



## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 13 JULY 2020 ONLINE MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Rowland Hibbard (Chairman), Cllr. David Leader (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Tim Bassett, 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:** Councillor Lloyd Curtis

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and was opened by the Chairman. There were three members of the public in attendance. Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the second online Parish Council Meeting and informed that the meeting was being recorded and would form part of the Public Record.

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### **1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from PCSO Bishop and from Councillors Frampton and 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.**

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**

Councillor Sewell stated that the minutes were correct but that she had made a mistake under Agenda Item 12a, Affordable Housing and asked that an Addendum be added to reflect that the original funding received was £40,000 and that an additional £2,000 was then received bringing the total amount to £42,000. The minutes from the online meeting held on 1 June 2020 were confirmed as a true record and unanimously approved by the Council. Councillor Hibbard duly signed the approved minutes.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported that at the last meeting she had been asked to contact Magna Housing regarding a problem with rats, the Clerk stated that she had been informed by Councillor Rowe that the problem had been resolved and that no action by the Parish Council was required. The Clerk reported that she had also been asked to find out about the process for adopting a telephone box and responsibilities of taking on a building with listed building status. The Clerk stated that she had forwarded information on both to Councillors prior to the Meeting. The Clerk stated that Councillor Leader had met with Magna Housing regarding a new litter bin in Fullers as discussed at the last Meeting, Councillor Leader informed that the Magna representative had now left his post but stated that a suitable site had been identified and that the Parish Council could press ahead with the installation which was very much wanted by local residents.

### **5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Councillor Hibbard invited members of the public to address the Council. No comments were made.

#### **a. Report from Councillor Simon Christopher, Dorset Council**

Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillor Christopher to the Meeting and invited him to present his report. Councillor Christopher stated that his report had been circulated to Councillors and that he had nothing else to add. Councillor Hughes stated that he was very stressed to yet again read a report with no substance which was not relevant to the Grouped Parish. Councillor Christopher stated that many of the actions undertaken by Dorset Council are governed by GDPR and that many things that are discussed are confidential. Councillor Hughes stated that this reply did not answer his question and stated that issues must arise at Dorset Council meetings which are relevant the Parish Council and that Councillor Christopher should bring these matters to this meeting and advise the Parish Council on what to take notice of or action that should be taken. Councillor Christopher stated that he was under the impression that some people may not be interested to hear reports on specific planning applications that don't include the Broadwindsor Group ward and that some people may prefer to read the minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee than listen to him. Councillor Hughes stated that it was a matter of opinion and stated that there are other issues apart from planning matters that are of interest to the Parish Council and stated that Councillor Christopher does not bring any recommendations or offers of advice. Councillor

Christopher suggested that Councillor Hughes send an email outlining these issues and that he would then deal with it accordingly.

**b. Report from Dorset Police**

In the absence of PCSO Bishop, the Clerk read aloud his report. The report stated that on 25 June, Dorset Police received a report of a cold caller, selling household cleaning products from a holdall in the Cheddington area and that he was travelling in the direction of Mosterton. The report stated that this is likely to have been what is known as a 'Nottingham Knocker', a male recently released from prison, travelling the Country to sell these products door to door. Some people are concerned about the validity of the males, but so long as they have a Pedlars Licence and they are professional, they are not committing any offences. PCSO Bishop advised in his report that if anyone has cold callers not get into any discussions with them and ask them to leave, unless you particularly wish to purchase anything they are selling. If the person becomes pushy or aggressive they will then likely be committing an offence. This can be reported to Dorset Police on 101 (999 if you are vulnerable and feel threatened) or Trading Standards through Dorset Council.

The report stated that during the months of June, a landowner in the Pilsdon area reported some damage to a gate that was not on a footpath and a footpath gate being taken off its hinges. It is unknown why this occurred, but it led to some mixing of livestock and an injury to a horse. It is also likely that livestock could get into areas that are likely to cause wider issues, such as onto roads, etc. The report stated that if people are using public footpaths that they should keep to the route and be careful of livestock and close the gates behind them. If members of the community notice anyone that maybe causing damage or removing gates, they should report it to Dorset Police and, if known the landowner.

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

**a. Brief Community Updates from Councillors**

Councillor Madder-Smith reported that the Community Shop was very much back to normal, supplies are coming through and volunteers are returning. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that he has been warned by Bookers that with the reopening of pubs and restaurants, it is likely that there will be a supply shortage in the near future as they will not be able to keep up with demand. Councillor Madder-Smith stated there was hand sanitizer inside the shop and that only one customer at a time was being permitted. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Madder-Smith for the report.

Councillor Sewell reported that the Post Office service was now back operating on both a Tuesday and a Friday, and that she has personally attended fourteen out of the fifteen sessions. Councillor Sewell stated that refreshments could still not be offered due to social distancing and that the room had been set up with hand sanitizer on entry and that there was now a book to record those attending. Councillor Sewell asked if there were any other Councillors who would be happy to volunteer as social distancing monitors, this would be very helpful. Councillor Sewell reported that she has been continuing to update a Facebook page

for Broadwindsor Group and Upper Marshwood Vale wards, and that it has been very informative. Councillor Sewell reported that she had received that very morning a notification from NILO (National Incident Liaison Officer) informing that a HGV had destroyed part of the central reservation just outside of Exeter Airport, which was cleared within a short space of time. Councillor Sewell stated that this was then published on the Facebook page. Councillor Sewell stated that prescriptions were still being collected and that she was still receiving requests to take her computer to Comrades Hall for members of the community to use.

Councillor Rowe stated that she would welcome at another meeting, notes from other Parish Councillors as to how they have been involved with the community during these times as she believes that the dynamics with people in the community have changed.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES**

### **a. Tollerford Practice & Bridport Medical Centre, Contractual Merger**

The Clerk reported that this communication had been circulated and that no comments had been received.

### **b. Drimpton Resident, Report of breach of COVID-19 Government Restrictions**

The Clerk reported she had received an email from a Drimpton resident informing of a breach of COVID-19 Government restrictions and that she had circulated this to Councillors and informed Dorset Police and informed the resident of the reply received.

### **c. Broadwindsor Resident, Concerns over Parking**

The Clerk reported that she had received a complaint from a Broadwindsor resident about inappropriate parking in Redlands Lane and had contacted PCSO Bishop as a previous Police incident had been cited. The Clerk stated that she had circulated the response from Dorset Police prior to the Meeting. Councillor Rowe reported that the vehicle in question had now been sold and stated that she had not been happy with the Police report, stating that there was too much information and the report had not noted that there is a covenant in place for Redlands Lane prohibiting the parking of commercial vehicles and vehicles such as caravans. Councillor Rowe stated that as there had been an incident, that there should be a mechanism for speaking with people about parking rather than suggesting that the Parish Council seek to look at yellow lines. Councillor Rowe stated that the Police reply mentioned that no other complaints had been received but stated that neighbours often do not like to report on other neighbours. Councillor Hibbard asked the Clerk to inform Dorset Police of the covenant.

### **d. DAPTC, AGM 14 November 2020 and Call for Submission of Proposals**

The Clerk reported that this communication had been circulated and that no comments had been received. Councillor Sewell stated that she was aware that DAPTC is looking at a new code of conduct for Councillors and that she had attended an Executive Meeting on Zoom and the new CEO Neil Wedge was very competent and was ensuring that everything was up to date.

**e. Broadwindsor Resident, MUGA**

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from a Broadwindsor resident complaining about footballs being used at the MUGA going into their garden. Councillor Leader reported that he is currently looking at options to help resolve this problem.

**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 quarter of 2020/2021, which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of the 30 June 2020 was £35,271.03 . There were no questions. Councillor Bassett proposed that Agenda Items a to m be approved en bloc. This was agreed.

**b. To receive and note the Internal Audit Report 2019/2020**

**c. To approve payment of £291.66 for DM Payroll Services Ltd (Data Protection Officer Services)**

**d. To approve payment of £9.60 for Total Web Solutions (Storage)**

**e. To approve payment of £524.62 for DAPTC (Annual Subscription)**

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

**g. To approve payment of £75.00 for Mr. B Link (Verge Cutting, April, May, June 2020)**

**h. To approve payment of £1800.00 for Broadwindsor Community Stores (Annual Grant)**

**i. To approve payment of £550.00 for Mr. R Rawlings (Dredging costs, Drimpton)**

**j. To approve payment of £106.10 for the Clerk (Expenses)**

**k. To approve payment of £930.06 for the Clerk (Salary Adjustment April, May, June 2020)**

**l. To note payment of £900.00 for Coles Casting (Fingerpost Letters)**

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

**m. To discuss recipients of award of £500.00 from Dorset Coronavirus Community Fund**

Councillor Hibbard stated that the Parish Council had received £500.00 from the Dorset Coronavirus Community Fund and that the Council should seek to agree on how that money should be distributed. The Clerk reported that the volunteers working in the Community Shop had asked that funds go to the Community Shop and not themselves and also stated that she had spoken with Brian Hesketh who, on behalf of Drimpton volunteers, had asked that the money also go to the Community Shop. The Clerk stated that she had not received any comments from other parishes. Councillor Hibbard asked the Clerk to arrange for funds to be made available to the Community Shop.

## **9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

### **a. Applications Received and Circulated for Consultation**

#### **WD/D/20/001069, Higher Farm, Seaborough, DT8 3QY**

#### **WD/D/20/001070, Higher Farm, Seaborough, DT8 3QY**

Councillor Laurie stated that she had consulted on these applications and apologised to the Clerk for not submitting a report prior to the Meeting. Councillor Laurie reported that she had visited the applicant and stated that one application was seeking to replace the roof, changing it from a flat corrugated asbestos roof to an original pitched roof using tiles identical to the rest of the outbuildings. Councillor Laurie stated that she had spoken with the closest neighbour and that they had not raised any concerns. Councillor Laurie stated that the second application referred to the same building and was seeking permission to change the doorways, from the side to the front of the barn, so that the applicant can drive a car in. Councillor Laurie stated that there will be no visible change from the outside from the view of the road and that no concerns had been raised by neighbours.

#### **WD/D/20/001150, Spring House, Honeycombe Farm, Clanden Hill, Broadwindsor, DT8 3PU**

Councillor Sewell stated that she had been the lead Councillor for this application and that the proposal did meet the criteria for the reuse of a redundant farm building. Councillor Sewell stated that the building had been the former dairy parlour but was now only used for storage, and that cars, van and tractors go in and out throughout the day. Councillor Sewell reported that Dorset Highways had expressed their concern about the speed limit on that road which is 60 mph and had stated that they would recommend refusal if the applicant did not provide the appropriate traffic data. Councillor Sewell stated that at the September 2019 Parish Council Meeting, the Clerk had reported that the owner of Honeycombe Farm had complained about the speed of the road and since then the Parish Council had been pursuing a reduction of the limit with Dorset Council and had engaged in numerous communications with them. Councillor Sewell stated that it was not appropriate for the applicant to provide this data but the responsibility of Highways who should be doing it anyway. Councillor Sewell referred to the 20mph sign which had still not been reinstated and the fact that the speed limit should be reduced from 60mph to 40mph and then to 20mph and be extended to the Cricket Club. Councillor Hibbard asked Councillor Christopher to review this matter and he invited an email via the Clerk to be sent. A member of the public stated that she was in agreement with Councillor Sewell that a member of the public should not be expected to provide a road speed survey.

#### **WD/D/20/000943, 4 Netherhay Lane, Drimpton, DT8 3RL**

Councillor Harris stated that he had been the lead Councillor for this application and that his report had been circulated with the supplementary papers. Councillor Harris provided a summary of his report and stated that the proposed garage falls under planning rules concerning outbuildings and that the proposal conforms to the required distance and height. Councillor Harris stated that there would no change to existing vehicular access in Netherhay Lane and that no concerns had been raised by Highways.

Councillor Harris stated that he had also reviewed advice from Highway Development Control, which states that garages must be designed so that they can be used for the parking of cars rather than for storage and that the application states that the space will be used as a hobby workshop for vintage motorcycles and not for the parking of cars. Their guidance also states that the typical garage should have minimum internal dimensions of 5.6m wide by 6.0m long and that this application has proposed dimensions which would not appear to comply. Councillor Harris stated that he had spoken with neighbours on both sides of the property and that no objections had been raised. Councillor Harris stated that it was also worth noting that the garages on either side are brick-built with rendered sides and that the proposed garage would be made of interlocking concrete panels with a pebble dash finish. Councillor Harris stated that with regard to the proposed position of the garage, he could see no reason to object.

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

The Clerk informed that Councillor Rowe had been asked to lead on this application. Councillor Rowe stated that she had reviewed the application and would recommend that the Parish Council support it. Councillor Rowe reported that the proposal followed the same footprint of the existing lean-to, that the next-door neighbour whose boundary runs next to the property had no objections and that she felt that the application would enhance the existing building.

**b. Other Applications**

The Clerk reported that the following applications had been received following the publication of the Meeting Agenda.

WD/D/20/001414, Hursey Farm, Main Street, Hursey, DT8 3LN

WD/D/20/001415, Hursey Farm, Main Street, Hursey, DT8 3LN

Councillor Chumbley agreed to be the lead for these applications.

WD/D/20/001499, Cambridge House, The Square, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QD

Councillor Leader agreed to be the lead for this application.

WD/D/20/001582, Notification of intention to remove 23 public payphones

The Clerk informed that the telephone box in Drimpton was included in this application and that the Parish Council had consulted on this box previously, and its corporate view was that the box should remain due to its central location and poor mobile phone coverage. The Clerk stated that Councillor Chubb had reviewed the original application and that she had asked him to feedback again this time. Councillor Chubb stated that there was a team in the village that wished to take on the box as a project but wanted advice as to whether the power supply would be retained and if there were any running costs. Councillor Sewell stated she was familiar with similar projects and confirmed that BT does leave the power supply and that she was not aware of any running costs that would be incurred. Councillor Hibbard proposed that

both the Broadwindsor and Drimpton boxes be adopted by the Parish Council. This was agreed.

**c. Results**

The Clerk reported the following results:

WD/D/20/000940, Pipe House, Kittwhistle, DT8 3LG: Approved

WD/D/20/000294, Evergrass, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QT: Approved

WD/D/20/000525, Evergrass, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QT: Approved

Councillor Sewell stated that she was disappointed with the latter two results and stated that a Certificate of Lawful Use had already been granted and that they were therefore not required to seek the removal of the AOC. Councillor Sewell stated that she believes that the house is worth more now that the AOC has been removed and that the applicant was being rewarded for not complying with the original AOC. Councillor Sewell stated that in a different case, an applicant had to wait seven years for an AOC to be removed legally. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Sewell for her comments and stated that they would be duly noted.

**10. ALLOTMENTS**

**a. Risk Assessment**

The Clerk reported that a risk assessment had been carried out by the Broadwindsor Allotment Group and thanked Sheila Hawkins for carrying it out. The Clerk stated that a copy of the assessment had been circulated to Councillors prior to the Meeting. Councillor Chumbley referred to the provision of a first aid box, and stated that he believed that if you provide a first aid box then you have a responsibility to ensure that all contents are in date and that the Parish Council would be liable if someone used an item which was out of date and problems arose. Councillor Hibbard asked if a first aid box had to be provided and that it might be best to remove this provision. Councillor Hibbard suggested that the matter be discussed with the Broadwindsor Allotment Group. Councillor Sewell stated that perhaps each Allotment Tenant should be responsible for their own first aid and that this could be written into the contract. Councillor Laurie asked if there was a first aid box in the Community Shop, Councillor Madder-Smith stated that during opening hours, he would be happy to offer their first aid box to anyone requiring it. Councillor Madder-Smith questioned where a first aid box would be kept at the Allotments and Councillor Laurie stated that she did not think that a box should be kept at the Allotments, and stated that the Community Shop one could be offered and outside of shop opening times, Tenants should be responsible for their own first aid.

**11. HIGHWAYS**

**a. Report from the Footpaths Officer**

Councillor Rowe referred to her report which had been circulated. Councillor Rowe stated that she copies Councillor Christopher into all of her communications with Russell Goff and that it would be helpful if he would reply or include the information in her correspondence in his report. Councillor Rowe asked Councillor Chubb if the gate had been replaced in Drimpton,



Councillor Chubb stated that he did not know but had received a telephone call and had been informed that it would be done shortly and stated that he would let Councillor Rowe know once completed. Councillor Rowe stated that she had spoken with Russell Goff that morning and that he had stated that he would find out when the gate would be replaced. Councillor Rowe referred to the incident of a gate being left open on Councillor Frampton's land which resulted in cattle damaging newly sown crops. Councillor Rowe stated that she had spoken with Russell Goff about either replacing gates or installing kissing gates alongside existing gates and that Russell Goff had agreed that Dorset Council would be prepared to replace existing gates which were causing problems with metal self-closing gates. Councillor Rowe stated that the Parish Council would be required to submit a bid for this and contribute towards half of the costs. Councillor Hibbard stated that usually it is often people using the gates that cause the problems rather than the gates themselves and asked whether farmers would be happy with this proposal, Councillor Rowe stated that she did not know and was just raising the matter for discussion. Councillor Rowe stated that the notices that have been erected have either been ignored or have been torn down. Councillor Hibbard stated that perhaps the first step would be to obtain some costings. Councillor Laurie stated that during the lockdown period there had been a huge influx of walkers which subsequently had a knock-on effect on gates with people not knowing how to use or close them. Councillor Laurie stated whether it would be cheaper to put up a simple sign asking walkers to leave the gate as they find it.

Councillor Hardwill stated that replacing some existing gates with self-closing gates may cause more problems than solutions as walkers may think that all gates are self-closing. Councillor Hardwill stated that there are hundreds of gates and the cost would be huge to replace them and suggested tidying up existing gates and encouraging people to leave them as they find them. Councillor Chubb reported that a number of gates had been left open in the Beaminster area and at Pilsdon and stated that it seems as though people are deliberately leaving them open and that signs are ineffective and this problem is very difficult to solve. Councillor Rowe agreed and stated that the Parish Council has put up many signs of different sizes that have either been ignored or torn down and she was aware that Councillor Frampton had also put up signs which have been ignored. Councillor Rowe stated that the Parish Council must do something, try something else, perhaps very large signs, notices within the villages and also education through school visits. Councillor Rowe stated that this was such an important issue that it cannot be ignored, stating that people have a right of way but that they must respect landowners. A member of the public asked to address the Council and stated that as a landowner she had also experienced the problem of gates being left open, and agreed with Councillor Hardwill that it would not be feasible to change all gates and suggested that perhaps only those in key strategic places be replaced. Another member of the public stated that she thought that the installation of kissing gates next to existing gates was a good idea and urged the Parish Council to continue to discuss this problem. Councillor Chubb stated that he agreed that there were certain routes that should be prioritised that warranted time and

money being invested to help them become a little safer for all. Councillor Chubb stated that this is a problem that will not go away.

Councillor Hardwill stated that installing a kissing gate would be a good option. Councillor Rowe asked if some action could be taken forward from the Meeting. Councillor Christopher stated that he had spoken with Councillor Frampton previously, prior to lockdown and stated that he would speak with him again following this incident. Councillor Rowe stated that this was an urgent matter and that she does not want to come to the next Meeting to be still talking about it as landowners such as Councillor Frampton continue to lose thousands of pounds of planting. Councillor Hibbard stated that the Parish Council should seek to submit their bids to Dorset Council.

Councillor Hardwill stated that the Parish Council should obtain a quotation from a fencing contractor, purchase a small number of gates and install them and then send the bill to Dorset Council as if the Council waits for Dorset Council to do this, then nothing will get done. Councillor Rowe stated that this is also her worry, stating that the replacement of the stile with a gate at Drimpton had taken seven months and that she suspects that the Parish Council may have to push Dorset Council on the installation of kissing gates as they do not look favourably on this. Councillor Christopher stated that he will speak with Councillor Frampton and get the matter resolved as he did with the resurfacing in Broadwindsor Square. Councillor Hibbard asked Councillor Christopher when a reply would be received from him, Councillor Christopher stated that he will write to Ray Bryan, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Travel and Environment that week. Councillor Hibbard asked that Bright's also be contacted in order that a quotation could be received and the matter progressed.

Councillor Rowe stated that she would be away for the next month and asked whether someone would volunteer to put up notices, Councillor Leader agreed to do this and stated that he would put them on gates to the top of Lewesdon Hill.

#### **b. Verge Management in the Grouped Parish Area**

Councillor Rowe referred to her report which had been circulated prior to the Meeting and stated that the wildflower verges in Broadwindsor were looking really good. Councillor Rowe confirmed that she is now managing to speak with Russell Goff quite frequently and is waiting for the grass cutter to come. Councillor Rowe stated that she would welcome discussion at the September Meeting on extending the project to other parts of the Grouped Parish. Councillor Hibbard asked whether suitable sites should be identified, Councillor Rowe stated that the dialogue should carry on and further discussion on how to move forward. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Rowe. A member of the public stated that she wished to congratulate the Parish Council for the lovely wildflowers.

## **12. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

### **a. Report from the Broadwindsor Group Parish Community Land Trust**

Councillor Leader reported that the planning application was still with Dorset Council and that they had been asked for another ecological survey of the site and to look again at the water run-off. Councillor Leader stated that all reports had been submitted and as far as he knew, there were no outstanding issues to be addressed. Councillor Leader stated that he hoped that a decision would be received soon. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Leader and members of the Community Land Trust for their work.

## **13. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION**

### **a. Items for next Agenda from Members of the Council**

Councillor Rowe asked that the matter of the installation of kissing gates be on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **b. Items for next Agenda from Members of the Public**

None.

## **14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public were invited to address the Council by Councillor Hibbard. A member of the public apologised for arriving late to the meeting and asked what had been decided about the speed survey that she had been asked to supply as part of her planning application. Councillor Sewell stated that she had presented all of the information which will be in the minutes and suggested that Councillor Christopher could answer as he provided the name of the Highways Officer and was in a position to know more about the matter. Councillor Christopher stated that he was in constant contact with Highways with regard to speed limits and road signage, not just in the Broadwindsor area, and that it was a matter which is constantly under review. Councillor Sewell and the member of the public stated that this reply did not answer the question. Councillor Christopher stated that he will email the Officer again tomorrow in relation to this matter. The member of the public stated that she was aware that Councillor Christopher was in touch with Officers about speed limits which is something that has been raised by local people and the Parish Council for many, many years. The member of the public stated that as an existing entrance, the speed survey has been included as a requirement which seems contrary to what has gone before. Councillor Christopher confirmed that he would contact the member of the public the next morning.

Councillor Hardwill stated that he was not aware of any current issues in Blackdown, Councillor Christopher stated that he had received communication from more than one resident of Blackdown concerned about the speed of traffic going through Blackdown, especially during the lockdown period. Councillor Hibbard stated that he would update Councillor Hardwill on this matter the next day. Councillor Christopher stated that he had also been emailing Officers in relation to Norway Lane, situated between Broadwindsor and Stoke Abbott. A member of the public asked about the current situation with Norway Lane and stated that she had been in contact with both Dorset Council and the Parish Council about this road closure. Councillor Christopher stated that Mr. Tetley from Highway was meeting

with the Legal Department the next day. Councillor Hibbard questioned the reason for such a meeting, Councillor Christopher stated that often with matters related to road closures, or trees etc, there is an issue of who bears costs amongst other matters. Councillor Sewell reminded Councillor Christopher that the road had been closed since January and the member of the public stated that this was a road that she used for both business and personal use and that it had been closed for a very long time already. Councillor Christopher stated that he had been in contact with Officers working on this ever since that time.

#### **15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Clerk confirmed that the date of the next online Parish Council meeting was agreed for Monday 10 August.

#### **16. THE FMR TRUST**

##### **a. To receive the Finance Report**

This was noted and there were no comments.

##### **b. To approve payment of £457.16 for Broadwindsor Group Parish Council (Trust Administration, April and July 2020)**

**Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Sewell, seconded by Councillor Hughes and agreed by a show of hands, Trustees unanimously approved Agenda Item 16b.**

##### **c. To note approved payment of £723.85 for Broadwindsor Group Parish Council (MUGA Grant for Loan Repayment)**

This was noted and there were no comments.

#### **17. CLOSE**

The Council Meeting was formally closed at 8.48 pm and the meeting of the FMR Trust was formally closed at 8.50 pm. Councillor Hibbard thanked everyone for attending.