



## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 14 SEPTEMBER 2020 ONLINE MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Rowland Hibbard (Chairman), Cllr. David Leader (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Tim Bassett, Cllr. Cindy Bodycombe, Cllr. David Chumbley, Cllr. Steve Chubb, Cllr. Andrew Frampton, Cllr. Peter Hardwill, Cllr. Bob Harris, Cllr. Fraser Hughes, Cllr. Susanna Laurie, Cllr. Kevin Madder-Smith, Cllr. 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 seven members of the public in attendance. Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the fourth online Parish Council Meeting.

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

Apologies were received from PCSO Bishop and from Councillor Rowe 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 Chubb declared an interest in Agenda Item 9a, WD/D/20/001756.

**b. To receive requests for dispensations.**

None.

**c. To grant any requests for dispensation.**

None.

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

None.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Councillor Bodycombe informed the Clerk that although she was present at the last meeting, her name had not been included in the minutes. The Clerk stated that she would amend the record accordingly. The minutes from the online meeting held on 14 August 2020 were then

confirmed as a true record and unanimously approved by the Council. Councillor Hibbard duly signed the approved minutes.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Sewell asked if the Parish Council had written to the Dorset Councillor and the local MP regarding the Travel Safe scheme. The Clerk confirmed that it had not.

#### **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. Councillor Christopher stated that his report had been circulated and asked if there were any questions. Councillor Chubb asked Councillor Christopher why he and his colleague had decided to step down from the Planning Committee. Councillor Christopher stated that his colleague David Gray had his own family reasons, with respect to himself, Councillor Christopher stated that he now wished to concentrate more on economic development matters and stated that he had been on the Economic Advisory Panel in the Shadow Council. Councillor Christopher stated that with regard to planning, often it takes a long time for any building to actually commence, there are often delays caused by finishing off Section 106 agreements. Councillor Christopher reported that there are decision notices dating back to the former West Dorset District Council days where no development has taken place, often on brown field sites and stated that these cases have always interested him and he will be concentrating on these. Councillor Christopher stated that Councillors may have read in the press his concern for Chideock, which has the worst pollution of any village in the Country and stated that when things go wrong in Chideock, the knock-on effect reaches Broadwindsor and surrounding parishes.

Councillor Hardwill congratulated Councillor Christopher for his role in arranging for new gates to be installed on Lewesdon Hill and thanked Councillor Christopher for his efforts in the resurfacing of Broadwindsor Square and addressing the drainage in Kittwhistle, stating that that they were big improvements. Councillor Christopher stated that he must mention Councillor Ray Bryan as Head of Highways and Dawn Heath and the local team and Russell Goff who all helped to move these matters forward.

A member of the public asked Councillor Christopher why he had not responded to emails from Broadwindsor.org. Councillor Christopher stated that he believed that he had replied and wanted to assure the member of the public that he is out working in the community and had had a meeting that day with a Broadwindsor resident. Councillor Christopher stated that he believed it to be better to meet people outside of their property and discuss the issues they have. The member of public stated that Councillor Christopher had no presence on social media and stated that he did not really communicate well with the village of Broadwindsor. Councillor Christopher stated that if the member of the public looked at his profile on the Dorset Council website it refers to his website and stated that most of the queries that he

receives relate to neighbourhood disputes and the best way is to go and visit the people in question at their own property, rather than in a surgery in a village hall. Councillor Christopher stated that other queries received are often about road safety or road surfaces which are better addressed by inspection. The member of the public thanked Councillor Christopher for his comments.

Another member of the public stated that questions to the Dorset Councillor often come from Councillors and asked whether the member of the public was a Councillor. Councillor Hibbard stated that she was a member of the public. Councillor Hibbard confirmed that Broadwindsor.org was not a Parish Council website but contained information about the village including details of Council meetings.

#### **b. Report from Dorset Police**

In the absence of PCSO Bishop, the Clerk read aloud his report. The report stated that fortunately there have been no crimes to report over the last month, but Dorset Police has had several reports of suspicious incidents. Again fortunately, they have not led to any crimes or other incidents. In his report, PCSO Bishop stated that he encouraged people to report any suspicious activity to the Police, at the time if possible, on 101 or online at [www.dorset.police.uk](http://www.dorset.police.uk). The report also referred to a number of scams involving Amazon. One is an automated message saying your Amazon Prime subscription has been taken from your account and if you have any issues to call a number they provide. The report stated that people should not call this number as Amazon do not operate in this manner and if you were a subscriber to Amazon Prime, this would be confirmed by email. The second is an automated message saying your Amazon order has been paid and dispatched and to press 1 if you have any issues, again the report stated that people should not interact with this message as Amazon do not operate in this manner. PCSO Bishop advised that if people receive these calls/messages, to hang up or delete the message and stated that if you do happen to follow the instruction and think you may have been scammed, call your bank to cancel any potential payments and call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, or at their website, [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk). PCSO Bishop in his report urged people to pass this information to anyone who may be vulnerable to these scams.

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

#### **a. Community Updates from Councillors**

Councillor Leader reported that the school has now reopened and has a good system in place to separate groups into bubbles. Councillor Leader stated that the virus is still here and he feels that the Parish Council is doing all it can to keep the community safe. Councillor Sewell stated that she is aware that prescription runs for those vulnerable are still operating and she was pleased to hear that the Community Shop is now operating a 'click and collect' system which she stated is a fantastic system which is working well. Councillor Sewell stated that if there were to be another lock down, that the village will learn from how things have worked before and will be in a good position to support the community. Councillor Sewell stated that BAVLAP had a meeting last week and that they will be collating examples of good practice

from each village, each Parish will receive a letter asking for best practice to be sent in, this will then be collated and if and when an emergency happens again, the connections will still be there and will be shared. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that he wished to support the comments from Councillor Sewell and stated that the 'click and collect' system was working really well. Councillor Madder-Smith reported that problems have arisen regarding some local people complaining about the current queuing system and the rule of only one person in the Shop at a time. Councillor Madder-Smith also stated that some users of the Shop are refusing to wear masks and sanitize their hands. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that he is providing additional training for volunteers but it is not fair that the volunteers find themselves in a situation which is confrontational and threatening. Councillor Hibbard stated that rules are rules and it is important to remain vigilant. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that apart from banning people, there was not much more that he could do. Councillor Hibbard suggested contacting PCSO Bishop for advice, Councillor Sewell stated that because he is not permitted to carry out face to face appointments at the present time, that an email could be sent.

Councillor Laurie asked Councillor Madder-Smith whether there was a notice outside of the Shop regarding wearing a mask, Councillor Madder-Smith stated that there was a sign about this and about using hand sanitizer on entry. Councillor Hardwill stated that he had recently visited the Shop and was politely asked to wear a mask as he had forgotten to do so, and stated that in his opinion, if people refuse to wear a mask then they should be sent away. Councillor Hardwill also stated that PCSO Bishop could attend for a period of time and his presence at the Shop could be helpful. Councillor Leader stated that having worked at the Shop, the vast majority of people have been compliant with the rules and that those who are repeat offenders should be banned from entry. Councillor Leader stated that it is against the law not to wear a face covering and that the Police could be called. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that he will raise the matter with the Shop Committee as there is a meeting soon. Councillor Sewell stated that the webmaster for the Broadwindsor.org site was present at the meeting and could be asked to post a notice about this matter, the member of the public confirmed that she would be happy to do so. Councillor Laurie stated that perhaps the notice could be posted to Facebook, the member of the public stated that when something is posted on their website it automatically is posted to Facebook and Twitter. Councillor Laurie thanked the member of the public.

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Hibbard and Councillor Hardwill left the meeting due to a local power cut. The Clerk asked Councillor Leader as Vice Chairman to chair the remaining part of the meeting, Councillor Leader agreed. This was agreed by the Parish Council.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES**

### **a. Broadwindsor Resident - Concerns regarding speeding traffic on Bridport Road**

The Clerk read aloud an email received by a Broadwindsor resident who had raised concerns about the speed of traffic on the Bridport Road. The Clerk stated that the email had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillor Leader stated that the Speedwatch Group do attend that particular location once a week and that the Group have been very active in the village and are doing all that they can to encourage driving at the right speed through that part of the village. Councillor Leader stated that the mirror in the Square has been successful but that mirrors are not supported by Highways and suggested that more thought be given. Councillor Sewell reported that the Speedwatch Group had been at that location for the past two weeks, the most recent visit being last Wednesday at 4.30 pm when the fastest vehicle was logged as travelling 47 mph and one driver did not slow down at all. Councillor Sewell suggested that the local resident consider joining the Group as more members in the Group means that they can be out more often. Councillor Leader asked the Clerk for the contact details of the local resident and stated that he would contact him.

### **b. Chris Loder MP - Improving Broadband Coverage**

The Clerk stated that the email had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk stated that the local MP Chris Loder had written to the Parish Council asking for those areas with poor broadband coverage to be identified and passed on to him as he is working with BT to help improve the service. The Clerk stated that she had posted a notice on the Council's Facebook page to help raise awareness of this and asked Councillors to ask Parishioners for their input. Councillor Chumbley stated that the letter received was not 'smart', it was not measurable, what may be 'bad' coverage for one user may be satisfactory to another user. Councillor Chumbley stated that the question needed to be broadened and include some form of limit, a minimum required for general use. Councillor Leader stated that this was a good point and asked Councillor Christopher for his comments. Councillor Christopher stated that he is working with the Broadband Team and wished to reiterate the point of providing the Council with the postcodes of those areas with poor coverage, stating that they could be emailed to him. Councillor Christopher also stated that with regard to speeding, he is in contact with and works closely with the Highways Safety Team.

Councillor Christopher left the meeting.

## **8. ACCOUNTS**

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

The Clerk referred Members of the Council to a spreadsheet highlighting income and expenditure for the first and second quarters of 2020/2021 and a Budget Analysis sheet, which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of the 31 August 2020 was £29,736.37. There were no questions. Councillor Leader proposed that Agenda Items b to g be approved en bloc. This was agreed.

- b. To approve payment of £1.80 for HMRC (NI)**
- c. To approve payment of £161.50 for Dorset Council (Litter Bin Waste Removal)**
- d. To approve payment of £161.00 for Dorset Council (Footpath Gate)**
- e. To approve payment of £42.00 for DM Payroll Services Ltd (Payroll Services)**
- f. To approve payment of £92.38 for Councillor Bodycombe (Reimbursement for Welcome Packs)**
- g. To approve payment of £184.08 for Clerk (Expenses, August and September)**

**Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Sewell, seconded by Councillor Chumbley and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved Agenda Items b to g.**

## **9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

**WD/D/20/001756, Broadwindsor Craft and Design Centre, Redlands Lane, Broadwindsor, DT8 3PX**

Councillor Sewell stated that she had been the lead for this application and that she and Councillor Rowe had spoken with local residents and unit holders and had submitted a written report which was circulated prior to the meeting. Councillor Sewell provided a brief background to the site, stating that her first involvement was in 2012 with the previous owners which culminated in 2015 in an application being submitted to build up to eight houses, this was at the time when West Dorset did not have a five year land supply, then the number of houses was reduced to seven. Councillor Sewell stated that the Government then changed the goalposts and required affordable housing provision if more than five houses were to be built, the application was then amended in September 2016 for five houses. In 2017 this ruling was changed again by the Government, now requiring affordable housing provision if more than three houses were to be built. Councillor Sewell stated that at this point in time, the Craft and Design Centre changed hands again and the plot was sold off and two houses have since been built, priced at just under and just over £400,000. Councillor Sewell stated that according to the Neighbourhood Plan, this site was not put forward for housing, although permission was granted and in addition the Centre is a thriving business and the majority of people who were spoken to stated that with another two houses and the lack of sufficient car park spaces, that the business would not be sustainable. Councillor Sewell reported that she has visited the site at lunch times and has never counted less than thirty vehicles in the car park and that having spoken with unit holders, they themselves occupy many spaces. Councillor Sewell stated that she is very concerned that even with the demolition of some units, there will not be sufficient car parking provision. Councillor Sewell stated that when the Craft and Design Centre first opened in 1986, the intention was to create a sustainable craft tourist feature, which it did and stated that she was disappointed to see non-craft businesses now occupy some of the units.

Councillor Sewell stated that in Broadwindsor there are twenty-two live planning applications for homes and through the CLT, there are fifteen, providing thirty-seven homes which is more than sufficient if the Grouped Parish is looking at five units per year. Councillor Sewell stated that those local residents to whom she had spoken all opposed the development.

Councillor Leader asked a member of the public if she wished to address the Council at this time as she was the applicant. The applicant thanked the Council for allowing her to speak and stated that she had been born in the village, had worked at the Craft and Design Centre from when she was fourteen and as such had an emotional connection to the village and business. The applicant stated that she and her family had moved back to the area in 2017 and purchased the Craft and Design Centre and it was always their intention to retain the Centre as a thriving successful business. The applicant stated that if the intention had been to build houses, then this would have been done from the outset. The applicant stated that she and her husband had invested a significant amount of money in the business in an effort to make it viable and stated that when the business was purchased it was in a loss-making position. The applicant stated that she had tried very hard to retain the craft focus for the Centre and did attract such businesses but stated that over three years these units failed as they were not making enough money. The applicant stated that with a mortgage and bills to pay, she could not afford for the units to remain vacant and had to take the decision to let to non-craft local businesses and to open the Centre up wider as a community asset. The applicant stated that from the outside the business may look like it is making money but in June they had to take the difficult decision to put the company into liquidation. The applicant stated that they have considered different options and do want to keep the site going and stated that the money from the houses, if the application is successful, will be used to pay off as much as the mortgage as possible and will provide some security for the business.

The applicant stated that they had been monitoring the car park as well, checking three times a day at various times and stated that the proposed new parking will be measured and provide forty-two spaces and that to provide this amount, the two front units will need to be demolished. Councillor Leader asked the applicant if they were successful with the application, how would the business go forward on such a reduced footprint. The applicant stated that parking provision will be the same as is currently offered, stating that from August she had not recorded more than forty-one cars at any one time including staff parking and stated that at present all units are let and that they have only lost two units from the whole site. The applicant stated that on Sunday the restaurant is busy, but the units are closed and that she is continuing to monitor the parking situation.

A member of the public, a neighbour to the site, asked whether the proposed new houses would have parking onsite. The applicant stated that the houses are two, small three-bedroom houses each with two spaces to the rear. The member of the public stated that parking is a problem everywhere and that she supported the application.

A second member of the public asked the applicant where coaches will park, the applicant confirmed that they now do not accept coaches and are moving the Centre away from being a tourist destination to a year-round community asset. The applicant stated that minibuses will be accepted from the community but that there is no longer room for coaches. The second member of the public stated that the proposed new homes will be located in front of his property and stated that he will lose light and warmth and that he was concerned about the trees. He asked the applicant how far the houses will be situated from the footpath, the applicant stated that she did not have that information to hand but that scaled drawings were included in the application and that she would be happy to come back with an answer after the meeting. Councillor Leader stated that individual members of the public can submit their comments directly to Dorset Council on the planning portal. Councillor Leader asked the Parish Council to vote as to whether they support the application or are opposed, a vote was taken and six members of the Parish Council voted to support the application, and one Councillor voted to oppose the application. Councillor Leader stated that all of the concerns raised will be included within the Council's corporate view submission to Dorset Council. The Clerk stated that she will also liaise with Councillors Hibbard and Hardwill who were forced to leave the meeting due to technical difficulties.

**WD/D/20/001880, Notification of Adoption of Telephone Kiosk, The Square, Broadwindsor**

The Clerk reported that she had informed BT of the Council's wish to adopt the telephone box and that Dorset Council has now launched its consultation and it is expected that a decision is likely by late October/early November. The Clerk stated that she had published details about the consultation on the Council's website and Facebook pages and that a notice will have been placed in the box itself to notify local residents.

**WD/D/20/000052, Blackbird Cottage, The Square, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QD**

**WD/D/20/000053, Blackbird Cottage, The Square, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QD**

Councillor Madder-Smith stated that he had been the lead Councillor for these applications and that he had visited all neighbouring properties and no concerns were raised. Councillor Leader thanked Councillor Madder-Smith.

**WD/D/20/001912, Potwell Farm, Potwell Farm Road, Mosterton, DT8 3HG**

The Clerk stated that Councillor Laurie was the lead Councillor for this application. Councillor Laurie reported that she had visited the site and spoken with the applicant and stated that the proposal seeks to erect a large barn which will eventually house twenty horses. Councillor Laurie stated that she was impressed by the plan and that the application was well presented. Councillor Laurie stated that the proposed barn will be sited on a platform which is already sunk into the ground and that once built, the barn will be almost invisible, it will not overlook anyone as the building next to it is also stabling. Councillor Laurie reported that she has spoken to all neighbours, apart from one and that no objections have been raised. Councillor Laurie stated that she has been assured by the applicant that he has spoken with the remaining neighbour and that they have no objections. Councillor Laurie stated that it will be a great asset for the yard and will help generate more employment. Councillor Leader asked



if the horses are racehorses, Councillor Laurie confirmed that they will be. Councillor Laurie stated that Potwell Farm is located between Littlewindsor and Mosterton and stated that now that Harry Fry has left Seaborough taking with him eighty horses, that the roads will not become congested with horses as a result of this application. There were no other comments from Councillors.

**b. Other Applications**

None.

**c. Results**

The Clerk reported the following results:

WD/D/19/002200, Land Adjacent to Hayes Barn, Broadwindsor: Refused

WD/D/20/000157, Glebe Cottage, Church Path, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QE: Request for confirmation of compliance with conditions 3 (Complied), 4 (Partially Complied) & 5 (Partially Complied) of listed building consent WD/D/19/002473)

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

**10. UPDATE FROM VILLAGE HALLS**

**a. Report from Comrades Hall Committee**

Councillor Leader stated that the Comrades Hall Committee has done a fantastic job over many years and that he became Chair of the Committee a few months ago. Councillor Leader stated that the Hall is in urgent need of attention, it has a heating system which is thirty years old and will not go on for much longer and that there are other building maintenance requirements. Councillor Leader stated that like all village halls, COVID-19 has had a big impact upon the Hall but that it is important to put in place a plan to bring the Hall up to date and make it fit for purpose. Councillor Leader stated that Bernards' Place was a fantastic asset in the heart of the village but is in need of more equipment for young people, work needs to be carried out on the boundary walls, and the trees and hedges all need attention. Councillor Leader stated that this was all going to cost considerably, and that the Committee will need to seek funding from various grant making bodies. Councillor Leader stated that Drimpton Village Hall was an inspiration to all and stated that in the same way as Drimpton Village Hall was supported by the Parish Council, financially and in other supportive ways, the Committee would ask that the same facility be offered to Comrades Hall in principle only, and that it becomes an enterprise supported by the Parish Council, and that the Council is part of the process of making Bernards' Place up to date and Comrades Hall more fit for purpose.

Councillor Leader stated that there are financial advantages to a collaborative approach with the Parish Council in terms of the grants it will seek, if the Parish Council is supportive of these, then it opens doors to them which they may not be able to enter if they were proceeding alone. Councillor Leader stated that he is asking the Parish Council to support the Hall and Bernards' Place in the work which will take many years to achieve. Councillor Bassett stated that he was in accord with these sentiments and happy to help out where possible. Councillor Bassett stated that all three village halls have benefitted from various grants for

things like solar panels and heating, and that by sharing information and using the same contactors, efficiencies could be made. Councillor Leader stated that village halls are essential to the community and any form of collaborate working across all three halls, can only be for the good. Councillor Sewell stated that the three halls should work together and hire things together to get a better rate. Councillor Chubb stated that he agreed that Drimpton Village Hall would not have all the things it can offer without the support of the Parish Council and stated that all three halls should pool their resources. Councillor Chubb stated that going forward, the halls should look at how they become more eco-friendly.

**b. Report from Drimpton Village Hall and Recreational Trust**

Councillor Chubb stated that Drimpton's football team had its first match last week and won and that the Committee have been looking at how to bring the Hall back into use again. Councillor Chubb stated that they are planning a Film Club in October, they have purchased a fogging machine and believe that people will want to start going out again. Councillor Chubb reported that Dorset Community Action and ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) have both been brilliant and supportive and have provided easy to understand information regarding COVID-19 and what village halls can and cannot do. Councillor Chubb reported that the Hall had held an Open Garden event and raised £500.00 and that it was a good way of opening up the Hall again to the community.

Councillor Bodycombe asked if the halls had been eligible for the Local Government Compensation scheme. Councillor Leader stated that Comrades Hall had received £10,000 and Councillor Bassett confirmed that both Drimpton and Blackdown Halls had both received the grant. Councillor Bodycombe asked how this money had to be used, Councillor Bassett stated that there were no caveats attached to the scheme. Councillor Chubb stated that he had been informed by DCA that there would be no more funds of this kind even if COVID-19 continues for some time and that village halls may need this money to survive. Councillor Sewell stated that she believed that the scheme was to support loss of income.

Councillor Leader asked for a vote to be taken regarding the Parish Council supporting the ongoing development of Comrades Hall, Bernards' Place and the other two halls within the Grouped Parish. The Clerk stated that due to the fact that the resolution had not be tabled on the agenda and that a declaration of interest would need to be made if a resolution be made, she would ask that this motion be moved to the October meeting. This was agreed by the Council.

**c. Report from Blackdown Village Hall Committee**

Deferred until the next meeting.

## **11. UPDATE ON WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY**

The Clerk reported that she had reported to the Council at a previous meeting about the new Government website accessibility legislation which aims to improve access to public sector websites for those with a number of different disabilities. The Clerk stated that she had engaged the support of Michelle Abadie and that the website had been evaluated and is already 81% compliant and that she was confident that the required statement and the majority of amendments will be completed by the deadline of 23 September. Councillor Leader thanked the Clerk.

## **12. EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Councillor Bassett reported that the Emergency Plan for the Grouped Parish has been in place for some time and that he has been liaising with Dorset Council about updating it and including COVID-19 information. Councillor Bassett asked Councillors to review the original Plan and the suggested modifications and feedback any comments to the Clerk and asked that it be added to the October meeting. Councillor Leader thanked Councillor Bassett.

## **13. ALLOTMENTS**

The Clerk stated that following the August meeting, as asked, she had contacted the Beaminster Eco Group to enquire as to whether they wished to use Plot 20 as they had originally requested. The Clerk confirmed that they did not wish to take up this offer at the current time and thanked the Parish Council accordingly, stating that they hoped that the same kind offer would be extended to them at a later date. The Clerk confirmed that she had passed this information on to the Broadwindsor Allotment Group.

## **14. HIGHWAYS**

### **a. Report from the Footpaths Officer**

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

The Clerk stated that a report from Councillor Rowe had been circulated with the supplementary papers regarding footpaths and verges. Councillor Leader asked for comments. Councillor Chubb stated that there had been a positive outcome over an issue of a closed footpath, Dorset Council had visited the land owner, the signs had been removed and it had been agreed to put in place two new gates on the footpath.

#### **c. Installation of Kissing Gates Update**

Councillor Frampton reported that about a month ago he had had a meeting with Councillor Christopher and Russell Goff and that Dorset Council had offered to install the required gates. Councillor Frampton stated that he had now purchased the gates and that they had been sited approximately 50 yards from the existing field gates so that you can walk in a straight line along the river. Councillor Frampton stated that he had not yet moved the footpath but was in the process of applying to move it and stated that it would cost £3.5k. Councillor Frampton stated that he believed that he had good grounds to move the footpath due to the previous problems that had occurred with gates being left open and that the view would not change which was an important factor. Councillor Frampton stated that the fee charged does not benefit Dorset Council, it is used for legal fees and to update maps and data. Councillor Frampton stated that it may not be necessary to move the footpath if walkers use the new

gates. Councillor Frampton stated that there are four fields which run from the bottom to the top of Lewesdon Hill and the intention would be for walkers to walk along the hedgerow and not through a field of crops.

Councillor Leader welcomed Councillor Hibbard back to the meeting. Councillor Hibbard resumed the position of Chair.

**d. Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

Councillor Leader reported that a meeting will be held on the Thursday of that week with Dorset Council at Broadwindsor and that he had spoken with Councillor Chubb regarding a possible siting in Drimpton if the Parish Council were to purchase a device. Councillor Hibbard reported that he was aware of a number of Blackdown residents who had contacted Councillor Christopher about this matter and stated that he will pass on their details to Councillor Leader so that they be kept in the loop and also contact them regarding setting up a local Speedwatch Group. Councillor Leader stated that he would report back at the next meeting.

**e. Local Residents Request for 30 mph limit, Netherhay Lane and Speed Bumps in Chard Road**

Councillor Harris reported that a letter had been circulated to Councillors from a Drimpton resident to Dorset Council Highways, asking that the speed limit be reduced for Netherhay Lane, especially with the prospect of having more vehicles travelling along the lane once the new houses are built. Councillor Harris stated that this concern had been raised by a number of other local residents and that the reply to this letter had not been sent directly to the Drimpton resident, but as a copy to the Clerk. Councillor Harris stated that he had now appraised the resident of the reply. Councillor Harris stated that he had received contact from another local resident about dangerous speeding traffic on the Chard Road between Drimpton Cross going up towards Greenham and the resident had requested that Councillor Harris propose to the Council that a speed bump be installed on this stretch of road. Councillor Hibbard asked for thoughts from the Council, Councillor Chubb stated that he personally does not like speed bumps as drivers accelerate and decelerate before and after which creates more road noise and stated that they can slow emergency vehicles down and that most people straddle them at speed. Councillor Chubb stated that he had previously spoken to Dorset Council regarding speed limits and Netherhay Lane was regarded as a low priority and the cost of reducing the speed limit from 60 mph to 30 mph would be extremely high. Councillor Chubb stated that perhaps the part of the road from the junction to the CLT site could be looked at. Councillor Harris stated that he has received a number of comments from people about speeding vehicles driving through Drimpton, and that he has spoken with members of the Speedwatch Group who seem to be limited in what they can do as they cannot access every location and stated that speeding traffic is certainly a problem as is the many heavy goods vehicles which are unsuitable for Netherhay Lane.

Councillor Hibbard stated that these vehicles also need access and stated that the Speedwatch Group need to be out collating information which can then be presented to Dorset Council and Dorset Police as evidence that speeding is taking place in a frequent rather than infrequent basis. Councillor Chubb stated that some properties in the village refuse to have the Speedwatch Group outside of their property which demonstrates that not everyone is concerned about this matter. Councillor Chubb stated that the Parish Council can be proactive and that one way is to consider the installation of a speed indicator device, he also stated that he believed that some devices allow you to download data to an app which would be useful. Councillor Leader stated that when he first approached Dorset Council regarding speed indicator devices, he was sent a five page document on why you should not purchase a device and if you do, you should purchase from the Council and stated that permission from Highways would need to be granted and that it was not an easy process. Councillor Leader stated that he was ready to argue the point with Dorset Council and that this was the start of the journey. Councillor Leader stated that if permission was granted, the Parish Council would need to look at all purchase options and that after the meeting he would feedback information to the Clerk for circulation and then the matter could be debated at the next Parish Council meeting.

## **15. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

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

Councillor Leader reported that planning permission had been granted and thanked the Parish Council for their continuing efforts and support over many years. Councillor Leader stated that a S106 now had to be completed and then the build will go out to tender. The process to select a builder will then take place and by Easter of next year, the build should commence. Councillor Hibbard congratulated Councillor Leader and all those involved.

Councillor Hibbard reported that he had spoken with a representative of the applicant for the Land South of Fullers development and it is more than likely that Fry's will be the contracted developer for the site. Councillor Hibbard stated that it would be important to make early contact to discuss construction traffic and the potential impact on Redlands Lane.

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

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

Councillor Frampton asked that Broadwindsor Cricket Club be added to the agenda for October. Councillor Frampton stated that he wished to update the Parish Council in that the lease on the site expires this year and the owners are keen to sell and the Club is keen to purchase. Councillor Frampton stated that both parties had had the site independently valued and agreed on a price. Councillor Frampton stated that he would be seeking to secure loans from the ECB and funds from Dorset Council and has approached Chris Loder MP. Councillor Frampton stated that the Cricket Club would like to seek Parish Council support in its bid to purchase the site and stated that if its purchase was successful, the Club would be made a Trust and would ask the Parish Council to consider becoming custodians. Councillor Hibbard stated that the matter would be added to the next agenda and could be discussed at that

time. Councillor Madder-Smith reported that he had two highway issues to raise, he had been approached by a Broadwindsor resident regarding a loose fitting drain cover in West Street which when driven over is making a very loud noise and a resident in Drimpton Road has a problem with a gully opposite their house. The Clerk asked Councillor Madder-Smith to forward details to her and stated that she would contact Dorset Council Highways.

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

A member of public asked if she could formally present the community website Broadwindsor.org to the Parish Council. Councillor Hibbard agreed and stated that it would be added to the agenda for October.

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public were invited to address the Council by Councillor Hibbard. A member of the public asked whether the Blackdown residents referred to earlier in the meeting had received a reply from Councillor Christopher, Councillor Hibbard stated that they had. The member of the public also stated that she very much liked the proposal regarding the Cricket Club and suggested that for both the Club and Comrades Hall, a giant thermometer could be used to promote fundraising. Councillor Hibbard thanked the member of the public for her comments.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Clerk confirmed that the date of the next online Parish Council meeting would be Monday 12 October.

**19. CLOSE**

The Council Meeting was formally closed at 9.16 pm. Councillor Hibbard thanked everyone for attending.