



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

9 MAY 2023

COMRADES HALL

PRESENT: Cllr. Rowland Hibbard (Chairman), Cllr. Jacqui Sewell (Vice Chair), Cllr. Tim Bassett, Cllr. Rebecca Burt, Cllr. Rick Dyke, Cllr. Andrew Frampton, Cllr. Bob Harris, Cllr. Fraser Hughes, Cllr. Stefan Nikolov, Cllr. Nathalie Roberts, 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. There were five members of the public present. Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillors and members of the public.

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 Sewell nominated Councillor Hibbard, this was seconded by Councillor Bassett. 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 2023-2024 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 2023- 2024 period of office.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Sewell, seconded by Councillor Bassett and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously elected Councillor Hibbard as Chairman for the 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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 Councillors Chumbley, Raymond, Curtis, and Chubb 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 Clerk reported one proposed amendment by a member of the public in respect of BGPC2023/04/06/8b and read aloud the communication, *'Under 8b other applications, it seems to suggest that Blair Turner and the tree officer have visited The Lodge and spoken to myself about the application. I have spoken to James Bennett on two occasions (once prior to the application and one post), however I have not had any dialogue with Blair Turner. Also, the minutes state that "options had been presented". They may well have been discussed within Council, but have not been presented to myself the applicant. Please could you therefore amend the minutes to accurately reflect the situation.'*

There were no objections to this amendment. The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 April 2023 were then confirmed as a true record, unanimously approved by the Council and duly signed by Councillor Hibbard.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Hibbard stated that he had visited Broadwindsor School to present the commemorative mugs and that the children at the school had made a marvellous effort for their Coronation celebrations and had worked really hard. Councillor Sewell stated that the new head teacher was fantastic. Councillor Hibbard stated that he had enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at Blackdown House which had been well attended by 140 people.

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

Councillor Hibbard stated that Councillor Christopher's report had been circulated and asked for any questions. Councillor Christopher stated that he wished the children sitting their KS2 SATs at Broadwindsor School this week the very best and stated that Mr. Draper was an excellent teacher and that the school is well supported locally. With regard to the camera by the school, Councillor Christopher stated that he had been in contact with the Police and Crime Commissioner and had received verbal assurance that the camera is there entirely for road safety reasons and that he will be getting written confirmation in due course. Councillor Christopher stated that he had been in contact with Chris Loder MP and that there were lots of positive things going on locally. Councillor Christopher stated that he had emailed Councillor Ray Bryan regarding an update on the footpath and that people were naturally concerned about the amount of rain that had fallen and the state of the roads and stated that the Community Highways Officer would be in and around Broadwindsor the next day.

Councillor Hughes asked Councillor Christopher for clarity of what safety reasons mean in respect of the camera, Councillor Christopher stated that clearly there was a concern about speeding motorists generally in villages and stated that was part of the discussion he had with the Police and Crime Commissioner. Councillor Christopher stated that he had suggested to the Police and Crime Commissioner that he visit the western part of the county. Councillor Hughes stated that this reply had not answered his question and asked if motorists caught speeding would be open to prosecution, Councillor Christopher stated that he had not been in the Control Room to see what images the camera was picking up and suggested dialogue with the Police and Crime Commissioner. Councillor Sewell stated that the link to the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) scheme in Councillor Christopher's report stated that the programme was closed, Councillor Christopher stated that he would look into the matter. Councillor Dyke stated that in respect of the comments about money being spent on road safety measures, he suggested that this be referenced in the letter to Chris Loder MP which was on the agenda later for discussion. Councillor Dyke stated that he was particularly interested in two items in Councillor Christopher's report, the HUG scheme and electric vehicle charging and stated that if money was available, as a Parish Council we should be applying for it but stated that it was not obvious how you actually apply. Councillor Christopher stated that if Councillor Dyke sends him an email, he will then ask Councillor Laura Beddow to respond. Councillor Sewell stated that she would send Councillor Dyke a link to information about Eco-Flex grants and stated that you do not have to live in social housing to be eligible. Councillor Dyke stated that the Parish Council should be advertising this information.

With regard to matters arising from the last meeting, Councillor Christopher stated that Councillor Sewell had asked where the money held by West Dorset Council had gone and stated that prior to 2019, district councils tended to have money and that the pressures on Dorset County Council were extreme. Councillor Christopher stated that to add some context, for the current financial year the budget for adult services is £142.7 million and for children's services it was £77.8 million and stated that these are the key areas where Dorset Council

spends its money. Councillor Christopher stated that Councillors may have read that other councils are in financial difficulty but stated that Dorset Council is trying to spend its money wisely and make sure that all children are educated in the county of Dorset and not sent to other parts of the country. Councillor Christopher stated that Dorset Council has particular issues in relation to pensions and informed that the average male life expectancy in Dorset is the early 80s, whereas in other areas for example in Blackpool, it is 68. Councillor Christopher stated that Dorset Council has to factor this into its finances.

Councillor White stated that she had used the eligible postcode spreadsheet for the HUG scheme and reported that she had entered Broadwindsor postcodes, and they had come back as not eligible. Councillor Christopher asked Councillor White to send him an email and he would seek clarification. Councillor Sewell stated that the area is a magnet for retirees who eventually will need care and it is Dorset rate payers that have to pay. Councillor Sewell stated that she has been saying for years that care costs should be provided through the NHS, with everyone contributing and everyone having a share. Councillor Christopher stated that Councillor Sewell had made some interesting points but that they were not new. Councillor Christopher stated that care costs came in under the National Assistance Act of 1948 and are now dealt with under the Care Act and that when people move into the county, they tend to own properties and stated that it was his understanding that only when total assets were at £23,250, does Dorset Council have to step in and provide funding and stated that it isn't the case that people come to Dorset without any money.

b. Report from Dorset Police

No report.

c. Broadwindsor Group Parish Council Vacancy, Broadwindsor Ward

The Clerk reported that one expression of interest had been received for the vacancy from Nathalie Roberts and that she was in attendance at the meeting should Councillors have any questions. The Clerk also asked Nathalie Roberts if she had any questions for the Parish Council. No objections to the co-option were raised. Councillor Hughes stated that Nathalie Roberts would be a very good acquisition for the Parish Council, and that she works very hard for the Community Shop Committee.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Sewell, seconded by Councillor Hughes and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved the co-option of Nathalie Roberts to Broadwindsor Group Parish Council to represent the Broadwindsor ward.

Nathalie Roberts was asked to sign her Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, duly witnessed by the Clerk. Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillor Roberts to the Parish Council.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES

a. Dorset Council, Public Space Protection Orders Consultation

The Clerk stated that this had been circulated and that the deadline for the consultation was 15 May.

b. Dorset Council, Leisure Strategy Consultation

The Clerk stated that this had been circulated and that the deadline for the consultation was 14 May. Councillor Dyke stated that this was something that the Parish Council should respond to but as was often the case, the format was not very user friendly in terms of sharing. Councillor Dyke stated that he would be submitting a response and that others should if they wanted to.

c. Dorset Council, Planning for Climate Change Consultation

The Clerk stated that this had been circulated and that the consultation period is from 20 April to 8 June 2023.

d. Broadwindsor Resident, Funding for Geocaching Brochure

Councillor Dyke reported that a local resident of Broadwindsor has set up a number of caches on a route which starts and ends in Broadwindsor and stated that this can be followed on an App, with the aim of encouraging other people to the village to enjoy the countryside using existing footpaths. Councillor Dyke stated that local businesses such as the Community Shop, White Lion and Wobbly Cottage could benefit and that it was a great initiative and should be supported. Councillor Dyke stated that the local resident is seeking funding support for the costs of printing a colour leaflet which could be picked up in the shop, pub and village hall. Councillor Dyke asked whether this was also something which could be put to the FMR Trust and stated that it would also be of benefit to have some kind of wooden sign with the map on it to attract people's attention and encourage them to try the route. Councillor Dyke stated that he had not looked at costs yet but would do so in time for the next FMR Trust meeting. Councillor Sewell stated that she has been geocaching for many years with the Guides and that it was a great activity. Councillor Frampton stated that it was a good idea and would provide guidance on where footpaths are located and promote Lewesden Hill. There was general support for the project and the Clerk stated that she would add to the agenda for the next meeting.

8. COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND VENUES

a. To approve the dates and venues for Council Meetings for the 2023/2024 period.

The Clerk read aloud proposed dates for Parish Council meetings for the coming year, which all fall on the second Monday of the month, with the exception of August when there is no meeting. These were all agreed. The Clerk stated that she had asked Councillor Frampton if the Cricket Club Pavilion was available for the July meeting, he confirmed that it was. It was agreed that the next Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday 14 May 2024 at Comrades Hall. It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be 12 June and the venue would be Drimpton Village Hall if available. The Clerk stated that she would contact the booking clerks for Drimpton Village, Comrades Hall and Blackdown Village Hall.

9. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS

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

There were no proposals for amendments.

10. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following representations were agreed.

a. Broadwindsor School

Councillor Sewell.

b. Blackdown and Drimpton Village Hall Committees

Councillor Raymond and Councillor Bassett. No representative for Comrades Hall was agreed at the meeting.

d. Broadwindsor Allotment Group

Councillor Nikolov.

e. Footpaths Officer

The Clerk stated that she had been acting as the point of contact for enquiries and stated that there had been some discussion previously about whether a member of the community may like to take on the role. It was agreed that further enquiries should be made.

f. DAPTC Western Area Committee

Councillor Sewell.

11. 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 £92,952.47. There were no questions.

b. To approve BGPC Direct Debits and Standing Orders for 2023/2024

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Hibbard, seconded by Councillor Hughes and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved item 11b, BGPC Direct Debits and Standing Orders for 2023/2024.

c. To approve the Conflict of Interest Declaration with BDO LLP Form

The Clerk stated that this is a requirement from the new external auditor BDO LLP and advised that there is no conflict of interest. The form was duly signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Sewell, seconded by Councillor Dyke and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved item 11c, the Conflict of Interest Declaration with BDO LLP.

d. To approve the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights, 19 June – 28 July 2023

The Clerk stated that the period for the exercise of public rights must be a thirty day period including the first ten working days of July.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Hibbard, seconded by Councillor Dyke and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved item 11d, that the dates for the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights be set for 19 June to 28 July 2023.

e. To approve Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2022/2023

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Sewell and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved item 11e, Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2022/2023.

f. To approve payment of £1,176.90 for Dorset Council (Litter Bins)

g. To approve payment of £120.00 for Blackdown Village Hall (Hire Charges)

h. To approve payment of £8.76 for HMRC (NI)

i. To approve payment of £53.42 for the Clerk (Expenses May 2023)

j. To approve payment of £40.00 for T Tilbrooke (Allotment Deposit)

k. To approve payment of £40.00 for C Symes (Allotment Deposit)

l. To approve payment of £10.00 for BAG (Reimbursement of Allotment Fees)

m. To approve payment of £300.00 for R Leader (MUGA Clean)

n. To approve payment of £32.78 for Councillor Nikolov (MUGA Keys and Lock)

Councillor Bassett proposed that Agenda items 11f to 11n be approved en bloc, this was seconded by Councillor Hibbard.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Hibbard and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved items 11f to 11n.

o. Pension Options for Clerk

The Clerk reported that she had reviewed a number of different pension scheme options and was of the opinion that the Local Government Pension Scheme was best suited for her. The Clerk stated that she would arrange for the relevant paperwork to be completed.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Applications Received and Circulated for Consultation

P/LBC/2023/01976, Cambridge House, The Square, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QD

Councillor Sewell reported that she had carried out a site visit and was fully supportive of the application, stating that the proposals would significantly improve the property.

P/HOU/2023/02156, 21 Marksmead, Drimpton, DT8 3RZ

Councillor Harris reported that the application was seeking permission to demolish an existing conservatory and erect a single storey extension. Councillor Harris stated that he had carried out a site visit and spoken to neighbours and no concerns were raised. Councillor Harris stated that the extension is slightly larger than the conservatory but is an acceptable size and stated that the space will be used for a utility room and a play and family room. Councillor Harris

stated that the proposed materials will match existing and can see no reason to object to the application.

b. Other Applications

Review of WD/D/16/000836, Sikas Valley, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QR

The Clerk stated that she was asked by Councillor Sewell to add this to the agenda for the meeting. Councillor Sewell stated that in 2016 planning permission was granted for a mobile home and stated that an equine business was in operation and that permission was temporary for a three year period. Councillor Sewell stated that this should have been cleared by 2019 and the lady is now in her late eighties, she does not live there and stated that the mobile home is still there and is contravening planning approval. Councillor Frampton stated that he took objection to this and stated that the lady in question was not in her late eighties and was in attendance at the meeting and asked the member of the public to address the Council in order to ensure that all facts are correct. The member of the public stated that she had been at that site since 2016 and is an equine physiotherapist and that the business is still very much operational. Councillor Sewell stated that the Enforcement Team at Dorset Council had been contacted, the member of the public stated that she had spoken to a planning officer and would be submitting the necessary planning application. Councillor Frampton stated that if someone is looking after animals, they do need to be onsite. Councillor Hibbard thanked the member of the public for attending the meeting.

Councillor White confirmed that Councillor Chubb had agreed to review the Seaborough Court applications with her, planning applications P/LBC/2023/02227 and P/HOU/2023/02226. The Clerk reported that she had asked Dorset Council for an extension in order that the applications could be discussed collectively at the June meeting and stated that the Case Officer had replied stating that the request goes beyond the eight week determination date of the application and he would attempt to seek an extension of time from the applicant but until this is confirmed he could not confirm an extension for the Parish Council. Councillor White stated that she has a meeting with the London based planning team on Friday.

c. Results

None.

13. APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS LOAN BOARD FINANCE

a. Review of Draft Legal Agreement

The Clerk reported that the draft legal agreement as previously circulated had been sent to the solicitors acting on behalf of BADCE, several minor amendments were suggested, these were considered acceptable by Kitson & Trotman and reviewed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Clerk stated that she is now waiting for instruction from Kitson & Trotman.

14. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

a. Working Group Update

Councillor Dyke reported that a couple of weeks ago a meeting had been held with Dorset Wildlife Trust to look at both the south and north sides of the Common and to take note of the flora to see if an extension of the SSSI status (Site of Specific Scientific Interest) was warranted, which is already in place for the north side but less so on the south side. Councillor Dyke stated that the view from Dorset Wildlife Trust was that it could extend to both sides, which is positive news. Councillor Dyke stated that he is currently awaiting the report and stated that the Trust is also looking at what needs to be done as part of the management plan.

Councillor Dyke stated that he had mentioned at the last meeting that John Caulder from the Great Big Dorset Hedge Project had asked if he could attend the next Parish Council meeting to update the Council about the project but reported that he was unable to attend. Councillor Dyke stated he had a note from Sheila Hawkins which provides an update and read the note aloud.

The Great Big Dorset Hedge project aims to facilitate and restore hedgerows across the length and breadth of Dorset, and in the process create continuous green corridors to help wildlife and biodiversity. The project is managed by the volunteers of Dorset Climate Action Network (Dorset CAN) and the primary aim is to survey the condition of the vast network of hedgerows and to determine if they might be improved - by laying, by new planting or gap infill. Dorset CAN has developed a hedge surveying methodology, which is now being used by an army of volunteer surveyors. The survey results are being plotted on a map, to highlight possible areas where discussions might take place with landowners to help restore or plant hedgerows.

Councillor Dyke stated that Sheila Hawkins would like to engage with farmers who may be able to assist in the extension of the hedgerow planting. Councillor Frampton stated that he is already engaged and plants over a mile of hedges each year and is in a planting scheme which accesses conservation grants. Councillor Frampton stated that Councillor Curtis may be the person to liaise with.

Councillor Dyke stated that the first two of these routes run through part of the Broadwindsor Group Parish area and are included as part of a 25km trail around the parish boundary. Councillor Dyke stated that this is work that the Parish Council should understand more about. Councillor Frampton stated that he would like to raise this matter at the next Farmers' Breakfast and perhaps put people in touch with John Caulder. Councillor Sewell stated that other landowners should also be contacted and not just farmers, Councillor Dyke agreed.

15. ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Nikolov stated that two work parties had been organised for the coming weekend and will carry out jobs which will include completing the landscaping around the new composting toilet.

16. MANAGEMENT OF THE MUGA

The Clerk reported that the new sign is now up, and that the safety inspection was carried out on 19 April and that no concerns were raised. Councillor Hibbard invited a member of the public to address the Council. The member of public stated that he had noticed that the sign outside of the MUGA stated that it was open from 9.00 am to 8.30 pm and stated that he was personally horrified by this as he had thought that the closing time was 8.00 pm. The member of public stated that he had contacted Councillor Dyke to express his view and an email from the Clerk confirmed that the closing time had always been 8.30 pm. The member of public stated that he was speaking on behalf of his wife and neighbour who were also horrified that the closing time was 8.30 pm and stated that his neighbour had informed him that during the Spring and Summer, she had to close all of her windows due to the noise from bouncing balls and stated that his wife is a keen gardener, and the noise is ghastly for her. The member of public stated that this was a noise issue and although he is very supportive of the MUGA, wanted to ask the Parish Council if there was any possibility of closing the MUGA at 8.00 pm. Councillor Hibbard thanked the member of public for his comments.

Councillor Hughes stated that he had always thought that the closing time was 8.00 pm and would support the request, Councillor Sewell concurred. Councillor Nikolov stated that he understood that it was sometimes noisy but stated that people do use the MUGA during the evening and stated that some people are at work all day and can only access the facility during the evening. Councillor Nikolov stated that it was important that the views of those who use the MUGA should be sought as there are two sides to this issue. The member of public stated that he and his neighbour are taxpayers and feel that the noise is unacceptable and stated that he will not accept it. Councillor Burt stated that she fully appreciated the concerns of the member of the public but was worried that if the MUGA was closed at 8.00 pm, young people may congregate elsewhere, perhaps Bernards' Place and make noise there. Councillor Hughes stated that it was always known that there may be a problem with noise with the MUGA. Councillor Harris stated that if residents have complained about the noise then the Parish Council has a duty to do something about it and stated that he would support a reduction in the opening hours. The Clerk stated that the closing time had always been 8.30 pm, this time is cited in the planning decision notice and stated that the wording in the new sign was taken from the former sign and that the text for the new sign had been circulated to all Councillors prior to approval. Councillor Dyke stated that for much of the year, dusk would fall before 8.30 pm. Councillor Hibbard stated that it was a difficult situation and suggested that views from those who use the MUGA should be sought and that the item be added for further discussion at the June meeting. There was general agreement. Councillor Dyke stated that the agenda should also include discussion about who is responsible for locking the MUGA.

17. COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE GROUPED PARISH AREA

Councillor Dyke stated that things seem to be still on track with regard to Jurassic Fibre and stated that there should hopefully be fibre optic cable available later this year.

18. HIGHWAYS

a. Review of Highways Letter to Chris Loder MP

Councillor Hibbard stated that the Clerk had circulated a draft letter and asked for comments. Councillor Dyke asked whether the focus of the letter should be on just one site or whether all issues are included. Councillor Hibbard stated that he thought it best to concentrate on the footpath, Councillor Bassett agreed and stated that the footpath is urgent and necessary and that other issues could be raised thereafter. Councillor Hibbard stated that the letter from the Clerk was excellent and that he was happy for it to be sent, Councillor Dyke stated that some reference to the monies being spent on road safety should be included.

b. Management of Speed Indicator Devices

The Clerk reported that two members of the SIDs team from Broadwindsor had stepped down and that she had written a note of thanks to them. The Clerk stated that new volunteers are now needed, and that she had asked advice from Dorset Council regarding training and had been informed that training could be provided by existing volunteers, but they would be happy to come out and do this. Councillor Harris stated that the Parish Council needs to advertise for new volunteers and stated that originally volunteers came from the existing Speedwatch Teams but stated that he believed that the one in Broadwindsor was not operational. Councillor Hughes stated that if the advice that a 20 mph limit can not be enforced if entering from a 60 mph zone is correct, then there is no point in doing speed checks. The Clerk stated that volunteers would be taking on the role for the Parish Council and that we need to ensure that training is adequate. Councillor Harris stated that if the SIDs Team at Dorset Council are happy for volunteers to deliver the training then the more experienced volunteers could be asked to do this and stated that at the present time, one camera is located in Drimpton and the other at West Hill in Broadwindsor, but the Parish Council has a responsibility to move them within twenty-eight days as stated in the terms of the license.

c. War Memorial Project Update

Councillor Frampton reported that the event will be on 6 June and that the stone had now been installed and that the board will be printed and delivered by the end of May. Councillor Frampton asked if the verges by the new memorial were due to be cut soon as they had grown and looked scruffy. The Clerk stated that she would contact Dorset Council. Councillor Frampton outlined the order of service for the event and stated that Councillor Hibbard had kindly offered to host the event and that representatives from the Army, Navy and RAF had agreed to attend. Councillor Frampton stated that David Baldwin will be leading a prayer and a two minute's silence, a bugler will be attending to play The Last Post and Year 6 children from Broadwindsor School will read aloud the names of the soldiers listed on the memorial. Councillor Frampton asked for suggestions for someone to cut the ribbon and unveil the memorial, it was agreed that Sir Barney White-Spunner be approached. Councillor Frampton stated that with the help of Helen Doble who had done an amazing job in researching the soldiers, there will also be a short presentation from families of the soldiers which will provide more information about their lives. The Clerk asked if this information could be forwarded to

her for the web page which will link to the QR code. Councillor Frampton stated that it is proposed that the children will stand on the verge area and that one carriage way is left open in order to ensure the safety of those attending.

19. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Councillor Hibbard reported that all is moving along well and that the site meeting planned for 24 May will be looking at snag lists, which means that the project is getting close to completion. Councillor Hibbard stated that it is hoped that an open morning will be held to allow people to come and look around the new homes. Councillor Frampton asked how many applications there had been, Councillor Hibbard stated that over thirty had been received for the fifteen properties and stated that Abri will be carrying out the selection process but that the Community Land Trust will be asked for its consideration of the local connection element of the process. Councillor Frampton asked about the opportunities of a phase two, Councillor Hibbard stated that only that field had been purchased and Councillor Sewell stated that it was the only field suitable for development. Councillor Sewell stated that a second project could be looked at elsewhere in the Grouped Parish and stated that there is still a need. Councillor Harris stated that the original plan included two car charging points, Councillor Hibbard stated that initially all houses were going to have their own electric charging point but there had been problems reported about small fires and given that cars don't all have the same charger, it was decided that the wiring would be installed for each home and if people wanted to install the relevant one for them after moving in then they would be able to. Councillor Harris asked if this included the flats, Councillor Hibbard stated that it did. Councillor Hibbard stated that it had been hoped that more solar panels would be installed but they did not have the budget for more. Councillor Hibbard stated they are looking at the possibility of installing a battery and stated that the project has been forward thinking ecologically. Councillor Bassett asked if the solar panels would benefit all homes, Councillor Hibbard stated that the idea is to keep costs down.

20. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

a. Items for next Agenda from Members of the Council

Councillor Hughes stated that he had been informed by the owner of the fish and chip van that he is going to be putting up a new black and white sign, replacing his former sign which was a chalk board and that he had asked if there would be any objections. Councillor Hughes stated that he was under the impression that it would not be fixed to the wall but could be wrong. Councillor Dyke stated that there is already a sign for the pizza van there. No objections were made. Councillor Nikolov asked the Clerk if she felt that her contracted hours were sufficient for her role, which he stated had grown considerably even during the short time that he had been a member of the Council. The Clerk stated that from April she has increased her hours and will review again later in the year. The Clerk thanked Councillor Nikolov for the question.

Councillor White reported on the community larder project for Broadwindsor and the surrounding villages and stated that the scheme is essentially a food club with a membership fee and a food parcel can be collected once a week which represents six times the value of the money paid. Councillor White stated that the scheme is run by FareShare and that they are making a visit to Broadwindsor on Friday to carry out a risk assessment on Comrades Hall to see if the site is suitable for the pop up larder. Councillor White stated that they are also looking at setting one up in Beaminster and will be looking at that site on the same day. Councillor White stated that if the site is accepted, the process can start to launch the scheme. Councillor Sewell stated that she had seen the scheme in Sherborne which is very successful. Councillor White stated that the membership form asks quite personal questions, and she has asked whether anyone screens these forms and picks up any additional support people may need. Councillor White stated that she will also ask whether someone has to collect the food parcel in person, as those coming from other villages who are struggling financially, may find it difficult to get to Broadwindsor. Councillor White stated that FareShare brings their van and parks outside but requires an indoor space for people to wait, to fill in the forms and for people to be able to chat with each other who may be experiencing similar difficulties. Councillor Sewell stated that by having the pop up larder at the same time as the Post Office, it is more discreet for people to attend. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor White.

b. Items for next Agenda from Members of the Public

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by a member of public in Burstock asking for help to contact Magna Housing and Dorset Council and for this matter to be added to the next agenda. Councillor Frampton stated that this was a domestic issue between a Magna Housing tenant and neighbour regarding building works to his garden which had caused much upset to the neighbour. The Clerk stated that she had contacted Magna and Dorset Council and Councillor Christopher stated that he had provided the contact details for the relevant person at Dorset Council responsible for such housing matters.

21. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public 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. A member of the public asked about the fish and chip van sign and what the outcome of the previous discussion was. The Clerk stated that the Parish Council does not have the authority to approve signs. Councillor Hughes stated that the sign will go up, the member of the public stated that there is already a pizza sign and asked how many more signs can there be. Councillor Hibbard stated that there is already a sign there and he is just replacing it.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was agreed for Monday 12 June 2023 at Drimpton Village Hall. The Clerk stated that she would check availability and confirm.

23. CLOSE

The meeting of the Parish Council was formally closed at 9.10 pm, Councillor Hibbard thanked everyone for attending and for their participation.