



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 14 OCTOBER 2019
DRIMPTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr. Rowland Hibbard (Chairman), Cllr. David Leader (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Tim Bassett, Cllr. Cindy Bodycombe, Cllr. Steve Chubb, Cllr. David Chumbley, Cllr. Andrew Frampton, Cllr. Peter Hardwill, 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 twelve members of the public present. Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the Meeting.

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Curtis, Hedditch and Hughes and from PCSO Bishop and unanimously approved by the Parish Council.

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

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

Councillor Madder-Smith declared an interest in Agenda Item 6a, Councillor Chubb declared an interest in Agenda Item 20c.

b. To receive requests for dispensations.

None.

c. To grant any requests for dispensation.

None.

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

No updates were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes from the Meeting held on 9 September 2019 were confirmed as a true record and signed by Councillor Hibbard and unanimously approved by the Council.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that Mr. Brian Hedditch had tendered his resignation from the Council on 7 October, with immediate effect. Councillor Hibbard stated that he was very sorry to receive this resignation and paid thanks to Mr. Hedditch for his long service to the Grouped Parish and for his hard work and dedication to the community. Members of the Parish Council concurred. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Hedditch on behalf of the Council to express their gratitude. Councillor Sewell stated that she proposed that Mr. Hedditch be invited to the December Council Meeting so that the Council could thank Mr. Hedditch for his service.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public were invited to address the Council by Councillor Hibbard. A member of the public asked if she could address the Council on Agenda Items 12, 14 and 15. Members of the Council agreed. There were no other comments made.

a. Report from Dorset Councillor

Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillor Christopher to the Meeting. Councillor Christopher introduced himself to members of the public as the Ward Member for Marshwood Vale and stated that he was a member of the Audit and Governance Committee, Economic Development Committee and Chairman of the Planning Committee. Councillor Christopher stated that it was a busy time for Dorset Council and that morning he had attended the Audit and Governance Committee Meeting and received a presentation by Sarah Parker, Head of Children's Services which highlighted the current pressures on Dorset Council for both Adult and Children's Services and the Council's plans for reforming these demand led services. Councillor Christopher stated that there are currently four hundred and fifty children in care and supporting that care costs a lot of money. Councillor Christopher also stated that there was a great concern about Dorset's ageing population and that there is a recognition that additional housing is needed for those providing key services to them. Councillor Christopher also stated that there had been much coverage about the proposal to demolish the former Council building in Weymouth and that the Planning Committee had decided to go against the recommendation of the Planning Department on that occasion.

Councillor Christopher stated that he was pleased that the resurfacing of Broadwindsor Square was finally going to proceed and stated that he would like the opinion of the Parish Council as to when the works should be carried out to avoid as much disruption as possible. Councillor Christopher stated that there was a proposal from Highways to carry out the works during the night.

With regard to the report provided by Councillor Christopher at the September Meeting, Councillor Sewell stated that with regard to Yarn Barton, it was not only the lighting that had been raised as a concern but the poor quality of the road and pavement surface and the risk to school security. Councillor Christopher stated that he had visited the site with an Officer from the Highways Authority and that discussion about lighting was still ongoing. A member

of the public stated that the new lighting actually made the street darker. Councillor Christopher stated that he would arrange for an Officer from the Highways Authority to visit the site at night to assess it. Councillor Sewell stated that Dorset Police should also be engaged due to the security risk to the School.

Councillor Leader asked Councillor Christopher about the protocol for Ward Members who are members of the Planning Committee in relation to whether they can engage with parishioners on planning matters. Councillor Christopher stated that he was not solely responsible for whether an application goes to the Planning Committee.

Councillor Rowe thanked Councillor Christopher for his report but stated that she did not believe that its content was completely relevant for parishioners, stating that a list of meetings attended did not provide the level of detail she had hoped for. Councillor Rowe stated that the community need to know what he is doing to support them. Councillor Christopher stated that as a new Council there were many issues to be decided and he hoped to present some of the wider issues to the Parish Council. Councillor Christopher reported that Dorset Council had to decide on the future of a number of fixed assets, whether they should be retained, sold or used for other purposes. Councillor Christopher stated that he had been out and about within the Grouped Parish area and had got to know a lot of people, stating that he always received a very warm welcome at the Community Shop, had enjoyed a coffee morning in Drimpton and hospitality at the local pub.

Councillor Chubb stated that it would be useful to have a more detailed report prior to the Parish Council Meeting so that Councillors have time to review information and come to the Meeting more prepared and with any relevant questions. Councillor Christopher stated that all minutes from Dorset Council Committees were available to view on their website. Councillor Chubb stated that he did not have time to read all of them and wanted information that was relevant to the Grouped Parish.

Councillor Sewell stated that on the Dorset Council Website it states that for a planning application to be 'called in' the process requires consent from the Planning Officer, the Head of Planning, the Chair and Vice Chair and the Ward Member and concluded that this representation was missing for the Broadwindsor Group Parish. Councillor Christopher stated that it was not in his 'gift' to get an application 'called in' and that he attends Parish Council meetings and listens to any planning applications discussed.

Councillor Hibbard stated a temporary traffic notice from Dorset Council relating to the resurfacing of Broadwindsor Square had been circulated which seemed to indicate that a decision to carry out the works at night had already been taken which seemed to go against the information from Councillor Christopher, namely asking the community when they wanted the work to be carried out. Councillor Leader thanked Councillor Christopher for helping to push forward the resurfacing of Broadwindsor Square. Councillor Leader stated that it was important that the resurfacing work also extended to West Street down to the culvert, Councillor Christopher stated that he would pass this request on to Officers.

Councillor Chubb stated that there had been accidents reported on this patch of road and resurfacing was much needed to ensure highway safety. Councillor Sewell asked what the application process was for the additional Superfast Broadband funding and whether the effect of the approval of additional dwellings was going to have a positive or negative effect on the five-year land supply for Dorset. Councillor Christopher stated that he was continuing to press for all monies to come to the Marshwood Vale ward.

Councillor Leader stated that he was mindful of the importance of the role as Chairman of the Planning Committee but asked if he could have clarification as to whether parishioners are permitted to discuss planning applications with Councillor Christopher. Councillor Christopher stated that this was not possible and reiterated that he could not comment on any planning applications in advance of a Planning Committee meeting. Councillor Christopher stated that personal circumstances cannot influence planning decisions. Councillor Chubb asked if it was possible to have a copy of the policy that dictated this ruling, Councillor Christopher stated that he would forward copies of emails received from Legal Services to the Clerk.

Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Christopher for his report, Councillor Christopher left the Meeting.

b. Report from Dorset Police

In the absence of PCSO Bishop, the Clerk read aloud his report. The report stated that between 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm on Monday 30 September, the Police received a report of a suspicious vehicle attending a premises between Broadwindsor and Drimpton. It was reported that when someone approached the vehicle it drove away. The report concluded by stating that he would be attending the next coffee morning/post office on Tuesday 12 November, from 11.00 am.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES

a. Mr. Andrew Hookings, Request for Support for the Broadwindsor Community Stores

Councillor Hibbard welcomed Mr. Andrew Hookings, Chairman of the Broadwindsor Community Stores to the Meeting and invited him to address the Council. Mr. Hookings thanked the Council for granting him the opportunity to present an update on the Broadwindsor Community Stores. Mr. Hookings stated that the shop opened in its present location following an identified need within the Parish Plan where the need was recognised as “an important facility for making the area a good place to live”. As a result and with a huge level of support and commitment from the whole community the shop opened in 2013. Mr. Hookings stated that its importance was again recognised in the recently published Neighbourhood Plan, under ‘Objective 3 Support for Local Services’. Mr. Hookings stated that the Community Shop serves one of the largest parishes in the area, as well as communities beyond such as Marshwood.

Mr. Hookings stated that since it started trading the shop has maintained its ethos of providing a facility for all within the community offering a wide range of products, locally sourced where possible, at prices to suit everyone’s pocket and that not being driven by the

need to make a profit, all bills have been paid with a small profit made each year. Mr. Hookings stated that the business has been a success, in part due to the support of the community, which recognises the importance of the shop, but also the commitment of the staff, the volunteers and the management committee. Mr. Hookings stated that regretfully volunteer numbers have fallen and that the shop relies on volunteers for its sustainability. Mr. Hookings stated that they will continue to seek new volunteers through recruitment drives but are currently finding it increasingly difficult to cover all the shifts where volunteers are needed. This means that staff are having to cover the counter, taking them away from other important duties such as stock control, ordering stock and finding new suppliers where necessary.

Mr. Hookings reported that the shop currently requires thirty-eight two-hour volunteer shifts each week and stated that the last time every volunteer shift was filled was 13 May of this year. Mr. Hookings stated that the situation has been of much concern to the Committee and the Manager for some time. Mr. Hookings stated that the Committee has reviewed three different options, with Option 1 being that during staff annual leave or sickness if two volunteers are not available to cover a shift, then the shop will close. Mr. Hookings stated that he did not think this a viable option as custom would be lost. Mr. Hookings stated that Option 2 would see a reduction in opening hours but once again, did not think this a viable proposal as customers would shop elsewhere. Mr. Hookings stated that the final option being considered would involve the recruitment of a second part time shop assistant and stated that this would remove the need to double cover shifts at certain times and reduce the pressure on volunteers. Mr. Hookings stated that this was the preferred option of the Committee and would ensure that the shop remains sustainable for the future.

Mr. Hookings asked the Parish Council for financial support towards this project and stated that the Community Shop would be seeking £1,706.25 for this financial year and £4,300 next year. Mr. Hookings concluded by stating that this level of financial support would enable this key community asset to remain for all within the community, particularly those on limited incomes who cannot rely on public transport to get them into town.

Councillor Rowe stated that the Parish Council should support the Community Shop in any way it could as it was an important community asset. Councillor Sewell asked whether a second issue of shares would be possible. Mr. Hookings stated that whilst people moving into the village are being approached and offered the chance to purchase shares, any monies gained this way were mainly being used to reimburse shareholders wishing to withdraw their support. Councillor Sewell asked whether those people with shares could be offered the chance to increase their shareholding. Mr. Hookings stated that this was not a viable long-term option and stated that the shop needed to become sustainable and that a commitment from the Parish Council would allow this. Councillor Chubb stated that the Parish Council currently provides a similar level of financial support to the three village halls in the Grouped Parish. Councillor Frampton stated that the Parish Council should be careful not to set a precedent as it could be approached by a number of independent businesses seeking funds.

Councillor Sewell stated that the shop was set up as a community benefit society and Councillor Hibbard stated that businesses such as the local pubs were not owned or run by the community. Mr. Hookings stated that the Community Shop was registered as a provident society. Councillor Chubb stated that people had supported the shop in the Parish Plan and Neighbourhood Plan and stated that the Council should look to the Precept and asked Mr. Hookings if there were any grants available. Mr. Hookings stated that no grants were available which supported running costs.

Councillor Chubb asked that further financial details be provided to the Parish Council, Councillor Leader asked for a full breakdown of costs and the amount being requested from the Parish Council. Councillor Chumbley asked whether a five-year plan could be produced. Mr. Hookings stated that costs for the next financial year had been produced based upon the living wage. The Clerk was asked to add this matter to the Agenda for the November Meeting. Councillor Sewell stated the shop was much needed to ensure the sustainability of a vibrant and dynamic community. Councillor Hibbard thanked Mr. Hookings for his report.

b. Dorset Council, Invitation to Parish and Town Council Workshops

The Clerk reported that this event was taking place on 22 October at Bridport Town Hall and that Councillor Rowe had agreed to attend. The Clerk stated that the Parish Council could send a second representative, Councillor Sewell stated that she would also be attending.

c. Dorset Council, Feedback on Draft Council Plan

The Clerk reported that Dorset Council was seeking feedback on their Draft Council Plan which sets out the Council's priorities for the next four years and stated that she had circulated this prior to the Meeting. There were no comments.

7. ACCOUNTS

a. The Finance Report

The Clerk referred Members of the Council to a spreadsheet highlighting income and expenditure for the first and second quarters of 2019/2020, which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of the 30 September 2019 was £98,591.50. The Clerk stated that this balance did not reflect a true account as despite numerous requests to be invoiced, the loan to Dorset Council was still to be repaid. There were no questions.

b. To Receive the External Audit Final Report and Certificate

The Clerk stated that the annual external audit carried out by PKF Littlejohn LLP had been completed and that she had received the External Audit Final Report and Certificate which did not raise any matters of concern for the Parish Council. The Clerk stated that she had circulated Notices and asked that these be placed on noticeboards. Councillor Hibbard thanked the Clerk for her attention to detail in maintaining the financial processes.

c. Budget Planning for 2020/2021 and Precept Requirement

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's precept request would have to be submitted to Dorset Council by 31 January 2020 and that the Council should now start to consider its budget for the next financial year. The Clerk stated that she would provide a budget analysis

for this financial year prior to the next Meeting and noted that funds for a second year of fingerpost restoration and associated MUGA costs such as insurance and inspection would be required to be included in the next budget.

d. To approve payment of £360.00 for PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Audit)

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

f. To approve payment of £40.00 for DAPTC (New Councillor Training)

g. To approve payment of £40.00 for Information Commissioner's Office (Data Protection Fee)

h. To approve £78.00 for the Clerk (Clerk's Expenses July, August, September 2019)

i. To approve payment of £920.70 for the Clerk (Salary Adjustment July, August, September 2019)

Councillor Sewell proposed that payments d to i be approved en bloc. This was agreed by Members of the Council.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Chubb, seconded by Councillor Sewell and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved payments d to i.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Applications Received and Circulated for Consultation

WD/D/19/002022, Potwell Farm, Mosterton, DT8 3HG

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Councillor Sewell reported that she had visited the site and stated that the application proposed a sensible re-use of an existing building that would fit well within its environment. Councillor Sewell stated that as a thriving local business, the Parish Council should support the application and stated that she could see no reason for any objections to be raised.

WD/D/19/002065, The Old Place, The Old Bakery, Broadwindsor, DT8 3PX

The Clerk reported that Councillors Bodycombe and Rowe had been the lead Councillors for this application. Councillor Rowe reported that the application was seeking to convert a double garage into a self-contained unit and stated that the owners of the property had confirmed that this would be used by family members. Councillor Rowe stated that no formal objections had been raised by neighbours but stated that a number of properties at the Old Bakery share a boundary with the applicant and that concerns had been raised about the property becoming a long-term holiday let in the future. Councillor Rowe stated that according to the application form, an increase in the height of the roof was not being proposed. Councillor Bodycombe stated that the part of the building visible to the Old Bakery residents did not currently have any window openings, thus not presenting any issues of being overlooked or light pollution. Councillor Rowe stated that a Dorset Council Officer had made reference to how car parking would be accommodated on the site. Councillors Bodycombe and Rowe asked that the concerns of residents of the Old Bakery be included in the Parish Council's corporate comments but stated that they could not see any reason to object to this application.

WD/D/19/002394, British Telecommunications PLC

The Clerk confirmed that the two telephone boxes being considered by BT for removal were those located in Pound Lane, Burstock and Chard Road in Drimpton. The Clerk stated that once again, BT had used the incorrect address in the consultation document but formal notices should have been put up on each box to inform members of the community of the consultation process. Councillor Chubb stated that the box in Drimpton had been included in a previous consultation but had remained as it provided a working service in an area with poor mobile telephone coverage. As such Councillor Chubb stated that he proposed that this should be retained. A member of the public addressed the Council, stating that the telephone box in Drimpton should remain. Councillor Frampton stated that he had not received any feedback from local residents regarding the Burstock telephone box, stating that this location does not have the same volume of passing traffic as Chard Road and that there are a number of houses close by in case of an emergency. Councillor Frampton confirmed that a notice was on display informing the community of the consultation process.

b. Other Applications

None.

c. Results

The Clerk reported the following results:

WD/D/19/001688, Ley Cottage, Red Lane, Seaborough Court, Seaborough, DT8 3QY:

Approved

WD/D/19/001780, Westlea, West Dairy Farm Access Road, Seaborough, DT8 3QY: Approved

d. Land South of Fullers

Councillor Frampton stated that although he did not have any pecuniary interests to declare regarding this Agenda Item, he would prefer not to take part in any discussion. This was duly noted. The Clerk stated that a reply to the letter from Sandra Burrows to Councillor Walsh regarding the Land South of Fullers had now been received but that Sandra Burrows did not feel that the letter addressed all of the questions she had asked and she had therefore asked the Parish Council to intervene on her behalf and seek clarification on the outstanding matters. Councillor Hibbard read aloud the letter from Councillor Walsh. Councillor Sewell stated that at the DAPTC Councillors Seminar, Councillor Alford of Dorset Council had clearly stated during an item relating to planning, that the role of a Ward Member was to represent their constituents. Councillor Sewell stated that Councillor Christopher had stated that he would not provide any planning advice which left approximately four thousand constituents without access to this support. Councillor Sewell stated that in her original letter Sandra Burrows had highlighted the inaccuracies of the evidence presented to the Planning Committee and questioned whether predetermination had taken place. Councillor Hardwill stated that the Parish Council should take a wider view of this application and stated that the land had been identified within previous planning documentation, this was an area that needed additional housing and that there was a need to keep villages alive.

Councillor Chubb stated that there was a need for clarification and that it would be useful to hear about other parish councils with similar issues. Councillor Hibbard agreed that clarification was urgently needed on why a Ward Councillor cannot represent their ward on planning issues. The Clerk was asked, with support from the Chairman, to draft a letter to Councillor Walsh to address these issues. Councillor Sewell stated that the Chief Executive should also be copied into the correspondence.

9. REPORT FROM THE DAPTC CLERKS SEMINAR 27 SEPTEMBER 2019

The Clerk reported that she had attended this annual seminar hosted by DAPTC and had found it to be informative and helpful and that she wanted to highlight some notable points for the Parish Council. The Clerk reported that new regulations had come into force for public sector bodies regarding website accessibility. Public bodies were now required to make their website or mobile app more accessible, making sure that it can be used by as many people as possible including those with impaired vision, motor difficulties, cognitive impairments or learning disabilities and deafness or impaired hearing. The Clerk reported that existing websites that were published before 23 September 2018 need to comply with the regulations by 23 September 2020 and that she had contacted the web designer to ask her to review the site and report on actions needed to ensure compliancy.

The Clerk reported that John Sellgren, Director of Place at Dorset Council had presented at the event. In addition to providing a brief update on what was happening in the new Council he very much stressed the importance that is being placed on locality working – working more closely with parish and town councils. The Clerk reported that Mr. Sellgren had stated that ward councillors were very much being encouraged to foster much closer relationships with parish and town councils. Mr. Sellgren had also mentioned about delivering more services at a local level, a little like the model that has been adopted by Highways, a pick and mix model, where parish and town councils could get things done themselves. The Clerk stated that whether funding for such services would be available was not mentioned.

The Clerk stated that there had also been an interesting presentation from an insurance company regarding how parish and town councils could work to reduce risks in their service areas. The Clerk stated that she would be adding this matter to the November Agenda and that it would be necessary to carry out a full health and safety risk assessment. The Clerk reported that there had also been an interesting presentation from Vanessa Penny, Dorset Council Definitive Map Team Manager. The Clerk stated that the Definitive Map was the legal tool for recording public rights of way in the County and that from 1 January 2026, the Map will close to all new applications based on historical evidence pre 1949.

10. REPORT FROM THE DAPTC COUNCILLORS SEMINAR 10 OCTOBER 2019

Councillor Sewell stated that she had attended the DAPTC Councillors Seminar and had asked the Clerk to circulate copies of the presentations. Councillor Sewell stated that there had been an informative presentation about the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), which provides a democratic voice for parish councils through the provision of information and guidance and a useful discussion about what makes a good councillor. Councillor Sewell stated that Councillor Alford had commented that for a planning application to be 'called in' the process requires consent from the Planning Officer, the Head of Planning, the Chair and Vice Chair and the Ward Member. Councillor Sewell stated that if the Parish Council worked with BAVLAP and DAPTC, it would have a stronger voice.

11. GROUP PARISH WELCOME PACK

Councillor Bodycombe reported that a prototype of the Welcome Pack had been produced and showed this to Members of the Council. Councillor Bodycombe stated that the approximate cost for each pack would be £3.00 and asked that the Parish Council fund a small sample at a cost of approximately £60.00. Councillor Hibbard asked for comments, Councillor Chubb proposed supporting this project. The Clerk was asked to add this to the Agenda for the November Meeting. Councillor Laurie stated that she would send information relating to Seaborough. A member of the public asked how often the Pack would need updating, Councillor Bodycombe stated that much of the information would be quite generic with limited changes required and stated that the latest copies of Newsletters can be included. Councillor Rowe stated that there had been some discussion at a previous Meeting about the need for the Pack and stated that she was pleased that it was being supported by the Parish Council and commented that it would help people find out about what is going on across the Grouped Parish area.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Chubb, seconded by Councillor Rowe and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously agreed to provide funding for the production of the Welcome Pack.

12. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

The Clerk stated that she had received an email from Councillor Ray Brian, Dorset Council Cabinet Member for Highways, Travel and Environment informing that Officers are drawing up a process that would help Town and Parish Councils to carry out their own Carbon Footprint Audit. The Clerk also reminded Members of the Council of the Climate Emergency Advice Seminar being held on 19 November and stated that Councillor Leader would be attending. Two members of the public confirmed that they would also be attending this event. Councillor Chubb stated that village halls should seek to reduce their carbon footprint and this would reduce running costs and stated that grants are available through Low Carbon Dorset for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Councillor Chubb stated that other projects such as tree planting could be looked at and stated that there are lots of people considering these activities but no overall co-ordination. Councillor Chubb stated that there is no exchange of information between village halls. It was agreed that a Working Group be

established to lead on this and Councillors Leader, Chubb and Rowe agreed to become part of the Group along with members of the community Sheila Hawkins and Susannah Madigan. A member of the public stated that if there is an election that any new government would have to take a lead on this important issue. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that a local resident who installs e-charging points had kindly agreed to present information to the Parish Council at the next Meeting.

13. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

a. Report from the Broadwindsor Group Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee

Councillor Hibbard reported that the Neighbourhood Plan had now been ratified by Dorset Council and was a legal document and as such could be removed from future agendas. Councillor Bassett paid thanks to Councillor Hibbard and the Neighbourhood Planning Committee for their considerable efforts and asked that this be recorded in the minutes.

14. ALLOTMENTS

Sheila Hawkins from the Broadwindsor Allotment Group (BAG) reported that an appropriate place had been identified for grass cuttings and asked the Parish Council when the space would be required. Councillor Rowe stated that she could not confirm as she had not been informed when the new machine would be available to the Grouped Parish area. Councillor Sewell stated that the Parish Council should lobby Dorset Council in order to acquire the machinery. Sheila Hawkins stated that the current Allotment Contract allows Tenants to erect a shed with a maximum dimension of 6 feet x 4 feet by 7 feet six inches high. Sheila Hawkins asked the Parish Council to consider allowing a small Polytunnel which would be extremely useful for Tenants. Sheila Hawkins was asked to provide further information regarding size and the Clerk was asked to add this to the Agenda for the November Meeting.

15. HIGHWAYS

a. Report from the Footpaths Officer

Councillor Chubb stated that he had not been able to make any further contact with Dorset Council, and was concerned about the poor level of communication. This concern was reiterated by Councillor Rowe. The Clerk was asked to contact Councillor Christopher to report these concerns.

b. Verge Management in the Grouped Parish Area

Councillor Rowe stated that a copy of a Draft Management Plan for the verge located at Cross Keys in Broadwindsor had previously been circulated to Members of the Council and paid thanks to Nick Gray of Dorset Wildlife Trust for producing the document. Councillor Rowe stated that three options had been highlighted and that after some discussion Option 3, developing a pictorial and perennial wildflower area seemed to be the preferred option. Councillor Rowe stated that topsoil would need to be removed next year and that volunteers had already been identified. Councillor Rowe stated that the cost for the seeds required had been calculated at approximately £150.00. Councillor Chubb stated that a local contact may be able to offer seeds at a lower price. Councillor Chubb asked who would manage the patch,

Councillor Rowe confirmed that this would be carried out by volunteers from within the village. Councillor Leader stated that there had been lots of positive comments received about the wildflower patch, stating that it provided visual improvements and ecological benefits.

c. Netherhay Lane Signage

Councillor Hibbard reported that he had received a letter from a Drimpton resident asking for Parish Council help in reinstating the 'Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles' signage at Drimpton Cross and the speed restriction sign in Netherhay Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact the Community Highways Officer.

d. Hursey Common Work Party

Councillor Leader reported that he hoped to confirm a date for this shortly and Councillor Sewell stated that she had donated a bench.

e. Redlands Lane

No further update was presented.

f. Parking in Fullers

Councillor Leader stated that this matter was still ongoing and that he would report back at a later date.

g. Grit Bins

The Clerk reported that grit bins were now starting to be filled and asked the Parish Council if they wished to purchase additional dumpy bags to store. The Clerk stated that these would cost £61.50 excluding VAT. Councillor Chubb stated that there were lots of sandbags available for Drimpton. There was general agreement that no purchase would be made at this time.

h. Night Lighting

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the Community Highways Officer (CHO) regarding this matter and had been informed that regulations do exist about the provision of lighting in areas with speed restrictions in place. The Clerk reported that the CHO had agreed to contact the Street Lighting Team at Dorset Council regarding this matter and would report back. Councillor Sewell asked if speed bumps were now required given the introduction of the 20mph zone outside of the School. The Clerk stated that she had also asked this question to the CHO.

i. Update on Broadwindsor Highway Safety Concerns

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the CHO regarding speed limit concerns as discussed at the last Meeting and had been informed that this would need an alteration to the existing Traffic Regulation Order. The Clerk stated that the locations would need to be assessed, priced and data collated and stated that it would be useful to have any data held by the Speedwatch Teams. The Clerk reported that she was trying to arrange a meeting with the Highways Authority and would be liaising with Councillors Leader and Chubb. Councillor Leader reported that he had written to Dorset Council to strongly urge them to extend the resurfacing work to West Street. A member of the public stated that she was very concerned about the speed of vehicles travelling along Bridport Road and stated that she was worried that a serious accident would occur. The Clerk was asked to raise this matter with the CHO.

Councillor Leader confirmed that the Speedwatch Team has to be in sight and cannot hide. Councillor Hibbard reported that there had been much discussion and concern raised previously about Redlands Lane becoming a 'Rat Run' and that it had been proposed to introduce traffic calming measures. Councillor Hibbard stated that he had been in contact with a representative of the landowners of the land South of Fullers and prior to the commencement of any development, speed restrictions could be sited to provide a buffer zone which could help address these concerns. A member of the public asked if a speed indicator device could be installed and stated that he had understood that the Parish previously had one. Councillor Leader stated that the Parish Council did have use of a shared device and had made considerable efforts in trying to return it to the Grouped Parish area, but was unable to. Councillor Leader stated that the Parish Council and the Speedwatch Team were looking into the purchase cost of this type of equipment. Councillor Rowe asked if there was any known evidence on whether slow down signs had any effect, Councillor Hibbard stated that he did not know and questioned whether the community would want more signage. Councillor Hibbard asked whether there were any comments about the proposed timing of the resurfacing work in Broadwindsor Square. Councillor Sewell asked about access to the pub during the road closure. Councillor Hardwill stated that closing a road causes a number of problems and stated that it was essential that local business was not too disrupted. Councillor Sewell suggested that those people who would normally park in the Square be allowed to park at Comrades Hall and stated that it was essential that emergency vehicles could gain access if required. Councillor Hibbard stated that they would have been included in the consultation process. There was general agreement that it was essential that these works be completed and that closing the road at night, although still disruptive for some, would be the preferred option.

16. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

a. Report from the Broadwindsor Group Parish Community Land Trust

Councillor Leader reported that the application was still with the Planning Department and stated that the Highways Authority had asked the Community Land Trust to consider the introduction of a footpath to the eastern side of the scheme, exiting on Chard Road, opposite the Village Hall or into Oxhayes via the public highway. Councillor Leader stated that in principle this was a good idea, removing the need to walk up Chard Road and that the CLT was exploring these options.

17. LEISURE

a. Update of the Multi-Use Games Area Project

Councillor Leader reported that the official MUGA opening had been agreed for 7 November at 2.45 pm and that all Councillors were invited to attend if they could. The Clerk was asked to circulate the draft guest list and for Councillors to suggest any additional people or organisations that should be invited. Councillor Leader asked Councillor Chumbley to liaise with the School Governors. Councillor Leader stated that the School and members of the community have been invited and that it will be an informal launch.

18. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

a. Items for next Agenda from Members of the Council

Councillor Madder-Smith reported that a member of the community had offered to present information about the installation of e-charging points at the next Meeting.

b. Items for next Agenda from Members of the Public

A member of the public asked that opportunities for recycling facilities in Broadwindsor be raised at the next Meeting.

19. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

20. THE FMR TRUST

a. To receive the Finance Report (Balance £1742.69 as of 30 September 2019)

The Clerk referred Trustees to a spreadsheet highlighting income and expenditure for the first and second quarters of 2019/2020, which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of the 30 September 2019 was £1742.69. There were no questions.

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

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Hibbard, seconded by Councillor Sewell and agreed by a show of hands, Trustees unanimously approved payment b.

c. To consider a grant for £320.00 for Drimpton and Netherhay Youth Club (First Aid Training)

Councillor Hardwill asked how many children attended Drimpton and Netherhay Youth Club and why the training seemed to be so expensive. Councillor Chubb asked if he could answer this question, Trustees agreed. Councillor Chubb stated that between twenty and thirty children attended the Club and that training was needed to ensure that the Club remained operational, stating that not all adults attended each session so it was important to train as many as possible. Councillor Chubb stated that a number of first aid providers were reviewed and that training is expensive.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Hardwill and agreed by a show of hands, Trustees unanimously approved payment c.

d. To consider a grant of £250.00 from Broadwindsor Walking Netball Group (Netball Posts)

Councillor Leader stated that during the summer the Group had used posts borrowed from the School and that he had had to move them himself which was not easy and that now in term time, the School was not able to share them so readily. Councillor Leader stated that posts had been costed which conform to the required safety standards and that they could be easily stored when not in use.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Chubb, seconded by Councillor Sewell and agreed by a show of hands, Trustees unanimously approved payment d.

21. CLOSE

The Council Meeting was formally closed at 9.45 pm. The Meeting of the FMR Trust was formally closed at 9.53 pm. Councillor Hibbard thanked everyone for attending.