



## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 9 MARCH 2020**

### **COMRADES HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Rowland Hibbard (Chairman), Cllr. David Leader (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Cindy Bodycombe, Cllr. David Chumbley, Cllr. Steve Chubb, Cllr. Lloyd Curtis, Cllr. Andrew Frampton, Cllr. Bob Harris, Cllr. Kevin Madder-Smith, Cllr. Dorothy Rowe, Cllr. Jacqui Sewell.

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

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and was opened by the Chairman. There were eight members of the public present. Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the Meeting.

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

Apologies were received from PCSO Bishop and from Councillors Bassett, Hardwill, Hughes and Laurie 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.**

A declaration of interest was made by Councillor Frampton (Agenda Item 8a, WD/D/19/002200, Land Adjacent to Hayes Barn, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QF), by Councillor Curtis (Agenda Item 8a, WD/D/19/002200, Land Adjacent to Hayes Barn, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QF) and by Councillor Hibbard (Agenda Item 8a, WD/D/19/002200, Land Adjacent to Hayes Barn, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QF)

##### **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 Clerk reported that a request for an amendment had been submitted by Councillors Christopher, Sewell and Chubb and that she had circulated a second draft prior to the meeting. Councillor Rowe asked that the original wording for Agenda Item 5a, para 2 (requested by Councillor Christopher) be reinstated which would read as '*Councillor Christopher categorially stated that he had not visited the applicant*'. There were no objections raised. Councillor Rowe also asked that the wording, '*Councillor Rowe stated that she was reporting the information which she had received and was sorry if she has been given incorrect information*' be removed as she had not made an apology to Councillor Christopher, rather a qualification of an action and that these words be replaced with '*Councillor Rowe stated that she was only working with the information she had been given*'. There were no objections raised. The minutes from the meeting held on 10 February 2020 were then confirmed as a true record and signed by Councillor Hibbard and unanimously approved by the Council. Councillor Hibbard thanked the Clerk for producing well written minutes for the Council.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Leader reported that over thirty people had attended the recent Hursey Common Work Day held on Sunday 23 February and thanked all those who had helped at the annual tidy up. Councillor Leader stated that the day was successful and most of the jobs which needed addressing had now been completed. Councillor Leader also paid thanks to the Community Shop for providing the much welcomed refreshments.

### **5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public were invited to address the Council by Councillor Hibbard. A member of the public stated that they were attending in relation to planning application WD/D/20/000196, Brent Paddock, Axe Lane, Drimpton, DT8 3FN. The Clerk stated that she had been advised that afternoon by Dorset Council that the application had been changed and that the Parish Council will be receiving a letter informing of a new period of consultation. The Clerk stated that given this, the application as listed on the Agenda would not be discussed that evening. The member of the public concurred and stated that they just wanted to ensure that the Parish Council has been advised of the changes. Councillor Hibbard thanked the member of the public for attending.

Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillor Andrew Parry, Portfolio Holder for Children's Services at Dorset Council to the meeting. Councillor Hibbard thanked him for attending and asked him if he would like to address the Parish Council at that time. Councillor Parry stated that it was lovely to be able to attend the meeting and stated that he had sent a written response to Councillor Christopher to the questions raised by Councillor Rowe. Councillor Parry stated that he would be very happy for Councillor Rowe to contact him regarding his reply.

Councillor Parry reported that Dorset Council is transforming Children's Services through a programme known as the Blueprint for Change and for the first time in five years, Children's Services has in post three permanent Directors, for Education and Schools, Care and Protection and for Commissioning, Quality and Partnerships. Councillor Parry stated that the new model is very much based on working in localities and that a permanent West Dorset base, in or close to Bridport is being planned. Councillor Parry stated that there is a desire to work on a more local level and to support early intervention work.

Councillor Rowe stated that she had only had the chance to briefly glance at the reply and will look again more carefully. Councillor Rowe stated that from what she had read, she could see details of a top down approach and stated that she was keen to understand what support is provided to those charitable organisations working on the ground. Councillor Parry stated that this was a huge area to discuss and one that very much is being led by Councillor Alford and further stated that he would be very happy to arrange a meeting to discuss further. Councillor Parry also stated that the culture at Dorset Council has changed, that there is a genuine desire to work differently and more closely with Parish Councils.

Councillor Parry stated that if anyone has a concern about a child, then they should contact the Children's Advice and Duty Service (CADS), where they will be able to have a conversation with a senior social worker who will triage the next steps to be taken.

Councillor Sewell asked whether as previously inferred to by Councillor Christopher, that there will be a day that those in County Hall could actually walk to see the children in care. Councillor Parry stated that there was indeed a desire to provide this care within Dorset alone. Councillor Parry stated that there are currently 465 children in care, the majority of who were at potential risk of harm or neglect and it is his belief that wherever possible, those children should grow up within a foster family. Councillor Parry stated that sometimes children have to come into residential care and sometimes this care is provided outside of Dorset. Councillor Parry stated that Dorset Council does not control any residential provision within the County and stated that there is a lack of supply in the market to commission places in registered homes within Dorset. Councillor Parry stated that there is a commitment from Dorset Council to deliver needs locally and although children residing in care outside of Dorset are still in their care, they would like to bring them home to Dorset. Councillor Parry stated that there was also a commitment by Dorset Council to improve the transition for older children leaving the care of Children's Services and stated that the Cabinet had signed up to fund a Care Leaver's Accommodation Hub.

Councillor Sewell stated that she was under the belief that children with special needs were still under the umbrella of Dorset Council up until the age of twenty-five. Councillor Parry confirmed this. Councillor Chubb stated that very often problems are detected at pre-school stage and asked whether resources are available for these organisations. Councillor Parry stated that early diagnosis is most often medical led and not Council led and stated that he

welcomed early diagnosis and agreed that funding should be provided to those taking on this role.

Councillor Rowe stated that she would very much like to know how the voluntary sector is being supported but will wait to discuss this matter. Councillor Parry stated that over 50,000 people are actively engaged in voluntary work within Dorset and that there is a need to support the voluntary sector to help them bid for funding available to them. Councillor Rowe stated that Home-Start West Dorset has seen a 10% reduction in grant from Dorset Council and is not sure whether future funding will be provided. Councillor Parry stated that he would be very happy to have a dialogue with them about this. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Parry for attending and providing such a detailed overview, Councillor Parry stated that he would be very happy to come back again. Councillor Parry left the meeting.

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

Councillor Christopher stated that it was very good to listen to Councillor Parry. Councillor Christopher stated that it had been a very sad day as he had heard about the death of Alan Thacker, a Councillor for many years and Chairman of the DAPTC. Councillor Christopher stated that the last Planning Committee had been particularly interesting due to the different size of applications, and informed that the largest case involved Weymouth Football Club's planning application for the site to be redeveloped with 150 houses. Councillor Christopher stated that the application went through the previous District Council and included standard provision for affordable housing, but last month the Planning Committee was presented with an application to remove affordable housing because it was deemed not to be viable. Councillor Christopher reported that the Planning Committee rejected that and refused the application.

Councillor Christopher referred to another application at Crossways which was also presented at the Planning Committee on 20 February. Councillor Christopher stated that this application had originally included the provision of affordable houses but when the Housing Officer had sent details to local Housing Associations, there was no interest in this particular site. The application that then came forward using a new definition under the revised National Planning Policy Framework, where houses could be sold at a discounted market value, was subsequently approved. Councillor Christopher referred to another application, a shop in Weymouth and stated that the application was seeking permission to convert the shop and residential accommodation into two premises and erect three houses to the rear. Councillor Christopher stated that the application was refused by the Planning Committee because it was thought to be overdevelopment and the gardens were deemed to be small.

Councillor Christopher stated that Councillor Sewell had asked at a previous meeting for confirmation of the population of Broadwindsor. Councillor Christopher reported that in February 2020 the population of Broadwindsor was 590, 398 in Drimpton and 168 in Blackdown.

Councillor Christopher reported that last week, he and Councillor Leader had had a constructive walk around Broadwindsor with Dawn Heath from Highways and stated that he hoped that positive things would result from that meeting. Councillor Christopher stated that he had also received many concerns from parishioners about flooding and stated that he has contacted a number of people including the Member of Parliament, Highways and the Portfolio Holder for Highways.

Councillor Christopher asked Members of the Parish Council if they had any questions. Councillor Hibbard stated that a member of the public had reported that some work had been carried out by Dorset Council at Ginny's Corner, but whereas once the member of the public had been able to clear any drain blockages by using a stick, he had noticed that this was no longer possible. Councillor Frampton stated that he had driven through there and had noticed that some works had been carried out, he stated that it was a pinch point for a huge catchment area and as such needed to be maintained. A member of the public stated that he had not seen such bad weather during the six years he had lived in the area. Councillor Christopher stated that any concerns about these matters should be emailed to him.

Councillor Christopher read aloud an email from John Sellgren, Director of Place at Dorset Council to one of his colleagues regarding the Number 6 Bus. The email informed that Officers had received a number of telephone calls and written correspondence campaigning for the service, which was drawing resources away from those working to resolve matters. Councillor Sewell stated that the Broadwindsor to Yeovil route had been classed as a strategic urban route and that nothing had happened to change this. Councillor Sewell asked Councillor Christopher about the application to remove a S106 clause being debated by Beaminster Town Council this week, Councillor Christopher stated that he was aware of the application and that any particular concerns should be emailed to him.

Councillor Rowe thanked Councillor Christopher for providing amended population figures for the Grouped Parish area and stated that this changed the basis of the outcome of the planning application which was approved using incorrect information. Councillor Christopher stated that he had given Councillor Leader a document relating to a planning application in Sydling St Nicholas and stated that an application to build fifteen houses had been refused by the former West Dorset District Council, the applicant had appealed and the Planning Inspector had decided in favour of the applicant. Councillor Christopher stated that Sydling St Nicholas is a village almost identical in size to Broadwindsor in population, it does not have a school, shop or care home and stated that this application was previous to the Land South of Fullers application but that he was sure that it would have been in the thoughts of the Case Officer. Councillor Rowe stated that the figures used for the application had been highly inflated and that this should be taken up with the Planning Officer. Councillor Christopher stated that it would be difficult to say that Broadwindsor could not sustain the number of houses being proposed. Councillor Sewell stated that the planning report had quoted a population of 1309 which was simply not true. Councillor Chubb stated that he had read the statement as sent by Councillor Christopher regarding his role as a Ward Councillor and asked

why Councillor Christopher could not help to sort this problem out, stating that the Parish needs help and representation on this matter. Councillor Christopher stated that if the Parish Council did not like a particular decision, then they must put it in writing.

A member of the public asked if she could address the Council, the Chairman agreed. The member of public asked Councillor Christopher in what capacity was he attending the meeting and stated that she had heard him report on what happens from above but that he was not noting the points to take back to Dorset Council on behalf of the Grouped Parish. The member of the public stated that Councillor Christopher should be a conduit in both directions. Councillor Christopher thanked the member of the public for her comments and stated that he had highlighted the planning applications from other areas as they effect the five-year land supply and stated that he was fully aware of the contents of the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Chubb stated that Councillor Christopher could represent the Grouped Parish but had chosen not to.

Councillor Christopher stated that only 3% of planning applications go to the Planning Committee, and the existence of a Neighbourhood Plan should provide clarity and less contention. Councillor Sewell stated that sites were put forward for inclusion in the Plan, but they were not chosen by the Parish Council, they were considered by the former West Dorset District Council, Highways and the Planning Department. Councillor Hibbard stated that the Neighbourhood Plan had listed ten houses for the site Land South of Fullers. Councillor Christopher stated that he was fully aware that with regard to Drimpton, there is a desire that those things that are in the Neighbourhood Plan come forward in an appropriate way, within an appropriate timescale and in a safe way and stated that if there are highway concerns, that those concerns are resolved. Councillor Christopher stated that if the application went to Committee tomorrow, it would be sent back to Highways to sort out.

The member of public stated that Councillor Christopher had not answered her questions and Councillor Chubb stated his frustration that the conversation was repeating itself. The member of public stated again that Councillor Christopher should be a conduit and should be raising the issues highlighted by the Parish Council and providing support to the Parish. Councillor Christopher stated that he had supported the Grouped Parish in the matter of the resurfacing of Broadwindsor, that he had been looking at road signage and safety and had been taking forward local concerns about flooding. Councillor Rowe stated that a different dialogue and level of support was needed by the Parish Council, Councillor Christopher stated that he very much believed in co-operation. Councillor Chubb asked Councillor Christopher for a reply regarding the email sent to him about empty properties, Councillor Christopher stated that he was still looking at this matter. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Christopher for attending the meeting. Councillor Christopher left the Meeting.

Councillor Hibbard asked the Council that Agenda Item 8a, WD/D/19/002200, Land Adjacent to Hayes Barn, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QF be discussed at this point in the proceedings given the number of members of the public present and wishing to speak. This was agreed.

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

In the absence of PCSO Bishop, the Clerk read aloud his report. The report stated that the Police had received a couple of reports of a suspicious incident at a farm in Seaborough. On the first occasion on 18 February, a vehicle with two male occupants was seen entering the yard and asking for batteries, neither male left the vehicle, but it is thought that they may have wanted to have a look around. On the second occasion on 23 February, a vehicle attended the farm and the occupant had a look around, trying a shed door and moving a bike. In the early hours of 22 February, unknown offender/s entered a workshop in the Kittwhistle area, it is believed that the alarm activation likely scared them off, but they stole two catalytic converters from vehicles outside. At about 11.00 pm on 22 February, a vehicle was seen parked in a layby in the Burstock area, towards Broadwindsor. One male was seen sat in the vehicle and it was not known why he was there, and it was reported as suspicious.

The report also stated that a report had been made to the Police of a fraud where the victim has lost a sum of money, following a call from a male purporting to be from the 'Fraud Police'. The caller stated that they were investigating a possible fraud at a bank and that the victim was to attend their branch and transfer some money from their account to another and to act calmly in front of the cashier. PCSO Bishop stated in the report that the Police do not call people for this reason, and that they would never use the phrase 'Fraud Police'. If you receive a call from anyone purporting to be from the Police, take the name and collar number of the Officer and then call 101 to check this is genuine.

### **6. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES**

#### **a. Dog Fouling Complaint, Broadwindsor Resident**

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by a Broadwindsor resident who raised concerns about the level of dog fouling, most notably on Hursey Common. The resident stated that they often have to pick up from other people's dogs and asked the Parish Council to consider installing a bin within the grounds of the sports field itself. The Clerk stated that she had since spoken to the resident who had stated that since posters had been put up, the situation had very much improved. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Leader for this action.

### **7. ACCOUNTS**

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

The Clerk referred Members of the Council to a spreadsheet highlighting income and expenditure for the first, second and third quarters of 2019/2020, which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of the 29 February 2020 was £35,160.05. There were no questions.

#### **b. To note submission of Pension Re-Declaration of Compliance**

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council is required by law to complete a Re-Declaration of Compliance with The Pensions Regulator. The Clerk confirmed that this had been submitted. There were no questions.

Councillor Hibbard read aloud the list of payments and Councillor Sewell proposed that they be approved en bloc. This was agreed.

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

**d. To approve payment of £200.00 for Bridport & District CAB (Grant)**

**e. To approve payment of £145.19 for Total Web Solutions (Website Hosting)**

**f. To approve payment of £94.80 for Total Web Solutions (Domain Registration - Two Years)**

**g. To approve payment of £150.00 for Councillor Rowe (Seeds and Compost for Wildflower Verge)**

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

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

#### **WD/D/20/000196, Brent Paddock, Axe Lane, Drimpton, DT8 3FN**

The Clerk stated that she had been advised that afternoon by Dorset Council that the application has been changed and that the Parish Council will be receiving a letter informing of a new period of consultation. The Clerk stated that given this, the application as listed on the Agenda would not be discussed that evening.

#### **WD/D/19/002200, Land Adjacent to Hayes Barn, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QF**

Councillor Leader chaired this Agenda item and stated that Councillor Sewell had been nominated as the lead for the consultation of this application. Councillor Sewell reported that she had received a letter from a Broadwindsor resident opposing to the application most notably because the proposed development was not in the Neighbourhood Plan and the unsuitability of the proposed access. Councillor Sewell read aloud the letter. Councillor Sewell stated that in summary, the application is seeking approval to build three detached houses between the Barn and Little Hayes. Councillor Sewell stated that the site is situated within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and lies south west to a Grade II listed Church. Councillor Sewell stated that when Little Hayes, the bungalow was built, the owners had to site the dwelling at the end by Hollis Hill because of the potential for negative visual impact on the Church, Councillor Sewell further stated that she could not see any reason why this impact has changed and that the proposal is totally contrary to National Planning Policy. Councillor Sewell also stated that the land was not put forward for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan and that the applicant had not requested any pre-application advice from Dorset Council. Councillor Sewell stated that Councillor David Walsh, Portfolio Holder for Planning had stated that rural affordable housing was a priority for West Dorset, which did not mean large executive type homes, but rather smaller ones. Councillor Hibbard asked members of the public if they wished to comment on this application.

A member of the public stated that he opposed to the application and stated that the site was outside of the agreed boundary of development as listed in the Neighbourhood Plan and that it overlooked the Churchyard which had been listed on page 8 of the Plan as an important



local green space. The member of the public also stated that the proposed vehicular access from Hollis Hill Road was not suitable given the volume of traffic. Councillor Hibbard thanked the member of the public for his comments. Another member of the public addressed the Council and stated that she was a resident of Broadwindsor and had sent her objections in writing to the Clerk, the Clerk confirmed that her comments had been circulated to Members of the Council. The member of the public stated that the Design and Access Statement for the application was not entirely accurate and is working on the principle that the Neighbourhood Plan has not yet been adopted and seeks to circumnavigate the planning policies contained within it. The member of the public stated that the Plan was actually adopted in October 2019 making it necessary for developers to abide by the policies. The member of the public stated that the proposal does not comply with several of the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan most notably, the negative impact on the Churchyard which has been listed as an important green space, the site was not put forward as part of the call for land and although the Neighbourhood Plan makes provision for small scale exception sites not included in the site allocations, the proposal does not meet the set criteria.

Another member of the public addressed the Council and stated that he also objected to the planning application on a number of grounds, most notably the negative impact the development will have on wildlife, especially in the Churchyard and stated that the application stated that there was no evidence of bats, but bat boxes on houses had been included in the plan. Councillor Sewell stated that the biodiversity appraisal had been carried out as a desk top survey and not following a site visit. Another member of the public stated that the proposed dwellings will overlook her property, that they will have a negative impact on the peace and beauty of the Churchyard and she stated that she was concerned about the suitability of the proposed access. Councillor Sewell stated that not all neighbouring residents received a letter of notification from Dorset Council and asked the Clerk to include this within the corporate view of the Council. Councillor Rowe stated that she had been asked by Councillor Hardwill to express his view on the application as he was not able to attend the meeting. Councillor Rowe stated that Councillor Hardwill was of the belief that people should be able to submit applications to build on their own land. Councillor Rowe stated that the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan should be abided by. A member of the public stated that when she had moved into her property, she was asked to replace windows as they were deemed to be not in keeping and that a planning application for Little Hayes which wanted to raise the height of the bungalow was refused.

Councillor Leader stated that the Neighbourhood Plan was a hugely important document. The Clerk reported that she had received three objections from residents and that these had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting for their consideration. Councillor Leader stated that all comments received about this planning application would be recorded and included within the Parish Council's corporate view and sent to Dorset Council. Councillor Leader thanked members of the public for attending the meeting and for raising their concerns.

Councillor Leader stated that the Parish Council did not have the authority to approve or reject an application but it had a statutory power to comment.

**WD/D/20/000294, Evergrass, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QT**

**WD/D/20/000525, Evergrass, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QT**

Councillor Sewell stated that she had been the lead Councillor for these applications and stated that the applicant had already been granted a Certificate of Lawful Existing Use as a member of the family had been living there for a number of years. Councillor Sewell stated that the new applications were seeking removal of an Agricultural Occupancy Condition and stated that under the new Dorset Council Policy on removing occupancy conditions, an application needs to demonstrate that the condition has outlived its usefulness and that there should be evidence to show that the dwelling has been made publicly available without any unreasonable restriction and with amenity land proportionate to its size and suitably advertised and marketed at a price reflecting its condition, the existence of the occupancy restriction, and comparable sales prices for tied dwellings in the locality (where available) for a continuous period of at least twelve months immediately prior to the date that an application is submitted. Councillor Sewell stated that the applicant had not followed the required policy and would have to do this

**b. Other Applications**

None.

**c. Results**

None.

**9. CORONAVIRUS**

The Clerk reported that updates had been posted on the Facebook page and that guidance from NALC had been circulated to Councillors. The Clerk stated that she will continue to pass on any further updates.

**10. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY**

**a. Working Group Update**

Councillor Leader stated that the report following the recent visit by Low Carbon Dorset was being drafted and that he would circulate it to Councillors upon receipt. Councillor Leader stated that the Government had removed the block on the construction of onshore wind turbines and that they can now be considered.

**11. GROUP PARISH WELCOME PACK**

Councillor Bodycombe presented a completed pack to the Council and reported that each folder would cost £2.13 to produce. Councillors commented on how nice the pack looked. Councillor Bodycombe requested information from Councillors regarding services and amenities within all of the villages within the Grouped Parish area so that she could include within the pack. Councillor Bodycombe stated that the pack will be launched at the Annual Parish Meeting.

## **12. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2020**

The Clerk stated that the date for the Annual Parish Meeting had been confirmed as 14 May at Comrades Hall. The Clerk reported that she had contacted all previous presenters to inform of the date and venue and had posted information on the Council's Facebook page calling for groups and organisations to take part. The Clerk stated that some thought had been given to the theme for a key speaker and a suggestion of Climate Change had been discussed with the Chairman. The Clerk stated that she would progress this and report back prior to the next meeting.

## **13. ALLOTMENTS**

### **a. Review of Contract and Renewals**

The Clerk referred Members of the Council to the revised Allotment Contract as circulated prior to the meeting, stating that she had included a new clause regarding the erection of a polytunnel, the Clerk stated that BAG had revised Clause I to ensure that Tenants support the maintenance of the site and asked for any comments. Councillor Chumbley stated that although dogs were not permitted on the site, a reference to the fact that assistance dogs are permitted should be included. The Clerk was also asked to include a maximum height for the erection of a polytunnel.

### **b. Risk Assessment**

The Clerk reported that Sheila Hawkins had kindly produced a risk assessment for the Allotments and that the revision requested by the Council had been included. Councillor Madder-Smith agreed that he would accompany BAG during the assessment. The Clerk stated that it was proposed that the assessment be carried out annually, the Parish Council agreed.

## **14. HIGHWAYS**

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

Councillor Rowe stated that there had been no communication with Dorset Council since the last meeting and that she would like to make contact with other Footpaths Officers within Parish Councils. The Clerk stated that she could assist with this through DAPTC.

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

Councillor Rowe reported that she was working with Councillor Leader on this project and that she had ordered the seeds and compost from Castle Gardens Nurseries who had offered them a £6.00 discount to allow them to stay within the agreed budget. Councillor Rowe stated that a date of Sunday 29 March had been agreed for the work party and asked the Clerk to post this information and a request for volunteers on the Facebook page.

### **c. Update on Highway Safety Concerns**

The Clerk reported that she had circulated a number of highways updates to Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillor Sewell stated that she was pleased that the roundel was being installed in the correct place. Councillor Chubb stated that Greenham Road was more in need of surface dressing.

**d. Local Bus Services**

Councillor Hibbard stated that this matter was discussed at the recent DAPTC meeting and that that concerns had been forwarded to Dorset Council.

**e. Flooding at Ginny's Corner**

This item was discussed under Agenda Item 5a.

**15. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

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

Councillor Leader reported that the Planning Department had been granted an extension to the end of April. Councillor Sewell reminded Members of the Council that the application form had originally been submitted in April 2019.

**16. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION**

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

There was general agreement amongst Councillors that the current situation regarding representation of the Parish Council by Councillor Christopher was unsatisfactory. Councillor Hibbard stated that he and Councillor Leader would seek to meet with Councillor Christopher to try and resolve the matter. Councillor Frampton asked for Broadwindsor Cricket Club to be added to the Agenda for April. Councillor Sewell stated that the Broadwindsor Speedwatch Group was now without a co-ordinator and that the Group wishes to start fundraising to enable them to purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID). Councillor Sewell asked the Parish Council to consider holding any funds raised and ring-fencing them for the purchase of the SID. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Tuesday 7 April at Comrades Hall, a change made due to the Easter bank holiday. Councillors Hibbard and Curtis submitted their apologies for not being able to attend the April meeting.

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

None.

**17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

**18. CLOSE**

The Council Meeting was formally closed at 9.15 pm. Councillor Hibbard thanked everyone for attending.