. HIGHWAYS

a. Report from the Footpaths Officer

Councillor Rowe reported that unfortunately there are still ongoing issues and that she had written to Russell Goff and received a reply but there are still problems with footpaths being blocked. Councillor Rowe stated that a problem with a signpost had been outstanding for two years and a blocked bridleway had been reported back in July, both matters were still to be resolved. Councillor Rowe stated that Russell Goff had confirmed that he was looking into these matters but stated that when action isn't taken, it reflects poorly on the Parish Council. Councillor Rowe stated that she was aware that the kissing gates in Drimpton were yet to be installed and that promises are made but things don't seem to get done. Councillor Hibbard stated that he was aware that this situation had been ongoing for some time and that it was positive that the gates on Lewesdon Hill had been actioned so promptly but should not be at the expense of other issues. Councillor Rowe stated that the situation was extremely frustrating and that she did not know what the solution is. Councillor Chubb stated that he also did not know how to resolve this problem.

Councillor Hardwill stated that he had been impressed that the kissing gates on Lewesdon Hill had been installed so promptly and had suggested originally that the Parish Council engage private contractors to complete the work and then send the bill to Dorset Council. Councillor Hardwill suggested that this be done if no action is taken on the outstanding matters. Councillor Chubb stated that this was not allowed by Dorset Council and that if the gates were not installed incorrectly then the Parish Council could be sued. Councillor Chubb stated that the Parish Council could install the gates at a cheaper cost than Dorset Council, but Dorset Council would not permit this. Councillor Rowe stated that she was concerned about a broken gate at the bottom of the Hill, coming from the Bridport Road, stating that it had been reported to Dorset Council in July but was yet to be repaired and as a result was being left open as walkers were unable to close it. Councillor Chubb stated that Dorset Council had significantly reduced its number of staff and those left have to cover a wide geographical area and that the situation would only get worse and not better. Councillor Rowe stated that she would continue to write and that she now copies into her emails, those people who have raised the matter so that they are able to see that action is being taken by the Parish Council. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Rowe for her continued efforts.

b. Verge Management in the Grouped Parish Area

Councillor Rowe asked that 'Verge Management in the Grouped Parish Area' be its own agenda item for the next meeting, stating that she would like a wider discussion. Councillor Rowe stated that the feedback on the wildflowers had been amazing, elderly residents have informed her that they had taken photos of the verges and sent to relatives all over the world and many residents have stated that they have sat in the seat and enjoyed the flowers during the Summer. Councillor Rowe stated that it was certainly a worthwhile thing to do.

c. Installation of Kissing Gates Update

This item was discussed under the 'Report from the Footpaths Officer', Agenda Item 14a.

d. Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Councillor Leader reported that he had attended a meeting with Dorset Council and exchanged many emails, and that to acquire a Speed Indicator Device (SID), the Parish Council would require the permission of Dorset Council and that they would have to sanction a survey which would need to be carried out over seven days and which would be charged to the Parish Council. Councillor Leader stated that if Dorset Council was in agreement, then the Parish Council would have to purchase a pole from Dorset Council, Dorset Council would have to install it and the Parish Council would have to purchase the SID from Dorset Council. Councillor Leader stated that the cost for the survey to be carried out for Broadwindsor and Drimpton would be £1000 plus VAT and that six potential sites would be looked at. Councillor Leader stated that there is enthusiasm for a SID and stated that for safety, speed does need to be reduced through the villages. Councillor Leader stated that SIDs do work, that they increase driver education in an unchallenging way but they do come at a cost. Councillor Leader stated that this had been discussed for some time now and that the Parish Council should now decide whether to go ahead with the process or withdraw due it costing too much money and justify it on that basis.

Councillor Madder-Smith asked about the free-standing SID which had recently been used by the Speedwatch Group and which had been borrowed from Dorset Council. Councillor Madder-Smith asked whether this type of SID would be cheaper to purchase. Councillor Leader stated that this type of SID could only be used when the Speedwatch Group were in operation. Councillor Harris asked what the total cost would be, Councillor Leader stated that he had not been provided with all of the costs by Dorset Council but was aware that the initial surveys would cost approximately £1000, each post required would cost in the region of £200 and the SID approximately £2000. Councillor Leader stated that these were not exact costings.

Councillor Chubb asked whether some of the remaining S106 funding could be used to support the purchase of a SID as there were widespread concerns about speeding from across the Grouped Parish area. Councillor Chubb stated that he thought that the Parish Council should proceed with the purchase and thanked Councillor Leader for progressing the matter. Councillor Chubb asked if the survey concluded that there was not a problem with speeding vehicles would Dorset Council refuse to install a SID. Councillor Leader stated that he believed

that this would be correct and stated that there was a requirement that 10% of vehicles need to be travelling above the speed limit and stated that he did include Kittwhistle in his meeting discussions but had been informed that Dorset Council would not sanction this because the road has a national speed limit and SIDs can only be placed where speed restrictions are in place. Councillor Sewell stated that Upper Marshwood was looking at acquiring a speed survey and warned that the price charged seemed to change from week to week. Councillor Sewell also stated that as they were looking at using the SID near to the school, the Education Department contributed towards the cost and asked if one of the locations proposed would be near to Broadwindsor School, Councillor Leader stated that he was aware that the Education Department had real financial difficulties and was not sure that any money would be forthcoming. Councillor Sewell stated that this wasn't money from the Education Department, but as it was connected to children and safety, money had been received from Europe. Councillor Leader stated that it may be worth asking the question as he expected that the SID would be placed within reasonable distance from the School.

Councillor Harris asked if SIDs collated data or just acted as a warning device. Councillor Leader stated that it depended on which model is purchased and stated that the more expensive model allows you to download data whilst cheaper models just record the speed of the vehicle. Councillor Hughes stated that having been part of the Speedwatch Group he could verify that there is a problem with speeding vehicles and asked Councillor Leader about a previous conversation regarding the installation of posts and whether the Parish Council could install them at a cheaper cost than Dorset Council. Councillor Leader stated that the Parish Council could install the posts for about £50, but stated that Dorset Council will not allow this, as they had to ensure that they were correctly fitted and would not fall over or be in the wrong location. Councillor Chubb stated that he proposed that the Parish Council push forward with sanctioning the surveys to be completed. Councillor Hibbard asked the Clerk about the S106 funds, the Clerk confirmed that there was £2581.20 and that some of this had been ringfenced for Blackdown, Councillor Hibbard stated that he believed that approximately £600 had been set aside for Blackdown Village Hall.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Chubb, seconded by Councillor Harris and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved to use S106 funds to pay for speed surveys to be carried out within the Grouped Parish area.

e. Winter Salt Bins and Dumpy Bags

The Clerk reported that Dorset Council has started to fill both community and strategic grit bins from 5 October and asked whether the Council wished to purchase any additional dumpy bags of grit. Councillor Hibbard stated that he did not believe that there had been many opportunities recently to use additional bags. Councillor Hardwill stated that he had two delivered a few years ago when they were free and that they were allocated to two areas which had hills adjacent to them, and stated that he had not needed them as he kept ordinary sand in his yard. Councillor Chubb stated that Drimpton had an excess of grit and asked

anyone needing any through the Winter to get in touch. Councillor Hibbard asked that Councillors all check their local bins to ensure that they are filled.

f. Hedgerow Removal Notice - Land North of B3162, Laymore, Winsham, Chard, TA20 4NT

The Clerk stated that she had circulated correspondence from the Dorset Council Tree Officer to update Councillors on the outcome of this case as there was not any opportunity to collectively discuss the matter and stated that the Tree Officer had apologised for the short notice. No other comments were received.

15. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

a. Report from the Broadwindsor Group Parish Community Land Trust

Councillor Leader reported that matters were moving forward at a slow pace and that solicitors were involved and that the S106 agreement was being completed.

16. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

a. Items for next Agenda from Members of the Council

Councillor Madder-Smith stated that he had received an email from a Broadwindsor resident regarding the hedge in front of Redlands Lane which was in need of trimming. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that he believed that it had also been forwarded to the Clerk, the Clerk stated that she had not received it, Councillor Madder-Smith agreed to forward. The Clerk confirmed that she would contact Dorset Council. Councillor Sewell stated that it would be worth checking with Magna Housing as to whether it had trimmed the hedges in Back Lane and asked whether the Cricket Club should be a standing item on the agenda at the moment given how quickly things were progressing and that it would be useful to get input from young people about other sports that they would be interested in taking part in and in addition, to seek to get the footpath extended out past the Cricket Club and reduce the speed limit to increase safety. Councillor Hibbard stated that Councillor Frampton could ask the School for a letter and asked the Clerk to add this matter to the agenda for November.

b. Items for next Agenda from Members of the Public

A member of the public commented that she was aware that Councillor Christopher had left the meeting but that at the last meeting he had directed her to his website when discussing his online presence. The member of the public stated that if you go to the website, it is one page of information written by someone else, and stated that he does have a Twitter feed but unfortunately it is spelt incorrectly. The member of the public stated that if Councillor Christopher would like help with his social media then she would be happy to help. Councillor Sewell stated that Councillor Christopher did not have a website, the member of the public stated that he does have a website with a web address which is hosted by Wix.com which displays their advertising but it is not in reality a profile page under that domain name.

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were invited to address the Council by Councillor Hibbard. No comments were received.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Clerk confirmed that the date of the next online Parish Council meeting would be Monday 9 November.

19. FMR TRUST

a. To receive the Finance Report

The Clerk referred Trustees to a spreadsheet highlighting income and expenditure for the first and second quarters of 2020/2021, which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of the 30 September 2020 was £3672.07. There were no questions.

b. To approve payment of £226.00 for Broadwindsor Group Parish Council (Trust Administration)

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Chubb , seconded by Councillor Leader and agreed by a show of hands, Trustees unanimously approved Agenda Item 19b.

c. To consider a grant for Broadwindsor Cricket Club (Support Purchase Cost of Site)

Councillor Hibbard asked for comments on this matter and asked Councillors to bear in mind that the grant for the MUGA loan repayment of £700 would also need to be taken from the current balance which would leave approximately £2000. Councillor Hibbard asked Trustees whether the Trust should offer a grant now or wait until a final purchase price has been agreed. Councillor Bassett stated that perhaps the Trust could agree in principle now bearing in mind that it only convenes each quarter. Councillor Chubb stated that he was aware of a possible grant request being submitted by the Brownies for outdoor equipment and stated that Drimpton Football Club may also submit a grant request next year and suggested that perhaps the Trust could make a donation now and that the Club may not need any further help. Councillor Hardwill stated that £5000 had been awarded to the MUGA project and that this may not have all been required and suggested that it may be better to wait and let funds build. Councillor Hibbard suggested a grant of £500 be approved in principle now. Councillor Hughes stated that given that the Club is looking at payment over three years, perhaps the FMR Trust could do the same, a grant now and then a further one the year after and the year after that. Councillor Sewell stated that she agreed with this, suggesting staged payments and that this could be reviewed in six months and in a year's time.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Chubb , seconded by Councillor Chumbley and agreed by a show of hands, Trustees unanimously approved a grant of £500.00 to Broadwindsor Cricket Club.

20. CLOSE

The Council Meeting was formally closed at 9.19 pm and the FMR Trust Meeting was formally closed at 9.26 pm. Councillor Hibbard thanked everyone for attending.