



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
14 NOVEMBER 2022
DRIMPTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr. Rowland Hibbard (Chairman), Cllr. Jacqui Sewell (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Steve Chubb, Cllr. Dave Chumbley, Cllr. Stuart Curtis, Cllr. Rick Dyke, Cllr. Andrew Frampton, Cllr. Bob Harris, Cllr. Fraser Hughes, Cllr. Kevin Madder-Smith, Cllr. Stefan Nikolov, Cllr. Sonia Raymond, Cllr. Yvonne White.

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

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and was opened by Councillor Hibbard. Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillors and members of the public. There were two members of the public in attendance. A minute's silence was observed in remembrance of all those who lost their lives in World War I, World War II and other conflicts.

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from PCSO Bishop and from Councillor Bassett 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.

All Councillors in attendance expressed an interest in Agenda Item 8g as Councillors living in the Parish and therefore in receipt of a Council Tax bill.

b. To receive requests for dispensations.

The Clerk reported that a dispensation request had been received from all members of the Council in attendance for Agenda Item 8g, Budget and Precept Preparation 2023/2024.

c. To grant any requests for dispensation.

The Clerk reported that all dispensations had been granted to allow full participation in Agenda Item 8g, Budget and Precept Preparation 2023/2024.

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

Councillors Hibbard, Hughes, Dyke and Chumbley stated that they had updated their Register of Interests online.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 October 2022 were confirmed as a true record and unanimously approved by the Council. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Sewell for chairing the last meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that spam email had once again been received by members of the Council claiming to be Councillor Hibbard. The Clerk stated that if received, please delete the email and block the sender and stated that she reports all spam emails to the Council's internet service provider who checks that the website and email have not been compromised.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

a. Report from Councillor Simon Christopher, Dorset Council

Councillor Chumbley stated that it was helpful to receive the report from Councillor Christopher a little earlier this month. Councillor Sewell stated that it did not contain any ward specific information. Councillor Chubb reported that he had emailed Councillor Christopher to ask why Low Carbon Dorset was closing in December due to a lack of funding from Dorset Council and European funding. Councillor Chubb stated that Low Carbon Dorset had provided excellent advice and support to both Comrades Hall and Drimpton Village Hall to enable them to become more energy efficient. Councillor Chubb stated that with Dorset Council announcing a climate emergency and aiming to be carbon neutral by 2050, it seemed wrong to close that part of the Council. Councillor Chubb stated that he had only emailed Councillor Christopher the day before and was not expecting a reply that evening. Councillor Dyke stated that Dorset Council had issued a strategy a couple of years ago and in its Spring update, it had clearly been stated that there was funding for Low Carbon Dorset until June 2023 and that a pathway for after that period would be looked at. Councillor Dyke stated that there seems to have been quite a change since then but stated that surely this is where Dorset Council's focus should be. Councillor Chubb stated that Low Carbon Dorset should be guiding Dorset Council.

Councillor Christopher arrived at the meeting at 7.55 pm. The report from Councillor Christopher had been circulated prior to the meeting and Councillor Christopher asked for any questions. Councillor Frampton stated that he had read in Councillor Christopher's report that parish councils could now apply for 20 mph speed zones and asked whether the Parish Council could use this route to extend the 20 mph zone past the Cricket Club. Councillor Christopher stated that he would be delighted to receive the Parish Council's specific comments on extending the limit and have that dialogue. Councillor Chubb stated that this may now be counterproductive in so far as it may deem the road not as dangerous and not requiring the footpath. Councillor Christopher stated that Dorset Council has a budget meeting tomorrow which is its main focus. Councillor Christopher stated that there are a huge

number of parish councils wanting 20 mph zones and stated that the Leader of the Council has got the message. Councillor Christopher stated that there is no logic to many of the speed limits across Dorset. Councillor Chubb asked what the Parish Council should do next and stated if Dorset Council has not got the budget to action these requests now, they should inform us when they will have. Councillor Christopher stated that the Parish Council may like to identify the exact speed limits they require in each of the four locations and forward this information in an email to Councillor Ray Bryan and wait for the reply. Councillor Chubb asked whether the Parish Council should engage their own highways expert and commission an independent survey which could be then sent to Dorset Council. Councillor Christopher stated that he cannot tell the Parish Council what to do but perhaps they should ask this question as well in the email to Councillor Ray Bryan. The Clerk stated that the Parish Council had raised the matter with Councillor Christopher and written formally to Councillor Flower, copying in Chris Loder MP and had received a formal reply from Councillor Flower. Councillor Frampton stated that he had a meeting scheduled with Chris Loder MP next month and would raise these matters. Councillor Frampton asked if Dorset Council has to carry out all of these works or whether the Parish Council could put out a tender, Councillor Christopher stated that works can be put out to tender and suggested putting this proposal to Dorset Council and that the Parish Council could offer to make a contribution. Councillor Christopher stated that Dorset Council is underfunded. Councillor Dyke stated that he has a conference call with Councillor Ray Bryan that week and would raise the matter. Councillor Hibbard stated that the Parish Council would review these matters after this and the meeting with Chris Loder MP.

b. Report from Dorset Police

In his absence, the Clerk read aloud a report from PCSO Bishop. The report stated that over the last couple of months there have been six thefts of catalytic converters across the Bridport Section - in Broadoak, Lyme Regis, Beaminster, Thorncombe and Marshwood. This is a national issue, due to the rise in price of certain metals inside the parts. Japanese model vehicles tend to be the favoured models as they contain a higher amount of these metals. In his report, PCSO Bishop advised people to be vigilant and consider their own security and where/how you park your vehicle. The report stated that there have also been two Land Rovers and a Range Rover stolen from across the Section over the last few months (two of these were in Drimpton, the last one occurred between 5 and 6 November). It is unknown if this is linked to the catalytic converter thefts, but this is a possibility. The report stated that PCSO Bishop would be attending Comrades Hall on Tuesday 13 December, at 11.00 am.

c. Co-option to Broadwindsor Group Parish Council, Broadwindsor Ward

The Clerk reported that no requests for an election were received by Dorset Council and that the vacancy notice for co-option had been published with a closing date for expressions of interest – a covering letter and CV of 30 November. The Clerk stated that co-option could take place at the December meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES

a. DAPTC, Draft Working Together Charter

The Clerk stated that she had circulated a draft and information video within the supplementary papers and that DAPTC were keen to gain feedback from parish and town councils regarding perceived benefits, barriers, timeline and input into the document itself which will provide a framework to build and sustain a stronger relationship between parish and town councils and Dorset Council. The Clerk stated that she will circulate updates of this document.

b. Chapman Lily Planning Ltd, Proposal for Residential Development of the Site North of Hillside, Drimpton Road, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QN

Councillor Hibbard welcomed Giles Moir, Director of Chapman Lily Planning Ltd to the meeting and stated that he was going to provide a short presentation. Giles Moir stated that being mindful of the Neighbourhood Plan allocation, he was keen to receive input from the Parish Council at this formative stage and stated that the application was being finalised for submission and that they had seen pre-application advice from Dorset Council and were building upon that advice. Giles Moir stated that the proposed layout retains the existing access point, they are keen to minimize any disturbance to the hedgerow, although some slight opening up will be required and they have looked at how existing properties address the road frontage and propose to continue that line. Giles Moir stated that the proposal was for single storey dwellings which sit below and do not compete with the ridge line at the back, and therefore will not impact on the ANOB. Giles Moir stated that in terms of materials, the proposal will seek to introduce many rural features using stone and timber cladding and that each property will have its own character and will be offset with its own private garden. Giles Moir stated that they have undertaken tracking and are comfortable that onsite turning can take place, a bin collection point has been identified and the refuse lorry will not have to enter the site.

Councillor Hibbard thanked Giles Moir and asked if there are any plans to use solar panels in the development to generate electricity. Giles Moir stated that there is the opportunity for integrated solar tiles which look less like a retro fit and stated that there is always a balance to be had. Councillor Sewell asked about mitigation and stated that since March this year, Natural England had put a hold on all development in this area and asked if it was their intention to provide a nutrient policy. Giles Moir stated that they would be reliant upon the Levelling Up Bill which will be published in April as there is no site specific solution to the site. Councillor Chumbley asked about the splay for the opening of the site and stated that it is right on a dangerous bend. Giles Moir stated that he will forward the plan after the meeting but in terms of the x distance the proposal is for it to be 2m back and with a y distance of 32m which would be compliant with statutory requirements. Councillor Dyke stated that he believed that the site is right on the boundary of where the speed limit changes from 20 mph to 40 mph and suggested that there may have to be a change of speed limits further down Drimpton Road. Councillor Chubb stated that he believed that the road changes at that point

from 60 mph to 20 mph. Councillor Sewell stated that all speed limits need to be reviewed. Councillor Hibbard asked about the prices of the dwellings, Giles Moir stated that he was not sure as he was only looking at the planning side of the proposal. Councillor Hibbard stated that affordable homes were much needed across the Grouped Parish, Giles Moir stated that it was not the intention to provide affordable homes and that he would talk to his client to try and ascertain further information about prices. Councillor Hibbard stated that he was sure that he would be asked questions about prices, Councillor Dyke stated that he already had been. Councillor Frampton asked if there were other developments in a similar style nearby, Giles Moir stated that there was a development in Owermoigne near Weymouth.

Councillor Hughes stated that the site entrance was located at a dangerous point on the road and stated that the development looked attractive, but the dwellings were certainly not starter homes and would not attract younger people and families to the village. Councillor Sewell stated that there are younger people who require single storey properties. Councillor Chubb asked if there were adequate pavements to and from the site, Giles Moir stated that he would be liaising with the Highways Department, Councillor Chubb stated that he should do that straight away as this had caused significant delays to the CLT development. Councillor Hibbard thanked Giles Moir for attending the meeting and for his presentation.

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

a. Community Updates from Councillors

Councillor Hughes reported that cases of COVID had fallen by three in the last seven days and that there are now four cases, the case rate is 40.9 which is below the national average, four people had died during the last twenty-eight days, which had fallen by four and eighteen people were currently in Dorset Hospital with COVID. Councillor Hughes stated that the R value for the southwest had fallen and was now 0.9-1.1. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Hughes.

8. ACCOUNTS

a. To receive the Finance Report

Councillor Hibbard referred Members of the Council to a spreadsheet highlighting income and expenditure which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of the 31 October was £34,083.11 There were no questions. The Clerk reported that £2327.68 had been received from Dorset Council as Community Infrastructure payment from development at The Old Stables and Grooms Cottage at Seaborough. The Clerk stated that this can fund the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure needed to support development, for example open space provision, playgrounds, cycle paths, landscape, planting, improvement of existing facilities. The Clerk stated that she would add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

b. To approve payment of £90.00 for Blackdown Village Hall (Hire Charges)

c. To approve payment of £9.56 for HMRC (NI)

d. To approve payment of £127.43 for the Clerk (Expenses, October & November 2022)

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Hibbard, seconded by Councillor Sewell and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved agenda items 8b, c and d.

e. Electricity Charges for Drimpton Telephone Box

Councillor Chubb stated that the electricity supply in the telephone kiosk in Drimpton was not working and that an electrician had confirmed that there is no earth wire, and it requires a RCD breaker. Councillor Chubb stated that he had arranged for two quotations and hoped to complete the works before Christmas so that it can be used to power the festive lights.

f. Broadwindsor Telephone Box Purchases

The Clerk reported that she had been asked for monies to fund the cost of a hydraulic closing mechanism and storage boxes for the telephone kiosk at Broadwindsor. The Clerk stated that she had asked that a quote be provided for the items required.

g. Budget & Precept Preparation 2023/2024

The Clerk reported that she was still awaiting projected costs for the fingerpost restoration programme for the next financial year and would present a draft budget at the next meeting.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Applications Received and Circulated for Consultation

P/HOU/2022/06492, 11 Bridport Road, Drimpton, DT8 3RD

The Clerk reported that this application had been received after the agenda had been published. Councillor Chubb agreed to be the lead for this.

P/HOU/2022/07039, Highlands, Horn Ash Crossroads, Kittwhistle, DT8 3LG

The Clerk reported that this application had been received after the agenda had been published. Councillor Hibbard agreed to be the lead for this.

b. Other Applications

P/PABA/2022/07112, Hill View Cottage, Littlewindsor Farm to Blagdon Lane, Littlewindsor, DT8 3QU

The Clerk stated that this was an application to ascertain whether prior approval was required and that the Parish Council was not being asked for its comments at this time.

c. Results

The Clerk reported the following result:

P/PABA/2022/06093, Westlea Access Road to West Dairy Farm, Seaborough, DT8 3QY: Prior Approval Not Required

10. APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD FINANCE

a. Update on Application

The Clerk reported that the documentation as submitted had passed all checks with DAPTC and had now been sent off to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities with a request to fast track. The Clerk stated that she would contact a legal representative to

support the Council with the agreement between BADCE. Councillor Hibbard thanked the Clerk for her efforts.

11. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

a. Working Group Update

Councillor Dyke reported that Councillor Nikolov had kindly updated the Parish Council last month regarding Hursey Common and stated that Sheila Hawkins was drafting a work plan which would be ready to be reviewed at the next meeting. Councillor Dyke stated that he had received a note from Sheila Hawkins to inform that very sadly Michael Dower who was the founder and secretary of the Beaminster Eco Group had passed away. Councillor Dyke stated that Michael Dower had been Director of the Peak National Park and Countryside Commission and had achieved a great deal. The Clerk was asked to send condolences to his family on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillor Dyke stated there are approximately one hundred saplings ready to be distributed and although it is the wish for them to go into public places there are sufficient saplings should anyone wish to take them privately. Councillor Dyke stated that some were going to be planted in Hursey Common. Councillor Sewell suggested that some be offered to the developer of the affordable housing development in Netherhay. Councillor Dyke stated that they will need to be planted by January. Councillor Nikolov stated that local farmers may be interested in them for filling gaps in hedges. Councillor Dyke stated a further fifty saplings have been donated and these will be ready in a year's time. Councillor Chumbley stated that he had been asked whether the piece of land opposite the Common should be trimmed at this time, Councillor Dyke stated that the management plan refers to the Common itself and that the piece of land could be cut.

b. Draft BGPC Climate and Ecological Policy

Councillor Dyke reported that he is happy to lead on this and will report back to the Parish Council. Councillor Chubb stated that there is a piece of land behind the Church in Drimpton, which has become available which may be of interest to the Eco Group.

12. ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Nikolov reported that the foundations for the composting toilet were completed, and he hoped that all works would be finished within the next couple of months. Councillor Nikolov stated that there were still two half plots available at the allotments. Councillor Frampton asked if the hedge required trimming this year, Councillor Nikolov stated that he would come back to him on that question.

13. MANAGEMENT OF GROUPED PARISH DEFIBRILLATORS

The Clerk reported that she had been reviewing the three defibrillators in the Grouped Parish to ensure that they are well maintained. The Clerk stated that there are three named leads and stated that she had contacted them to ensure that each defibrillator is registered on the national database and that all maintenance checks are recorded. Councillor Raymond stated that the defibrillator at Kittwhistle did not appear in an online search, the Clerk stated that she was in the process of registering it. Councillor Hibbard suggested adding this to the

agenda each quarter. The Clerk asked if Seaborough had a defibrillator, Councillor White stated that it did not but that the village was reviewing the future use of its telephone kiosk and stated that she would look into this matter.

14. MANAGEMENT OF THE MUGA

The Clerk stated that she had circulated a task list with the supplementary papers. The Clerk stated that an additional key holder had been identified to support Councillor Nikolov with the opening and closing of the MUGA, new signage will be required and possibly new nets as it is difficult to advise others how to put them up. The Clerk stated that once all issues have been agreed, she will write a letter to Broadwindsor School and outline areas of responsibility. Councillor Nikolov stated that he had spoken with the Headteacher of Broadwindsor School who had suggested that it would be helpful to have a litter bin close to the MUGA and stated that he thought that one inside the MUGA would be most beneficial. Councillor Raymond stated that she had also spoken with the Headteacher and stated that there was one bin outside of the School gate and one in the Square. Councillor Hibbard suggested looking at prices. The Clerk stated that the name of the MUGA could be changed and that she had confirmed this with the National Lottery as one of the main grant contributors. Councillor Nikolov thanked Councillor Madder-Smith for all of his help with the MUGA over many years. Councillor Sewell stated that she has seen skateboards on the MUGA and this was not permitted. The Clerk and Councillor Nikolov agreed to report back on this at the next meeting.

15. MANAGEMENT OF BROADWINDSOR SPORTS FIELD

The Clerk reported that she had received an email by a trustee of the Broadwindsor Sports Field charity to inform that as most of the trustees had now left the village, there was a wish to close the charity. The trustee had asked whether the Parish Council would now take on full responsibility. The Clerk informed that she had spoken with David Leader some time ago about this matter. The Clerk stated that after reviewing guidance from the Charity Commission, it seemed relatively straight forward to dissolve a charity and stated that this can be done online. The Clerk stated that for many years now, the Parish Council has been responsible for the field, insuring the grounds and football posts, arranging grass cutting and safety inspections. The Clerk stated that as neither the charity or Parish Council owns the land, then no legal transfers should be required and stated that the Parish Council should record in its minutes that it will continue to support and manage the sports field. The Clerk stated that she would speak with Dorset Council again about ownership and Councillor Hibbard asked that the matter be on the agenda for the next meeting. Councillor Hughes stated that he has enquired whether the mower needs servicing but has been informed by one of the volunteers that it does not. Councillor Hughes stated that he is concerned about the mole hills on the field and wondered if they could be flattened, Councillor Curtis agreed to take a look. The Clerk asked if visual checks were still being carried out, Councillor Hughes stated that they were.

16. WARM SPACES IN THE GROUPED PARISH

The Clerk stated that she had included this on the agenda as there had been some dialogue about warm spaces in between meetings and that other parish and town councils were starting to provide them for their parishioners. Councillor Dyke stated that he had attended a meeting with interested parties including Councillor Sewell to discuss the possibility of Comrades Hall's Post Office Group which runs on a Tuesday and Friday becoming a warm space but stated that there was concern expressed that it actually wasn't warm enough. Councillor Sewell stated that the kitchen was very cold. Councillor Dyke stated that following the installation of the heat pump the system was being checked again and believed that recently it had been a little warmer. Councillor Dyke stated that another possibility was the hall at Fullers but stated that he had written to Magna, but no reply had yet been received.

17. CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III, 6 MAY 2023

Councillor Sewell stated that the Parish Council should start to think about this event and suggested that the signage on the entrance to villages could be one project. Councillor Chubb stated that he did not think that this would be financially viable but thought that an event at the Cricket Club would be a good idea. The Clerk was asked by Councillor Hibbard to contact the Broadwindsor Fun Group to see if they had any plans and report back at the next meeting. Councillor Chubb suggested sending information to the Secretary of Drimpton Village Hall. Councillor Sewell stated that perhaps the Parish Council could look at improving the area around the entrances to villages with plants. Councillor Frampton asked if there were plans to close Broadwindsor Square for this event, Councillor Hibbard stated that he had not thought that far ahead and was just looking for ideas and suggestions. The Clerk stated that at the previous meeting there had been some discussion about providing a mug or commemorative token to children from the Grouped Parish. Councillor Sewell stated that it would be nice to mark the occasion in that way. Councillor Hibbard stated that this matter should be kept on the agenda.

18. COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE GROUPED PARISH AREA

Councillor Dyke stated that Hursey is now on Jurassic Fibre's committed development list, although a date cannot be provided but he hoped to have an update in January. Councillor Dyke stated that he was aware that surveys have been carried out elsewhere in the Grouped Parish and would urge anyone interested to contact them.

19. HIGHWAYS

a. Footpaths Officer Update

The Clerk reported that she was meeting with Dorothy Rowe on Thursday and would collect all the documentation for the Footpaths Officer. Councillor Nikolov stated that he does not have the time to take on the role permanently, Councillor Chubb stated that the Parish Council could receive comments centrally and deal with them upon receipt.

b. Street Lighting in the Grouped Parish

Councillor Frampton stated that a response to this matter had been received from Councillor Christopher after the last meeting and that it was a designated route that has to be lit.

c. Parking in Broadwindsor Square

Councillor Chubb stated that parking in the Square was difficult, Councillor Sewell stated that the road markings were installed when there was a village shop and are now not required. The Clerk reported that she had contacted Blair Turner, Dorset Council's Community Highways Officer and PCSO Bishop to gain an insight in this matter before the meeting as this matter had been on Parish Council agendas for many years. The Clerk stated that Blair Turner had stated that yellow lines would be highly unlikely due to the cost implication and had suggested the installation of defined parking areas. Councillor Madder-Smith suggested that the pub advise customers to park down by the School as at night there are ample spaces. Councillor Hughes stated that there is quite a bit of building work going on at properties around the Square and that this is exacerbating the problem. It was agreed that photographs highlighting this problem would be forwarded to the Clerk and that she would forward to Blair Turner at Dorset Council.

d. Dog Fouling

The Clerk stated that Councillor Sewell had asked that this item be added to the agenda. No comments were made.

e. Speed Indicator Devices Data

Councillor Hibbard stated that the data provided by the SIDs was not accurate and that the SIDs are an educational tool. Councillor Chubb stated that he just wanted an idea to see how many vehicles were speeding. Councillor Nikolov stated that it is not that complicated to download data from the SID using an App on a mobile telephone and although not completely accurate it will give you an idea. Councillor Chubb agreed to contact Jim Allen in Drimpton and stated that perhaps Councillor Nikolov can provide assistance if required.

f. War Memorial Project Update

Councillor Frampton stated that the project had been handed over to Helen Doble and that a further twenty soldiers had been traced who do not appear on local church memorials. Councillor Frampton stated that the Drimpton air crash of 1940 was being looked into and the names of two soldiers who were killed were being checked to ensure that they are correct. Councillor Frampton stated that this was a 'Dive into Ground' incident, whereby the cause of the crash was mechanical fault rather than it being shot down. Councillor Frampton stated that there were no local deaths during more recent conflicts and that he hoped to have a complete list of names for the next meeting.

g. Flood Wardens

The Clerk stated that she had been informed that Robert Hedditch was the Flood Warden for Drimpton and that sandbags were retained at the village hall. Councillor Curtis stated that he had not yet been able to review the bags retained in Broadwindsor, he stated that he would do and report back to the Parish Council.

h. Fingerpost Sign Restoration Programme Update

The Clerk thanked Councillors for forwarding details of the fingerposts still requiring maintenance and stated that if there are any more, please do forward to her.

i. Repositioning of Broadwindsor Litter Bin

The Clerk stated that a request had been made in May to reposition the litter bin in Broadwindsor Square as a local parent had complained about the smell in the summer for children waiting for the bus. The Clerk stated that this request had been made to Councillor Christopher again and therefore she wanted to update Councillors. The Clerk stated that the request was for the bin to be moved about four feet to the right of its current position. Councillor Hughes stated that he had spoken about this to the local resident and stated that if the bin is moved as requested, this would be directly where the fish and chip van parks each week and that it may result in more litter from Bernards' Place. Councillor Nikolov stated that there are bins with lids which reduce the impact, the Clerk stated that the position and type of bin must be agreed by Dorset Council. Councillor Sewell stated that this is a Conservation Area and there will be rules in what can be used. Councillor Hibbard stated that further consideration on this should be given.

j. Hedgehog Awareness Sign

Councillor Hibbard stated that this matter had been discussed previously and that the Parish Council has been informed that they cannot put up a sign on the public highway. The Clerk stated that permission had been granted by the Cricket Club to place the sign on their land. Councillor Raymond stated that she did not think that such a sign would reduce the speed of passing vehicles, Councillor Dyke stated that if they were not lit, would people be able to see them and Councillor Sewell stated that there is enough street furniture. Councillor Hibbard asked Councillors if they wished to purchase the sign, Councillors agreed that they did not want to.

20. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

a. Report from the Broadwindsor Group Parish Community Land Trust (CLT)

Councillor Hibbard reported that progress is being made with building works but stated that there is a problem relating to a piece of land in Oxhayes which no-one seems to own. Councillor Hibbard stated that South West Water needs a Section 98 – for someone to take on responsibility for it and have proposed that the Hedditch Trust do this, which they are not keen to do. Councillor Hibbard stated that both Abri and CG Fry have offered to talk to the Hedditch Trust and to have an indemnity themselves. Councillor Hibbard stated that he will of course keep the Parish Council updated. Councillor Hibbard stated that there have been a few complaints about where the electricity supply is going to be connected in Oxhayes, because of the amount of rainfall, work had to be stopped for a little time, but the trenches have now been filled and barriers removed. Councillor Hibbard stated that there is a historic problem with flooding at the turning area in Oxhayes and stated that there is either no drain there or a blocked drain but stated that this has nothing to do with the CLT development. Councillor Hibbard stated that he had received an email from Sheila Hawkins informing that

residents in Marksmead were experiencing problems with their sewerage again and would like to reiterate that this has no connection with the CLT development as connections have not yet been made. Councillor Hibbard stated that this has been an ongoing problem for many years and that an independent camera survey carried out for CG Fry had highlighted three or four different places where weeds and roots were growing through. With the Council's approval, Councillor Hibbard asked that this matter be on the agenda for the next meeting and that the Parish Council exerts pressure on South West Water to resolve this problem. Councillor Sewell suggested including the MP in this matter. Councillor Hibbard stated that he wished to make people aware of the problem and assure them that this is not connected to the CLT development.

21. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

a. Items for next Agenda from Members of the Council

Councillor Frampton stated that had received comments about a barn being knocked down at Wall Farm, the Clerk reported that she had spoken with neighbours and that the case had been reported to Dorset Council's Enforcement Team. Councillor Sewell stated that Dorset Council's Enforcement Team were currently reviewing a new pull in constructed at Rock House.

b. Items for next Agenda from Members of the Public

None.

22. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Residents were invited to give their views and ask questions of the Parish Council on any outstanding issues on the agenda or raise issues for future consideration. There were no comments.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the meeting was agreed for 12 December at Comrades Hall, with festive drinks and nibbles being served from 7.00 pm.

24. CLOSE

The meeting of the Parish Council was formally closed at 9.37 pm. Councillor Hibbard thanked everyone for attending and for their participation.