



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING 9 OCTOBER 2017

DRIMPTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr. Rowland Hibbard (Chairman), Cllr. David Leader (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Tim Bassett, Cllr. Steve Chubb, Cllr. David Chumbley, Cllr. Peter Hardwill, Cllr. Brian Hedditch, Cllr. Dorothy Rowe, Cllr. Jacqui Sewell.

ATTENDANCE: Councillor Rebecca Knox (Dorset County Council), Mr. Simon Roberts (Dorset County Council) and Helen Cudmore (Clerk).

ABSENT: Councillor Lloyd Curtis and Councillor Susanna Laurie.

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and was opened by the Chairman. There were twenty-six members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Frampton, Smith and Tibballs and unanimously approved by the Council.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS AND REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE

Councillor Hedditch declared an interest in Agenda item 14a. Councillor Bassett declared an interest in Agenda items 7e and 7g. Councillor Chubb declared an interest in Agenda items 7e, 7g, 7o and 18c. Councillor Sewell declared an interest in Agenda item 7h. There were no updates to the Register of Interests from Members.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

A copy of the minutes from the Meeting held on 11 September 2017 was confirmed as a true record and signed by Councillor Hibbard and unanimously approved by the Council.

4. MATTERS ARISING

a. Dorset Police Investigation into Breach of the Localism Act

The Clerk reported that a complaint had been made to Dorset Police by Ms. Shirley Gibbs against Councillor Hedditch in respect of a breach of the Localism Act. The Clerk stated that she had received formal confirmation that the investigation carried out by Dorset Police had now concluded and that no breach had been found to have occurred. The Clerk stated that an offer of training on the Localism Act had been offered by Dorset Police and that she would contact Councillors in due course to arrange a convenient date.

Councillor Hardwill reported that he had recently seen a television programme about the restoration of signage and believed that there are examples of good practice that could be looked at. Councillor Knox stated that the Dorset AONB Team are located within County Hall and are part funded by the County Council. Councillor Knox reported that the AONB has a project which provides match funding for Parish Councils to restore fingerpost signs but that this can be costly compared to sourcing materials independently. Councillor Knox stated that it would be worth reviewing different options and Councillor Sewell stated that she would circulate a video created by Upper Marshwood Vale.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5e. Mr. Simon Roberts, Community Highways Officer, Dorset County Council

Councillor Hibbard asked if there were any objections to moving Agenda Item 5e to this point in the proceedings, no objections were raised. Councillor Hibbard welcomed and introduced Mr. Simon Roberts from Dorset Highways to the Meeting. The Clerk stated that she had received a number of questions from Councillors for Mr. Roberts and had forwarded them prior to the last Meeting. Councillor Hardwill stated that he would like to see Highways take a new approach to the way that they work and that keeping the highways open and safe for users, the public and business should be the main priority. Councillor Chubb asked Mr. Roberts to provide an overview of his role as Community Highways Officer for the Grouped Parish area. Mr. Roberts stated that he is the first stop for Highways enquiries and will either address issues or redirect them to the most appropriate person. Mr. Roberts stated that his role is multifunctional, he acts as a Highways Inspector, he deals with complaints and filters enquiries. Mr. Roberts stated that there are four Officers located in the Bridport Office, two of whom serve the West Dorset area.

Councillor Rowe asked Mr. Roberts about the new verge management system and was advised to contact the Countryside Team. Councillor Rowe asked about the protocol for contacting Mr. Roberts if she received an enquiry from a parishioner. Mr. Roberts encouraged Councillors to make direct contact and to copy the Clerk into all communications. Mr. Roberts stated that he is dutybound to reply within five working days. Councillor Hedditch asked Mr. Roberts about the condition of the highways and repairs and was informed to contact Mike Hansford. Councillor Hardwill stated that the state of Dorset roads had improved significantly. Councillor Sewell stated that a parked trailer was blocking access to a passing place in Netherhay Lane and that she had been informed by Dorset Police that this was a matter for Highways. Mr. Roberts confirmed that this was most certainly a Police matter. Councillor Hibbard thanked Mr. Roberts for attending the Meeting.

Action: The Clerk to circulate contact details for Mr. Roberts to Members of the Council.

a. Report from Councillor Knox

Councillor Knox provided an update with regard to Local Government reorganisation. Councillor Knox stated that following the outcome of the public consultation held last year, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government was formally asked if the County could introduce changes and form a new organisation which would be able to save

money and make processes more effective. Councillor Knox stated that the General Election and other elections had delayed the formal announcement of the decision but that the County Council had recently met with the Secretary of State and a decision is expected shortly. Councillor Knox stated that whatever the decision, there is commitment to develop much closer working relations and that for herself, linking housing to social care to health would still continue to be a priority.

Councillor Knox apologised for the way in which local residents found out about the loss of the 40 Bus service for Broadwindsor and thanked the local community for raising their concerns with her. Councillor Knox stated that a great deal of discussion and negotiation has taken place and that she is hopeful that a new timetable which will include Broadwindsor will be announced the next day. The announcement will be subject to the granting of approval from the Traffic Commissioner. Councillor Knox stated that if approved, the service may only initially be offered up until December and urged people to use the service and make it financially viable. Councillor Knox stated that work was being carried out to link with the NHS and its passenger car fleet to the rest of the transport system, which was well overdue. Councillor Leader stated that he and other Councillors along with volunteers from the community had looked at need and the possibility of a community transport scheme and asked whether he should continue to progress this. Councillor Knox stated that this should be progressed and that if the new timetable was agreed, then it would operate on a week day only. Councillor Sewell expressed her concern for those attending Yeovil College on a part-time basis whom may not be able to get home. Councillor Chubb stated that if there was a new service it would be important to let as many people know as possible, the use of the website and Facebook were noted. Councillor Knox stated that it would require a mix of communication tools in order for all members of the community to be informed. Councillor Sewell stated that the Housing Associations were not aware about the loss of the bus service. Councillor Knox thanked Councillor Leader and those responsible for drafting the questionnaire.

b. Report from Councillor Sewell

Councillor Sewell reported that if the Secretary of State did grant approval for Local Government reform, in terms of authorities, there would most likely be a Bournemouth and Poole and a large rural unitary authority. Councillor Sewell stated that she is now the Chair of the Joint Advisory Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which looks at overarching issues affecting everyone. The Committee is currently scrutinising planning and enforcement. Councillor Sewell stated that planning at West Dorset District Council used to be an extremely well delivered service and that problems arose with computer systems with the formation of the Tri-Partnership. Councillor Sewell stated that the Council is catching up and improving and that she will keep on pushing for land search times to be improved.

c. Report from Police Community Support Officer

The Clerk reported that an invitation to attend or provide a report had been issued to the Beaminster Neighbourhood Police Team but that no communication had been received. It was suggested that given the recent email regarding the launch of the Dorset Rural Crime Partnership which stated that working with local partners was going to be essential, that the Clerk write to the Chief Constable to express the Council's strong desire to be engaged.

Action: The Clerk to draft a letter to Dorset Police.

Councillor Hibbard invited members of the public to comment on any items on the Agenda and stated that comments relating to the planning application WD/D/17/000800 would also be accepted during Agenda Item 8a. Sandra Burrows stated that she was totally opposed to the application and would ask the Parish Council to maintain its original position and object to the proposal. Sandra Burrows stated that the developer had shown a total disregard to the views of local people and that she had submitted the same objections prior to the new revised documentation. Sandra Burrows stated that the proposal had not changed and that hedgerows were still not being protected. Jess Burns addressed the Council and stated that she was still opposed to the application, the proposed site was within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and as such needs protecting. A member of the public stated that at the Public Meeting, the majority of those in attendance opposed any plan on the site and recognised that housing should be planned correctly.

d. CO-OPTION OF MEMBER TO THE BROADWINDSOR WARD

The Clerk reported that she had received one expression of interest for the Broadwindsor vacancy from Mr. Kevin Madder-Smith and stated that she had circulated Mr. Madder-Smith's CV and letter to Members prior to the Meeting. The Chairman asked Members if they had any questions for Mr. Madder Smith or any objections to his co-option, Members stated that they did not. Mr. Madder-Smith remained seated within the public area and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office form after the Meeting had ended, witnessed by the Clerk.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Hibbard and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved the co-option of Mr. Madder-Smith to Broadwindsor Group Parish Council.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES

a. Life Education Wessex, Letter of Thanks for Grant

The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from Life Education Wessex for the grant provided by the Parish Council.

b. Dorset Councils Partnership, Parish and Town Planning Session, 26 October 2017

The Clerk reported that an invitation to attend this event had been received and Councillor Hibbard had confirmed his attendance. The Clerk asked if other Members would like to attend, to contact her as soon as possible.

7. ACCOUNTS

a. Finance Report

The Clerk referred Members of the Council to a spreadsheet highlighting income and expenditure for the first and second quarters of 2017/2018, which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of the 30 September 2017 was £47,877.37. The Clerk also presented a Budget Analysis for the half year. There were no questions.

b. To receive and approve the Annual Return and Auditor Report and Certificate for 2016/2017

The Clerk reported that BDO had now completed the external audit and that no issues had been raised. The Clerk stated that she had circulated a copy of the Auditor Report and Certificate and must now ask the Council to approve them. Councillor Hibbard thanked the Clerk for her efficient accounting procedures.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Hibbard and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously received and approved the Annual Return and Auditor Report and Certificate for 2016/2017.

With regard to the payment listed under 7h, Councillor Hibbard stated that sadly Mr. Hitchcock who had carried out the restoration work had passed away and he asked that this item was deferred for the time being, Members stated their condolences and agreed to the deferment. Councillor Hibbard provided a brief overview of each payment as listed.

c. To approve £240.00 for BDO (External Audit Fee)

d. To approve £750.00 for Comrades Hall (Grant)

e. To approve £750.00 for Drimpton Village Hall (Grant)

f. To approve £550.00 for Blackdown Village Hall (Grant)

g. To approve £2500.00 for Drimpton Village Hall & Recreation Trust (Loan for Car Park Extension)

h. To approve £301.50 for Marshwood Community Land Trust Ltd (Repair to Fingerpost Sign)

i. To approve £1000.00 for funding for local transport

j. To approve £35.00 for Information Commissioners Office (Data Registration Renewal)

k. To approve £68.60 for DAPTC (Charles Arnold Baker Local Councils Administration Book)

l. To approve £14.40 for Total Web Solutions (Disk Space Excess)

m. To approve £17.22 for HMRC (National Insurance)

n. To approve £1305.00 for Jo Witherden (Neighbourhood Plan Consultancy Fee)

o. To approve £16.98 for Councillor Chubb (Padlocks for Drimpton Bins)

p. To approve £54.03 for Clerk's Expenses (July, August, September 2017)

q. To approve £684.68 for Clerk's adjustment to salary (July, August, September 2017)

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Hibbard, seconded by Councillor Sewell and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved payments c, d, e, f, g, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p and q as above.

The Clerk reported that a payment of £61.57 for Mr. Ron Emmett had unfortunately been omitted from the Agenda for this Meeting. The Clerk stated that this payment was to reimburse costs incurred for the Hursey Fingerpost sign. The Clerk stated that she would like

to make this payment before the next Meeting and asked the Council if she could utilise 4.2 of the Council's Financial Regulations 2015 whereby with the permission of the Chairman a payment could be authorised up to £100.00 without being published on an Agenda. Members agreed.

Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Sewell, seconded by Councillor Leader and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved that the Clerk could authorise payment of £61.57 to Mr. Ron Emett.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Applications Received and Circulated for Consultation

WD/D/17/002129, Spring House, Honeycombe Farm, Clanden Hill, Broadwindsor, DT8 3PU

The Clerk reported that this application was seeking to erect an agricultural store and that Councillor Leader had been nominated as the lead Councillor. Councillor Leader stated that he had visited the site and that there were no immediate neighbouring properties that would be affected by the proposal. Councillor Leader stated that the applicant was in need of additional dry storage area to house equipment and that the application was reasonable. Councillor Leader stated that he could see no reason to raise an objection.

WD/D/17/002025, Spring House, Honeycombe Farm, Clanden Hill, Broadwindsor, DT8 3PU

The Clerk reported that this application was seeking to erect a two-storey side extension with accommodation in the roof and that Councillor Leader had been nominated as the lead Councillor. Councillor Leader stated that he had visited the site and that there were no immediate neighbouring properties that would be affected by the proposal. Councillor Leader stated that the applicant was in need of additional living space and that the design was well presented. Councillor Leader stated that he could see no reason to raise an objection.

WD/D/17/001329, 3 Templemans Ash, Bridport, DT6 5NX (Retrospective Application)

The Clerk reported that this was a retrospective application for the change of use of land for use as an animal sanctuary and that Councillor Sewell had been nominated as the lead Councillor. Councillor Sewell reported that she had attended a site visit prior to the Meeting and whilst the concept of the sanctuary was an excellent idea, she was unsure as to whether it was located in the right place. Councillor Sewell stated that the sanctuary currently provides a home for 130 rescue dogs and that during the site visit she had seen one of the exercising areas and the process for getting rid of waste. Councillor Sewell stated that she had received complaints about noise from the site.

The applicant was in attendance at the Meeting and asked for permission to address the Council, this was granted by the Chairman. Ms. Joy Keys stated that the waste from the site was securely stored in bags, stored in a metal container and presented little odour. Ms. Keys stated that she conforms to the Five Freedoms of animal welfare and has provided a response to the questions asked by the Planning Department. Ms. Keys stated that there had been an issue relating to waste water running down into the yard and that this was an error on her part, one that has now been rectified. Ms. Keys stated that some of the animals cannot be rehomed as they have significant problems and stated that she had not received any formal or informal complaints about noise levels during the past six years.

Councillor Rowe stated that she had concerns as complaints had been received by Councillor Sewell. Councillor Chumbley asked the applicant why a change of use was being submitted at this point in time, Ms. Keys stated this was because of the expansion of the sanctuary. Councillor Leader asked the applicant about plans for the future. Ms. Keys stated that she was not planning on taking in any more dogs. Councillor Hardwill stated that there must be planning laws in relation to the number of dogs on land, Councillor Sewell replied that there are rules for commercial kennels, but that these would not apply as no payment was being received. Ms. Keys stated that the site had been visited by the Dog Warden, the RSPCA and Environmental Health and that the sanctuary was established as a registered charity. Councillor Chubb stated that he believed that it would be difficult for the Council to take a decision on the application and should be guided by West Dorset District Council. Members agreed.

**WD/D/17/000800, Land South of Fullers, Bridport Road, Broadwindsor
(New Documentation)**

Councillor Sewell stated that West Dorset District Council must be informed that Broadwindsor does not have a local bus service and that the Transport Statement submitted with the application should be revised. Councillor Rowe stated that she endorsed the comments made by members of the public that evening and had registered her objection as a private individual, making reference to the inability of the infrastructure to cope, the site not being suitable and the fact that affordable housing had not been addressed. Councillor Hibbard stated that he could not see any changes to the revised application. Councillor Hibbard stated that members of the public may address the Council if they have additional comments regarding this application. Sandra Burrows stated that she would ask that the outline application be rejected and that if the developer wishes to continue that a full application is submitted which would provide more safeguards that they will do what they say they will do. Councillor Chubb stated that growth is needed but careful consideration must be given to where new dwellings are located and summarised that those members of the public whom have commented, are not objected to the number of proposed houses but object to any development on this site. Jess Burns stated that she had produced revised photographs for the Landscape and Visual Impact and that the proposed plan was totally disproportionate. Councillor Leader stated that the developer has refused to engage with the local community on any level and that was most concerning. Councillor Rowe stated that objections had been made not only by those residents living close to the proposed site but from people throughout the Grouped Parish area. Councillor Rowe stated that the site had once been identified under the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) but that was at a different time. Councillor Hibbard stated that at the Public Meeting held in May, the majority of those people whom attended, objected to the application and that the Parish Council would reflect that in its corporate comments to WDDC. Councillor Hibbard stated that the Neighbourhood Plan would soon be ready and more suitable sites could be found.

WD/D/17/001979, 1 Bridport Road, Broadwindsor, DT8 3LA

The Clerk reported that this application was seeking to make alterations to an existing vehicular access and that Councillor Chumbley had been nominated as the lead Councillor. Councillor Chumbley reported that he had visited the site and that the applicant's garage is

located on the next-door neighbour's land. Councillor Chumbley reported that the neighbour had given a small piece of land to the applicant in order for a turning area to be created and although this would mean the loss of a small piece of verge, a vehicle would be able to park off the public highway. Councillor Chumbley stated that this was a reasonable application and that he could see no grounds for objection.

b. Other Applications

None.

c. Results

The Clerk reported the following results.

WD/D/17/001596, Brent Paddock, Axe Lane, Drimpton, DT8 3FN: Approved

WD/D/17/001444, Broadwindsor Craft and Design Centre, Redlands Lane, Broadwindsor, DT8 3PX: Approved

d. West Dorset District Council Local Searches

The Clerk reported that land search data for September had not yet been published on the Dorset For You website.

9. REPORT FROM THE DAPTC CLERK'S SEMINAR 2017

The Clerk reported that she had attended the DAPTC Clerk's Seminar on 21 September at Kingston Maurward and that it was a well-attended and well-structured event. The Clerk stated that she had found it very useful to meet with other Clerks and discuss their work and priorities for their respective Councils. The Clerk stated that there was a presentation about the Local Council Award Scheme which provides a framework to support all local councils to improve and develop to meet their full potential. The scheme offers councils the opportunity to show that they meet the standards set by the sector, assessed by their peers, and to put in place the conditions for continued improvement. The Clerk stated that for the Parish Council it could provide a good health check, drive up standards and further develop confidence in the community that they are doing a good job. The Clerk stated that she was quite interested to explore this further and would like to report back in November if Members were in agreement.

The Clerk reported that there had also been a presentation from Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) which sent a very strong message that they would like to forge closer relations with local communities and would be very happy to be invited to come along to local events. The Clerk stated that DWP had just launched a new campaign, 'Slim Your Bin' which was about reducing waste. The Clerk reported that DWP can also provide stickers to put on waste bins stating that dog waste was permitted.

The Clerk reported that Dorset County Council Youth Services also provided a presentation and made the offer of free software 'Run A Club' for community groups and organisations. The Clerk stated that Dorset Highways also attended and that she had asked the presenter Mr. Martin Hill, Head of Network Operations, for a definitive list of the services Highways provided to the Grouped Parish area which they are now not providing and when they used to be provided. The Clerk stated that Mr. Hill had agreed to forward the information. The Clerk stated that she had been informed about the Lengthsman Service operated by Bridport

Town Council which costs £18.00 per hour. The Clerk stated that she had been informed that the new external auditor for the Grouped Parish Council had been appointed and that the Council should be informed by December 2017.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Hibbard reported that three Neighbourhood Plan Roadshows had been arranged for 4 November at Blackdown Village Hall, 11 November at Drimpton Village Hall and 19 November at Comrades Hall, from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. The purpose of the Roadshow would be to enable the community to view the draft Plan and feedback their comments. Councillor Hibbard stated that posters will be distributed throughout the Grouped Parish area and will be on the website and Facebook pages.

11. EMERGENCY PLAN

Councillor Bassett provided a brief background to the purpose of the Emergency Plan stating that in the case of an extreme emergency it can provide streamlined information on key contacts, vulnerable groups, available resources and a list of key locations and can help to build community resilience. Councillor Rowe stated that the Draft Plan was an amazing piece of work. Councillor Chubb stated that it is a working document and must be reviewed frequently to ensure that it is kept up to date. Councillor Leader stated that it was an excellent piece of work and a very practical document. Councillor Sewell stated that the Women's Institute should be engaged in the process. The Clerk read aloud an email from Councillor Tibballs and stated that comments on the Draft Plan could be relayed back via telephone or email. Councillor Rowe asked about the role of a Councillor if an emergency should occur, Councillor Chubb stated that he believed that Councillors should attend their respective village hall and help with co-ordination. Councillor Chubb asked where the Plan will be distributed, Councillor Hibbard stated that it will be widely available in hard copy and on the website.

12. ALLOTMENTS

There were no matters raised.

13. HIGHWAYS

a. Local Bus/Transport Update

Councillor Leader stated that the results of the questionnaire had been processed and reported that thirty-seven people had responded, the most popular destinations to travel to were Bridport and Yeovil, Wednesday and Saturdays were the most popular days of travel, most people wished to stay for two or three hours and all those who completed the questionnaire were prepared to pay. Councillor Leader stated that alternative transport options were being looked at.

b. Report from the Footpaths Officer

Councillor Rowe reported that there are seventy-one footpaths in the Grouped Parish area and that she has started the process of walking them and noting any concerns. Councillor Rowe stated that she has when necessary, carried out repairs to the signs and cleaned them. Councillor Rowe stated that she has also begun to speak informally to local people about

footpaths. Councillor Rowe stated that she had received an email from Jackie Riley who was concerned about the loss of a sign on the Hursey Road. Councillor Rowe stated that she had contacted Councillor Curtis about the matter. Councillor Rowe stated that a lady had asked for a smaller gate as the large ones were very heavy to manoeuvre. Councillor Leader stated that it may be worth contacting Dorset AONB and Councillor Chubb stated that there may be funds available for this. Councillor Rowe stated that she had received a very useful email from Councillor Frampton as she had wanted to gather the viewpoint from landowners of how people should behave when using footpaths. Councillor Rowe stated that she would draft some form of user-friendly notice to help educate footpath users. Councillor Rowe stated that her plan is to complete all seventy-one footpath walks, possibly with local walking groups, engage further with landowners and link with the Officer at Dorset County Council. Councillor Hedditch asked where responsibility rested with regard to the repair and maintenance of gates and stiles, Councillor Rowe stated that she did not know. Councillor Hardwill stated that there are many groups such as the Ramblers Association and Dorset AONB who play a role in this. Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Rowe for her report.

c. Winter Maintenance 2017/2018

The Clerk reported that grit bins will start to be filled from October and if there are any bins which have been put away, then they should be reinstalled. The Clerk stated that if bins are damaged, to contact her with details. The Clerk asked whether the Council wished to purchase additional bags of grit for the winter season. Councillor Hibbard stated that he did not think that the additional bags as purchased in the previous year had been used, Members concurred.

d. Dog Fouling and Bins

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Dog Warden with regard to dog fouling on Hursey Common, on the Burstock Road and outside of Broadwindsor School. The Dog Warden stated that as offenders had not been identified, there was no other advice that he could offer apart from education and the installation of bins which were already being considered by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Councillor Leader in relation to identifying appropriate sites for a bin to be installed and make contact with Dorset Waste Partnership.

e. Verge Management in the Grouped Parish Area

Councillor Rowe stated that she would like to move forward with this item and that she will as advised, contact the Coast and Countryside Team at Dorset County Council. Councillor Chubb stated that he would like to see verges cut back to ensure road safety and that a number of verges, suitably located could become more attractive wildlife verges. Councillor Hardwill stated that hedges are easy to plant, relocate and did not believe that they should be retained for wildlife. Councillor Rowe stated that the way in which hedges are cut is disgraceful. Councillor Rowe asked Members whether the Parish Council would like to explore the new ideas around verge management. Councillor Hibbard stated that wildlife verges can add colour and variety and improve the attractiveness of an area and that there might be appropriate sites. Councillor Chubb informed of the many hedge laying competitions which

are held locally and suggested that Councillor Rowe make contact. Councillor Sewell stated that Broadwindsor Church was a designated wildlife area.

14. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

a. Report from Broadwindsor Group Parish Community Land Trust

Councillor Leader reported that progress was being made and that the project was moving forward.

15. LEISURE

a. Update on the Multi-Use Games Area

Councillor Leader reported that other potential funding sources were being reviewed and applications had been submitted.

16. MATTERS OF INTEREST AND INFORMATION

a. Items for Next Agenda from Members of the Council

None.

b. Items for Next Agenda from Members of the Public

None.

17. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public stated that there was a problem of speeding vehicles on the Chard Road and that residents had previously been promised that this would be addressed. Councillor Hibbard stated that the Parish Council had purchased a Speed Indication Display (SID) and that this could be used for this location. Councillor Hibbard asked that this be on the agenda for the next Meeting. A member of the public stated that there was also a problem in Netherhay Lane, Councillor Hibbard stated that this area could also be monitored. A member of the public asked the Parish Council if they have any sanctions with regard to the state of repair of local social housing and referred to a property in Spearmead. Councillor Leader stated that the Parish Council could write to Magna Housing to raise the issue. A member of the public asked the Parish Council about gully emptying on the B3162 as there had been water running across the road. Councillor Chubb agreed to contact Simon Roberts to inform him of the problem. A member of the public stated that grass cuttings were being put on the bank and after rain, the drains were becoming blocked, Councillor Chubb stated that he would look into the matter and report back.

18. THE FMR TRUST

a. To receive the Finance Report

The Clerk referred Trustees to a spreadsheet highlighting income and expenditure for the first and second quarters of 2017/2018, which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of the 30 September 2017 was £5007.88. The Clerk reported that the share value had increased and now stood at £82,470.67.

b. To approve payment of £198.97 for Broadwindsor Group Parish Council (Trust administration)

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

c. To consider an application for £200.00 from Drimpton and Netherhay Youth Club

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

19. CLOSE

The Council Meeting was formally closed at 9.52 pm and the FMR Trust Meeting formally closed at 9.57 pm. Councillor Hibbard thanked everyone for attending.