



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**9 MAY 2022**  
**DRIMPTON VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Rowland Hibbard, (Chairman), Cllr. Jacqui Sewell (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Tim Bassett, Cllr. Steve Chubb, Cllr. David Chumbley, Cllr. Stuart Curtis, Cllr. Rick Dyke, Cllr. Bob Harris, Cllr. Fraser Hughes, Cllr. Kevin Madder-Smith, Cllr. Sonia Raymond, Cllr. Dorothy Rowe, Cllr. Yvonne White.

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

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and was opened by Councillor Hibbard. Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillors and members of the public and thanked them for taking part. There were three members of the public in attendance.

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**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

**a. Election and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.**

Councillor Hibbard asked for nominations for the position of Chairman. Councillor Rowe nominated Councillor Hibbard, this was seconded by Councillor Chubb. There were no other nominations. By a show of hands, Members of the Council unanimously agreed, there were no objections or abstentions. Councillor Hibbard was elected as Chairman for the 2022-2023 period of office. For the position of Vice Chairman, Councillor Hibbard proposed Councillor Sewell, this was seconded by Councillor Bassett. Councillor Sewell stated that she would stand for the Vice Chairman position. There were no other nominations. By a show of hands, Members of the Council unanimously agreed, there were no objections or abstentions. Councillor Sewell was elected as Vice Chairman for the 2022- 2023 period of office.

**Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Chubb and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously elected Councillor Hibbard as Chairman for the 2022-2023 period of office. Proposed by Councillor Hibbard, seconded by Councillor Bassett and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously elected Councillor Sewell as Vice Chairman for the 2022-2023 period of office.**

Councillors Hibbard and Sewell signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms, duly witnessed by the Clerk.

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

Apologies were received from PCSO Bishop and from Councillor Frampton and unanimously approved by the Parish Council.

## **3. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS, DISPENSATIONS AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATES**

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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

None.

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

The minutes from the informal meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 April 2022 were confirmed as a true record and unanimously approved by the Council.

## **5. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor Sewell stated that at the last meeting Councillor Christopher was asked at the end of his report whether he had any additional information of relevance to the Grouped Parish and that he had stated that he did not. Councillor Sewell stated that she was aware that a report tabled at Dorset Council's Place & Resources Overview Committee Meeting on 21 April concerned 20 mph speed limits and matters such as safe walking routes to schools and asked for a full report to be forwarded. Councillor Sewell stated that representatives of town or parish councils and members of the public who live, work or represent an organisation within the Dorset Council area were able to submit up to two questions or two statements for each meeting, with the deadline for submission being 14 April, just three days after the last Parish Council meeting. Councillor Sewell stated that Councillor Christopher's report to the Parish Council referred to speed limits and noted the need to extend the limits from Westhill and towards Beaminster.

Councillor Christopher asked if he may respond, Councillor Hibbard agreed. Councillor Christopher stated that firstly he wanted to congratulate Councillors Hibbard and Sewell for their election as Chairman and Vice Chairman. Councillor Christopher stated that he did attend the Place & Resources Overview Committee Meeting and stated that you can see the full meeting on YouTube and stated that he did raise the matter that within Broadwindsor the 20 mph limit does need to be extended, most notably from Westhill and past the Cricket Club towards Beaminster. Councillor Christopher stated that he did believe that the Cabinet understands these concerns and stated that there are emails being exchanged within Dorset

Council about the proposed footpath. Councillor Christopher stated that there is a genuine case for optimism but stated that you should believe it when you see it! Councillor Sewell stated that we need to question the Department of Transport legislation and lobby our Member of Parliament. Councillor Christopher stated that this may be a dialogue to have by email with himself and Chris Loder MP and stated that there clearly is concern about speed limits, the increase in traffic and narrow roads across all of Dorset. Councillor Hibbard stated that the redrawing of the Highway Code to allow more importance for pedestrians and cyclists could also help.

## **6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

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

The report from Councillor Christopher had been circulated prior to the meeting and Councillor Hibbard asked for any questions. Councillor Christopher stated that he had asked that the planning application Land South of Fullers be sent to the Planning Committee and commented that the case officer for the application was minded to approve the application. Councillor Rowe asked if the application goes for approval what will happen to all of the comments and requests submitted by members of the public and the Parish Council and stated that she was specifically referring to ecological concerns. Councillor Christopher stated that these would be conditioned to approval. Councillor Hibbard stated that the road works on Racedown Hill have been well received and asked that thanks be passed on to the team involved. As Councillor Christopher had to leave the meeting shortly, Councillor Rowe asked whether she could bring forward Agenda Item 22b. There were no objections.

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

No report.

### **c. Broadwindsor Group Parish Council Vacancy**

The Clerk reported that the Notice of Vacancy had been published with a deadline of 20 May for any parishioner to request that an election take place and stated that if less than ten requests are made, then the vacancy can be filled by co-option. A member of the public expressed an interest and the Clerk agreed that she would inform him of the outcome of this first stage after the 20 May.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES**

### **a. Mr. S Bacon, Wind Turbines**

The Clerk stated that this correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillor Chubb stated that the Community Land Trust had looked at the possibility of installing a wind turbine for the community and suggested that Mr. Bacon be put in contact with Sheila Hawkins for more information on whether they will work in this area. Councillor Chubb stated that he was aware of a community wind turbine near Bridport which provided cheaper, shared electricity and perhaps this was something that the Parish Council could work together

on. Mr. Bacon stated that the Government had not been very forthcoming on this subject but had said that there should be community support and therefore wanted to ask the Parish Council for their views. Mr. Bacon stated that he was looking at powering a barn which although only 35 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, was equivalent to 7000 car journeys from Broadwindsor to Bridport. Councillor Sewell stated that at one time the Government was encouraging everyone to have a wind turbine and then legislation changed. Councillor Hughes stated that he had reviewed the last proposal for a wind turbine in the Parish which had proved controversial because of its location to the boundary of a farm/holiday cottages and stated that the noise emission was unsatisfactory. Councillor Sewell stated that a bat survey should be carried out as if the location of the wind turbine was on a bat route, then it had little chance of being approved. Councillor Hibbard stated that Michael Dower will be addressing the Annual Parish Meeting which will also most likely be attended by Sheila Hawkins and that it may be helpful to come along and have a chat with both of them.

**b. Dorset Council, Applications for a Definitive Map Modification Order for the Parishes of Burstock and Broadwindsor**

The Clerk stated that this correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting and that Dorset Council has not yet started their investigation yet but welcomed comments at this time. Councillor Chumbley asked whether the Parish Council was aware of who had submitted the applications, Councillor Dyke stated that it was the British Horse Trust. Councillor White asked why a request for a byway had been made and not a bridleway and stated that this would lead to more green lanes. Councillor Raymond stated that according to the map, one of the footpaths runs across a field belonging to her uncle and stated that she was not aware of a footpath ever being there and further stated that she rides two of the three lanes regularly and she was certain that a vehicle could not get down there. Councillor Sewell stated that this was the type of local information that should be submitted to Dorset Council, Councillor Chumbley stated that any objections have to be specific.

**c. Dr. G J Small, Compensation Request for Mower**

Dr. Small was in attendance at the meeting and addressed the Parish Council. Dr. Small stated that approximately two weeks ago he was asked by Councillor Rowe to mow the area opposite the Cross Keys in Broadwindsor in preparation for the sowing of wildflower seeds. Dr. Small stated that he believed that Councillor Rowe had in mind that he would use the mower that had been purchased for Hursey Common but stated that this was too large, so he used his own machine. Dr. Small stated that unfortunately a steel pipe which he presumed had once been a signpost and cut down had been left in the ground and his machine had hit the pole and was now damaged beyond repair. Dr. Small asked that some form of compensation be considered in order that he could purchase a like for like replacement and stated that he estimated this to be between £300.00 and £400.00. The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the Parish Council's insurance provider and had been advised that their policy does include a third party damage to property clause and had been advised to submit a claim. The Clerk stated that she would require a written letter detailing the incident,

photographs if available and a quotation for a replacement mower. The Clerk stated that Councillor Dyke had suggested that a claim against Dorset Council may be appropriate if they were responsible for leaving the pole in the ground. Councillor Dyke stated that the Parish Council's insurance provider can subrogate against Dorset Council and stated that there remains a dangerous piece of pole that needs removing. Councillor Rowe stated that the piece of metal had been exposed because Dorset Council had excavated the ground last year in order to plant its wildflower seeds and stated that before then the ground had been safe to mow, and that the liability was therefore with Dorset Council. Councillor Hibbard stated that the Parish Council will expedite this as quickly as possible to reduce the financial hardship caused and confirmed that a claim will be submitted to the Parish Council's insurers and Dorset Council will be contacted and asked to remove the pole. There was consensus on this proposal with no objections raised. Councillor Chubb asked whether the Parish Council should consider purchasing its own mower for use on smaller areas, Councillor Sewell suggested looking at mowing shares, it was agreed to review this at the next meeting.

**d. Dorset Council, Invitation to Planning Update for Town and Parish Councils**

The Clerk stated that this event will be on 27 May in Dorchester and that she had circulated details. Councillor Sewell expressed an interest in attending.

**e. Dorset Council, Summer Tourism Survey**

The Clerk stated that this survey had a deadline of 12 May. Councillor Sewell stated that Dorset Council should be reminded that it has in place an Emergency Plan as this was not followed during a recent period of power cuts.

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

**a. Community Updates from Councillors**

Councillor Hughes stated that the figure for those people contracting COVID in the last twenty-eight days was down to twelve people, a rate of 122.8 per 100,000 people which was still above the national level. Councillor Hughes stated that there had been nineteen deaths during the last twenty-eight days, an increase of three and that the R value was 0.7 to 0.9. Councillor Hibbard stated that this was quite an improvement and thanked Councillor Hughes for the information.

**9. COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND VENUES**

**a. To approve the dates and venues for Council Meetings for the 2022/2023 period.**

The Clerk presented the dates for meetings for the next year, these were agreed as reported. It was agreed that the meetings on 13 June and 14 November will be held at Drimpton Village Hall, the 11 July meeting at Broadwindsor Cricket Club, meetings on 10 October and 14 November be held at Blackdown Village Hall and the meeting on 12 December be held at Comrades Hall, all subject to availability.

**10. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS**

**a. To review and approve that the Council's Standing Orders are fit for purpose.**

No proposals for amendments were proposed.

## **11. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following representations were agreed.

### **a. Broadwindsor School**

To be confirmed.

### **b. Blackdown, Comrades Hall and Drimpton Village Hall Committees**

Councillor Raymond, Councillor Sewell and Councillor Bassett.

### **c. Broadwindsor Community Sports Field**

Councillor Hughes

### **d. Broadwindsor Allotment Group**

Councillor Madder-Smith

### **e. Footpaths Officer**

Councillor Rowe

### **f. DAPTC Western Area Committee**

Councillors Hibbard, Chubb and Sewell

### **g. Broadwindsor Group Parish Climate & Ecological Emergency Group**

Councillor Rick Dyke

## **12. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING UPDATE**

### **a. Review of Draft Minutes 2021**

The Clerk stated that she had circulated the draft minutes, no proposals for amendments were made. The Clerk stated that unfortunately Michael Dower was not able to attend but had provided contact details for another guest speaker. The Clerk stated that she would be drafting the agenda that week and would circulate for comments.

## **13. REVIEW OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **a. MUGA**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the school who had expressed concern again that the gates were unlocked in the mornings and that there was litter on the MUGA itself. The Clerk stated that she had informed the school that the Parish Council was working on a sustainable strategy for the MUGA and would liaise with them regarding this. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that he had been locking the gates but had not been able to continue to do so as on many occasion the locks were missing and stated that one had even been changed. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that he had spoken with Councillor Sewell about the possibility of bookings going through Comrades Hall and stated that he still felt that the school should take on some responsibility for the MUGA in the day as they use the facility the most. Councillor Sewell stated that another option may be that bookings are taken via the Broadwindsor.org website. The Clerk stated that she was not aware that many bookings were made and was happy to retain responsibility. Councillor Chubb stated that perhaps the MUGA should just be left open all of the time, the Clerk stated that a condition of planning approval

was that it must close by 8.30 pm. Councillor Rowe asked about the system which was in place previously, Councillor Madder-Smith stated that he had locked it at night and if it was the school holidays, he would open it in the mornings and that this role had been shared with David Leader. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that the school would leave it open at the end of a school day so that it could be used but stated that because the code was well known, often it was opened again later in the evening after he had locked it. A member of the public volunteered his help and suggested that the lock code be changed as soon as possible. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that he was happy to go forward with this proposal. Councillor Raymond stated that during the pandemic the school used the public gate. Councillor Rowe asked who would take responsibility about other matters such as litter. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that the school needs to take some responsibility, it was agreed that a letter to the school be drafted by the Clerk. Councillor Sewell stated that the Thursday evening football in the MUGA was starting again and perhaps the organisers could help with locking up.

**b. Hursey Common**

The Clerk stated that this had not been discussed at the April meeting. Councillor Hibbard stated that there is a management plan in place for the Common and Councillor Sewell asked whether this needs to be reviewed. A member of the public stated that he had been involved previously with some of the work at the Common and that the current plan only runs up until 2023. The Clerk stated that she would review this and make contact with Dorset Wildlife Trust and report back. The member of the public stated that he would be happy to continue to help with the Common.

**c. Hursey Sports Field**

Councillor Hughes stated that he had a team of volunteers in place who would cut the grass and stated that they can also check the boundary fences and cut back any fallen branches. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Hughes for taking on this role.

**14. ACCOUNTS**

**a. To receive the Finance Report**

Councillor Hibbard referred Members of the Council to a spreadsheet highlighting income and expenditure which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of the 30 April was £32,511.39. There were no questions.

**b. To approve BGPC Direct Debits and Standing Orders for 2022/2023**

**c. To approve the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights, 20 June – 29 July 2022**

**d. To approve payment of £1,084.46 for Dorset Council (Waste Collection March 2022 - March 2023)**

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

**f. To approve payment of £24.00 for Comrades Hall (Booking Fee for Annual Parish Meeting)**

**g. To approve payment of £6.26 for HMRC (NI)**

- h. To approve payment of £49.00 for DAPTC (New Councillor Training)**
- i. To approve payment of £10.00 for Broadwindsor Allotment Group (BAG Fee Reimbursement)**
- j. To approve payment of £63.61 for Dr G J Small (Petrol for Parish Council Mower)**

Councillor Bassett proposed that these payments be approved en bloc.

**Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Chumbley and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved items b to j.**

## **15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

**P/HOU/2022/00750, Hurst Farm Bungalow, School Lane, Blackdown, Dorset, DT8 3LE**

Councillor Hibbard reported that the application was for a single story extension which would not have any negative impact and therefore he could not see any reason to object.

**PHOU/2022/02617, Island House, High Street, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QP**

Councillor Sewell stated that the application would not be intrusive, stating that the applicant has a young family and needs extra space. Councillor Sewell stated that there were no objections.

### **b. Other Applications**

None.

### **c. Results**

P/TRC/2022/01701, 8 Kings Court, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QA (Tree Works): No Objection

P/HOU/2022/01638, Old Village Hall, Red Lane Junction to Junction at Seaborough Court, Seaborough, DT8 3QY: Granted

P/HOU/2022/00383, 6A Fullers, Broadwindsor, DT8 3PY: Refused

## **16. BROADWINDSOR COMMUNITY PUB UPDATE**

Councillor Hibbard thanked all those who have been involved with the successful opening of the White Lion. Councillor Dyke thanked the community for donating money, volunteers for helping with the many jobs, local radio for being so supportive from the start of the project and all those who had visited the pub so far. Councillor Dyke thanked Councillor Sewell for the loan of the coffee machine and stated that they were in the process of purchasing one. Councillor Hibbard asked whether anyone from Palmers had been in, Councillor Dyke stated that they had but not on an official visit and stated that they were very pleased with what they had seen. Councillor Dyke stated that they were going to have to extend three phase power into the kitchen and it was hoped that the food offering would be coming soon. Councillor Sewell stated that food should be cooked on the premises and not brought in, Councillor Dyke that it would be, and that local produce will be used.



## **17. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS UPDATE**

Councillor Sewell reported that the bunting triangles had now been counted and that there are 1800 which will now be sown on to heading tape. Councillor Rowe stated that she was surprised to see that the Jubilee Group had put up an event sign as there were still six weeks to the event and stated that Dorset Council allows such signs to be put up two weeks before. Councillor Rowe stated that her only concern was that often one sign leads to another and although unauthorised, in good will, she would not be taking the matter further. Councillor Hibbard reported that an event was planned at Blackdown House on Saturday 4 June starting at 2.30 pm. Councillor Raymond stated that there would be an afternoon tea, family fun races, a woodland walk, Councillor Hibbard stated that there would also be skittles and live music. Councillor Bassett stated Drimpton Village Hall are hosting a picnic and that the marquee will be put up and Councillor Chubb stated that details are on the Facebook page.

## **18. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY**

### **a. Working Group Update**

No update.

## **19. ALLOTMENTS**

### **a. Update Report**

### **b. Request for £500.00 grant towards Eco/Composting Toilet and Skip Hire**

Stefan Nikolov, Chair of the Broadwindsor Allotment Group (BAG) stated that his report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting and that there was little further to add. Stefan Nikolov stated that quite a few of allotment members come from outside of the village and as such BAG were considering installing a compost toilet and would like to ask for support from the Parish Council. Stefan Nikolov stated that he had also contacted Dorset Council as although he was confident that planning permission was not required, he had wanted to confirm this with the Planning Department. Stefan Nikolov stated that he had been very disappointed to receive a standard copy and paste reply stating that any informal consultation would cost £120.00. Stefan Nikolov stated that he was aware that the toilet must be sited at least 10m away from a water source and that it would be positioned within the community orchard for the use of allotment tenants only. Stefan Nikolov stated that he was just awaiting a reply from the Environmental Agency. Councillor Bassett stated that the actual size would be no bigger than an allotment shed which does not require planning permission. Councillor Sewell stated that the Parish Council owns the land and therefore it should be the Parish Council who submits the planning application if required and that as a Parish Council, a 50% reduction of the application fee would be applied. Councillor Chubb stated that it was a great idea. The Clerk stated that she would make enquiries with the Planning Department and report back. Councillor Rowe stated that as the Parish Council owns the land and takes rent then perhaps, they should fund the entire project. Councillor Hibbard stated that the Clerk will contact the Planning Department and then further actions can be taken and that he fully supports the project. Councillor Sewell stated that she was aghast that you have to pay to receive informal advice. Councillor Raymond asked if the toilet will be locked, Stefan Nikolov

stated that it would be. Councillor White asked if the toilet would require electricity, Stefan Nikolov stated that it would not and that a sky window will allow light in. Councillor Bassett proposed that the Parish Council should support a grant of £500.00, the Clerk stated that this must be added to the accounts section of the next agenda. Stefan Nikolov stated that they hoped to raise additional funds for the project as the total cost would be approximately £800.00 and stated that BAG also wanted to hire a skip which would bring the total cost to around £1200.00. Councillor Hibbard thanked Stefan Nikolov.

## **20. WELCOME PACK UPDATE**

The Clerk reported that she would be meeting with Councillor Rowe shortly to progress the revisions to the Welcome Pack and that they would report back at a later meeting.

## **21. COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE GROUPED PARISH AREA**

Councillor Dyke paid thanks to Councillor Christopher for his support and stated that in his report he had made reference to the fact that he had contacted Chris Loder MP and raised the matter at various committees and stated that there is awareness of the issue. Councillor Dyke stated that as far as mobiles are concerned this falls under the Shared Rural Network Initiative which states that by 2025, 95% of the country will have mobile coverage, Councillor Dyke stated that he was concerned about the 5% that would not and that it was therefore important to keep the pressure on. Councillor Dyke stated that there may not be much of an update each month but would report back as and when. Councillor Chubb stated that he had been contacted by Chris Loder MP regarding BT and that he had sent him all the information requested. Councillor Chubb stated that the digital telephone is much clearer and that he received two free of charge handsets which had an answer machine facility and he had been advised that he could purchase a battery pack. Councillor Harris stated that he had plugged his existing telephone into the back of the router and it worked without the need of an adapter.

## **22. HIGHWAYS**

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

Councillor Rowe reported that there had been a recent incident of dogs worrying sheep and that this has been a problem for some time. Councillor Rowe stated that she has tried many times over the last few years to help manage this problem and stated that she has put up many notices which have been torn down. Councillor Rowe stated that the Rights of Way and Countryside Code guidance states that the maximum width that a footpath needs to be for a right of way is 1.8m wide and that it is only a right to walk on that footpath, there is not a statutory right to take a dog. Councillor Rowe stated that it is only the goodwill of the landowner that allows this but stated that dogs let off the lead should be kept under control. Councillor Rowe asked the Parish Council what can be done to manage this problem. Councillor Chubb stated that the whole country is in the same position and that it is a difficult situation, and nothing can be done. Councillor Curtis stated that there can be a lot of bugs transferred to cattle which make the animals abort and that it is a very difficult situation to resolve. Councillor Sewell stated that people don't keep to the rights of way, Councillor Raymond stated that when people do not clean up after their dog has fouled, this ends up in

their silage which is quite disgusting. Councillor Hibbard stated that all the Parish Council can do is their best, Councillor Rowe asked what this is and stated that she does not accept that nothing can be done. Councillor Harris suggested that a note for dog walkers be included in the new Welcome Pack, Councillor Rowe stated that this was an excellent idea. Councillor Raymond stated that dog fouling outside of the school was terrible and that an old BBQ had been dumped on the pavement by the school. Councillor Sewell asked whether the school had CCTV, Councillor Raymond stated that she did not think so. Councillor Rowe stated that she would contact Councillor Frampton and perhaps look to put up more notices, Councillor Chubb suggested contacting the Dog Warden for advice.

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

Councillor Rowe stated that Councillors will be aware of the situation so far with the wildflower planting at the crossroads in Broadwindsor Village. Year 1 was a great success, Year 2, inclement Spring weather, poor show of wildflowers, the wild and unkempt appearance because of the infrequent grass cutting by Dorset Council and complaints from residents about the state of the verges. Councillor Rowe stated that she and David Leader had worked together on the wildflower plots since March 2019, and they were determined to succeed in 2022. Councillor Rowe stated that she was sure that Councillors will all appreciate her determination to go ahead and make sure that we create some wonderful wildflower spaces in 2022. Councillor Rowe stated that to this end and with some solid advice from Castle Gardens Nurseries in Sherborne and the help of a small team of volunteers, including Councillor Rick Dyke, Sara Dyke, Clive Parrish, Isabel Masey and Ruth Stevens, plots have been sown at the crossroads and around Broadwindsor Village. Councillor Rowe stated that the project has been fraught with difficulties, not least the lack of response from the Senior Ranger at Dorset Council who she has been trying to arrange a meeting with since September 2021, with most recent messages in February, then 13 April, both unanswered. Councillor Rowe stated that she therefore wishes to propose that the Parish Council adopts and manages the one verge area nearest the crossroads, where the bench is situated and that a team of volunteers or a paid person keeps that area mown on a regular basis. Councillor Rowe stated that this would ensure that one area of verge at the entrance to the village looks attractive and welcoming, providing a backdrop for the wildflowers, and keeping the area around the bench accessible and weed free. Councillor Rowe stated that Dorset Council can then continue with the cut and collect verge management strategy for the rest of the crossroads verges. Councillor Rowe stated that she would appreciate a firm decision for this proposal tonight and a pledge of support from Councillor Christopher in order to achieve success for the benefit of residents of, and visitors to Broadwindsor Village and a fitting tribute to David Leader.

Councillor Christopher stated that he was always pleased to support what the Parish Council is trying to do and asked Councillor Rowe if she had seen the latest update from Dorset Council regarding its cut and collect service, Councillor Rowe stated that she had not and Councillor Christopher stated that he would forward this to her. Councillor Christopher stated

that other comments had been made to him about Mr. Goff, Councillor Rowe stated that she appreciated that he was busy but stated that she only receives a response from him when she copies in an email to Councillor Christopher which is not a satisfactory situation. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that he would like to see all verges cut by the Parish Council, Councillor Rowe stated that this was not an option. Councillor Chubb asked about the legal implications of formally adopting the verge, Councillor Sewell stated that it would be added as an asset such as the allotments are.

**Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Rowe, seconded by Councillor Sewell and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved to seek formal adoption of the verge at the crossroads in Broadwindsor.**

Councillor Rowe asked for a decision on who would mow the verge, a member of the public volunteered to do it. Councillor Rowe thanked the member of the public.

Councillor Chubb asked Councillor Christopher to forward him information on the frequency of Dorset Council's hedge cutting. Councillor Christopher stated that he would do so.

**c. Grouped Parish Speed Limits**

This item was discussed under Agenda Item 5.

**d. Update on Speed Indicator Devices and Approval of Section 72 Licence**

The Clerk reported that the speed indicator devices had arrived, and that Dorset Council will visit and carry out a risk assessment and train volunteers. The Clerk asked if members of the Speedwatch Teams will be the volunteers with responsibility for rotation, this was confirmed. The Clerk asked if there should be a lead Councillor, Councillor Chubb proposed Councillor Harris, Councillor Harris agreed. A member of the public stated that he carries out this role in Beaminster and that Dorset Council do come out but do not provide very much training and that volunteers need be very careful with traffic on the highway and suggested sending volunteers on a course and providing cones and a beacon. The member of the public also stated that the devices are quite heavy and would require two people to rotate them. The Clerk stated that the Parish Council is liable for the safety of the volunteers. The Clerk asked whether the Parish Council would approve the Section 72 licence. The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer to sign the Section 72 licence.

**Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Sewell and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved the Section 72 Licence.**

**e. Concerns About Large Vehicles in Broadwindsor**

The Clerk stated that Councillor Madder-Smith had asked for this item to be added to the agenda. Councillor Madder-Smith reported that he had been approached by three residents in Broadwindsor complaining about large lorries coming into the village and stated that an incident had occurred with a lorry coming down Back Lane and wanting to turn right but prevented from doing so because of cars parked opposite the pub. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that this forced the lorry to enter the Square in order to turn around which caused the

Square to become blocked and bollards were knocked over. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that he was aware that Councillor Sewell had looked at this problem many times over the years and stated that he was not sure of what could be done to resolve the matter. Councillor Sewell stated that Dorset Council would have to take action, Councillor Chubb stated that lorries have a legal right to be on the road. Councillor Hibbard suggested that one option may be to remove the no entry which would allow lorries coming from Beaminster or Bridport to turn right by the Cross Keys. Councillor Curtis stated that when the A35 is closed due to an incident, then traffic is diverted through Broadwindsor. Councillor Raymond asked whether vehicles could be restricted from parking on the corner opposite the pub. The Clerk agreed to contact Highways.

**f. Request to Change Location of Waste Bin, Broadwindsor**

The Clerk stated that she had been included in an email from a Broadwindsor resident to Councillor Christopher asking for a litter bin to be relocated by the mirror in Broadwindsor as this is where school children wait for the bus. Councillor Madder-Smith stated that he thought that this location by Bernards' place was a good location as those using the play area can put their rubbish in that bin. Councillor Raymond stated that if children waiting for the bus are eating, then it is an ideal spot for them to throw away any rubbish. Councillor Raymond asked who pays for the power supply for the light in the telephone kiosk, Councillor Sewell stated that BT pays for this. The Clerk reported that a student documentary maker had contacted her and would soon be visiting Broadwindsor to find out about the restoration of the kiosk.

**23. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

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

Councillor Hibbard reported that the development is still on target for completion by the end of April 2023 and stated that the majority of the footings have now been put in and that flooring and plinth work for the two-bedroom homes have been completed and the block work has started. Councillor Hibbard reported that there may be some supply problems at a later date. Councillor Hibbard stated that a sign had been erected by the developer which is incorrect and needs to be changed. Councillor Sewell stated that she was proposing to ask the developer if they would help with a new village gateway sign for Drimpton and Netherhay by means of donating materials or a contribution. Councillor Chubb asked whether this was needed and asked where it would be sited. Councillor Sewell stated that when you enter Drimpton from Clapton, on the right hand side there is a large verge, or it could be sited on the left hand side. Councillor Sewell stated that there was no sign from Clapton into Netherhay and Drimpton and that Netherhay starts before the bridge and that the CLT development is located in Netherhay.

**b. Maintenance of Ditch and Footpath on CLT Site**

Councillor Harris asked if the foul water sewer had been connected yet, Councillor Hibbard stated that it had not and that although a survey had been carried out by the developer and plans drawn up, South West Water were now insisting that they must carry out the survey at a cost of £6000, which will be a cost for the developer to meet. Councillor Hibbard stated that they are currently awaiting the completion of the survey. Councillor Harris asked about

electricity, Councillor Chubb stated that it will follow the sewerage pipes underground coming from the Oxhayes transmitter. Councillor Harris stated that at the last meeting, Councillor Frampton had agreed to meet with Dorset Council to review whether a machine could access the site. Councillor Hibbard stated that he had not received any feedback from Councillor Frampton and that he was not in attendance and therefore could not update the Council. Councillor Harris stated that there was also a proposal at the last meeting that the Parish Council adopt the land including the ditch and take on responsibility for its ongoing maintenance, which he had objected to. Councillor Harris asked what is the area of the land purchased by the Community Land Trust (CLT) and does that tally with the area of land leased to the housing association and if not, is there a piece of land left which is owned by the CLT but not leased to the housing association. Councillor Hibbard stated that the CLT will be responsible for the hedge, Councillor Harris stated that this was always the view of David Leader but stated that it was not clear whether this was also part of the land leased to the housing association, Councillor Hibbard stated that he could not answer that. Councillor Chubb stated that Sheila Hawkins was trying to acquire deeds but was still awaiting legal documentation.

Councillor Chubb stated that the CLT will be responsible for the hedge and ditch and will be in receipt of revenue each year which will go towards the cost of maintaining both of them. Councillor Chubb stated that the CLT will be able to afford this, and that the access issue just needs to be settled. Councillor Harris asked if the CLT have the funds to pay for this, Councillor Hibbard stated that as from 2024 the CLT will receive an income from the ground rent and until that time, they will seek to ask the Parish Council for guaranteed financial support to cover these costs. Councillor Hibbard stated that the CLT had been created by a sub-committee of the Parish Council and as such he was of the opinion that the Parish Council should adopt the footpath, hedge and ditch and take on the responsibility and receive monies from the CLT as and when they are required.

Councillor Chubb stated that this is no different to the proposal by Councillor Rowe to adopt the verge in Broadwindsor. Councillor Hibbard stated that Abri, the housing association may make a contribution to these costs but stated that discussions were still ongoing. Councillor Chubb stated these issues had been caused by Dorset Council which had insisted that a footpath be put in. Councillor Chubb stated that he was totally against the footpath which comes out on a blind part of the road which was in his opinion lethal and stated that Dorset Council will be responsible for that decision. Councillor Harris stated that he was under the impression from what had been said by Sheila Hawkins that this maintenance would be a long term commitment and therefore a liability for the Parish Council but that it has been suggested that the CLT can afford the costs. Councillor Hibbard stated that the CLT will contribute from its ground rent. Councillor Harris asked that a letter to a local resident to confirm the Parish Council's commitment be sent. This was agreed.

Councillor Harris stated that a local resident had raised an issue with him that it was now noticeable that the houses adjacent to Number 6 Netherhay Lane were elevated and that there will be a down draining of water towards his property and impinge on his land. Councillor Harris stated that the local resident had been advised by a worker on the CLT site that he may need to dig a ditch himself. Councillor Hibbard stated that it was not for any worker on the site to suggest anything to local residents and stated that there will be two attenuation tanks on site which will collect and store surface water run-off to prevent a sudden flooding into the stream. Councillor Hibbard stated that he was certain that the developer was making the very best efforts to ensure that water stays where it should. Councillor Sewell stated that this was looked at closely by planners and architects at the planning stage and stated that in Marshwood there was a new problem of phosphates going into the River Axe which would affect any planning application in the pipeline and stated that this may affect Broadwindsor as well. Councillor Hibbard proposed that the Parish Council take responsibility for and adopt the hedge, ditch and footpath on the CLT site, this was seconded by Councillor Chumbley.

**Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Hibbard, seconded by Councillor Chumbley and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved the adoption of the footpath, hedge and ditch on the CLT site.**

Councillor Hibbard stated that with regard to the naming of the site, a name had been put forward by the Hedditch family of 'Northcombe', which was a family name and stated that there was a proposal of either Northcombe Close or Northcombe Lea. Councillor Hibbard stated that as 'lea' means green, it was felt that this would be appropriate. Councillor Hibbard stated that the Parish Council has to formally adopt the name, there were no objections.

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

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

Councillor Rowe asked that mowing of the verges be added as a separate agenda item as although it was discussed that evening, she would like a more permanent plan in place. Councillor Madder-Smith asked that the cutting of verges generally be added as it was important that all verges looked well kept. Councillor Bassett added that the dredging of the river in Drimpton be added and that he will acquire the relevant estimates.

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

None.

## **25. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

## **26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Clerk confirmed that the date of the next meeting will be 13 June at Drimpton Village Hall.

**27. CLOSE**

The meeting of the Parish Council was formally closed at 9.51 pm, Councillor Hibbard thanked everyone for attending, for their patience and for their participation.