



## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**9 OCTOBER 2023**

**BLACKDOWN VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Rowland Hibbard (Chairman), Cllr. Jacqui Sewell (Vice Chair), Cllr. Tim Bassett, Cllr. Rebecca Burt, Cllr. Steve Chubb, Cllr. Stephen Curtis, Cllr. Stuart Curtis, Cllr. Rick Dyke, Cllr. Bob Harris, Cllr. Fraser Hughes, Cllr. Stefan Nikolov, Cllr. Sonia Raymond, Cllr. Nathalie Roberts.

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

The Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and was opened by Councillor Hibbard. There were eight members of the public present. Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillors and members of the public. Councillor Hibbard welcomed Councillor Stephen Curtis to his first Parish Council meeting.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

The minutes from the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 September were confirmed as a true record, unanimously approved by the Council and duly signed by Councillor Hibbard.

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

None.

#### **5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Councillor Hibbard proposed that Agenda Item 8a, P/FUL/2023/04553 and P/LBC/2023/04554, Seaborough Manor Farm, Seaborough, DT8 3QY be discussed at this point in the meeting, there were no objections.

##### **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 it was good to have had a meeting with the Road Safety Officer, Councillor Hughes and Councillor Ray Bryan. Councillor Christopher stated that clearly a lot has happened politically since the last Parish Council meeting, there have been lots of discussions about speed limits with many councils keen to see the introduction of lower limits. Councillor Christopher stated that in his experience once limits have gone down, they tend not to come back up. Councillor Hibbard stated that during a recent trip to Wales, he had noticed that there were many objections voiced in the media to the introduction of the 20 mph limit but that most limits there reduce from 60 mph to 40 mph, to 20 mph, a fact that very much supports the Parish Council's desire to amend the current limits of 60 mph to 20 mph on the road from Beaminster to Broadwindsor. Councillor Christopher stated that many people in Wales have signed a petition objecting to the 20 mph zones and the economic impact it could have. Councillor Chubb stated that the Parish Council has been asking for a change to the speed limits for over ten years and asked what the next steps are. Councillor Christopher stated that Dorset Council is very understanding of the request for the change in speed limits and that it is not a sensible position to be in to have a 60 mph zone going directly into a 20 mph zone and suggested that the Parish Council may wish to respond to the comments and encourage them to act on them as soon as possible. Councillor Hughes stated that it was nice to see Dorset Council representatives in the Grouped Parish and that there has been promise of action but with no timescale, which is disappointing. Councillor Hughes read aloud the areas identified for resurfacing and stated that he would now like to see action now.

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

In his absence, the Clerk read aloud the report provided by PCSO Bishop which stated that fortunately there was nothing to report for interest and awareness and that he would be attending the coffee morning on Tuesday morning, as usual. The report stated that if there has been a change already to the outreach service then he will attend at the normal time anyway and sit in the car park.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES**

### **a. NALC, Direct Election to Larger and Smaller Councils' Committees**

The Clerk reported that this had been circulated and that the nomination deadline is 25 October and applications can be made online.

### **b. Dorset AONB, Invitation to Annual Forums 2023**

The Clerk reported that this had been circulated and that the event is to take place on 1 November in Bridport and can be booked online. Councillor Dyke confirmed that Sheila Hawkins would be attending.

## **7. 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 September was £51,723.05. There were no questions.

### **b. To note the External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2022/2023**

Councillor Hibbard stated that this had been posted on the required noticeboards and thanked the Clerk.

### **c. To approve payment of £86.76 for HMRC (NI)**

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

### **e. To approve payment of £378.00 for BDO LLP (External Audit Fee)**

### **f. To approve payment of £30.50 for Councillor Hughes (Petrol for Parish Council Mower)**

### **g. To approve payment of £130.58 for the Clerk (Expenses August – September 2023)**

### **h. To approve payment of £2047.49 for the Clerk (Salary Adjustment July – September 2023)**

### **i. To approve budget of £200.00 for Welcome Pack Project**

### **j. To note payment of £47.45 for Footeprints Limited (Welcome Pack Labels)**

### **k. Budget and Precept Planning 2023/2024**

Councillor Bassett proposed that items 7c to 7j be voted for en bloc, this was agreed.

**Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Sewell and agreed by a show of hands, the Council unanimously approved items 7c to 7j.**

### **k. Budget and Precept Planning 2023/2024**

The Clerk stated that the Council should be starting to consider the budget for the next financial year and the level of precept required. The Clerk stated that funds will need to be allocated for possible election costs next May and that the level of reserves was creeping and that consideration of projects for next year should be given. Councillor Hibbard stated that Councillors should give this some thought prior to the November meeting.

## **8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

#### **P/FUL/2023/03535, Lower Sandpit Farm, Hardys Lane, Drimpton, DT8 3RS**

Councillor Harris reported that he had carried out the consultation for this application and stated that comments had been submitted to Dorset Council as the deadline had now passed. Councillor Harris stated that a site visit was made and that the proposals are in keeping with the size of the dwelling and therefore does not present an over development. Councillor Harris stated that no nearby properties are affected and that it would not be visible from neighbouring properties and not be obtrusive. Councillor Harris stated that the effect upon the significance of the listed building will be small since the proposed extensions and alterations are respectful of the architectural hierarchy of the building. Councillor Harris stated that in the case of the ancillary accommodation, it enhances the appearance of the façade in replacing the existing more modern barn and makes little impact upon the appearance of the house which is some 16.5m away. There are also enhancements to the property to improve energy efficiency, and better spaces for the large household and the requirement for working and living areas. Councillor Harris stated that he believed that Broadwindsor Group Parish Council should fully support this application. Councillor Sewell stated that she supported this application and stated that listed buildings should be allowed to evolve especially in relation to energy efficiency.

#### **P/FUL/2023/04553, Seaborough Manor Farm, Seaborough, DT8 3QY**

#### **P/LBC/2023/04554, Seaborough Manor Farm, Seaborough, DT8 3QY**

Councillor Hibbard invited a member of the public to address the Council. The member of the public stated that he resides at the Old Rectory, a Grade II listed site dating back to 1784 which borders Seaborough Manor. The member of the public stated that he is not against the proposed development, as he believes that something needs to be done on that site with the redundant farm buildings, but that he does have a number of concerns which he would like to share with the Parish Council. The member of the public stated that the application includes a proposal to build an access road from the main house along the back of his property and out towards the road to Drimpton and that the perception locally was that this would be for construction traffic. However, after speaking with the applicants he has been informed that the road is not for construction traffic but to provide an additional access for a member of the family. The member of the public stated that he already has roads on two sides of his property and this proposal is approved, it would mean that he would have three. The member of the public stated that there are already a number of access routes from the Manor and this new route would be a small gain for what would be a significant change for them, and he would ask Dorset Council to consider not approving this. The member of the public stated that the application form itself contains an anomaly by stating that the proposal would make the village quieter as horses would not be going through it, however, the member of the public stated that all equine traffic ceased at the end of 2020. The member of the public stated that another concern shared by himself, and other members of the community was that the site may at some point in the future change to commercial use rather than residential and

become holiday units. The member of the public stated that although the applicants had stated that this was not their intention, Dorset Council could include a condition to any planning approval. The member of the public stated that there are also a number of other concerns including the application's impact on Dark Skies, whether the identified trees need to be felled rather than trimmed. The member of the public stated that it is the impact on the landscape of the valley which needs protecting. Councillor Hibbard thanked the member of the public for his comments.

Another member of the public addressed the Council and stated that he was representing the applicants. The member of the public stated that this application had been subject to discussions with Dorset Council over the last two to three years and that the scheme has been modified over time according to their input and a presentation was also made to the Parish Council. The member of the public stated that a Heritage Impact Assessment had been submitted to Dorset Council's Conservation Officer and in general terms is accepting of it. The member of the public stated that the proposals are in keeping with national and local policies including the Broadwindsor Group Parish Neighbourhood Plan and that a residential scheme rather than commercial was deemed most suitable for the site. The member of the public stated that the proposal is for five residential units and that there is no intention in providing holiday accommodation on the site. The member of the public stated that the applicants are willing to accept the imposition of conditions including restricted use of the access driveway to serve the Manor itself and no other property, additional planting along that driveway and the formation of a construction management plan. The member of the public stated that the applicants are willing to discuss the proposal with residents if necessary and asked that the Parish Council support this application.

Councillor Chubb stated that he supports the application and that it should go ahead. Councillor Hibbard asked what the impact would be if the access road was not implemented. The member of the public stated that as it stands now, this does form part of the application, it is the intention to provide the access road and that the applicant would have to consider the Parish Council recommendation and stated that he could not say whether the application would be amended. Another member of the public, the applicant, stated that if the access road was removed from the application, then the whole plan would have to be reviewed and changed. The member of the public representing the applicant stated that a flood risk assessment had been submitted and that no concerns have been raised. The member of the public stated that he had noted that the Old Rectory was some distance from the site of the access drive and that there is existing planting there which could be retained and consolidated. Councillor Sewell stated that consideration to when work will be carried out should be given out of courtesy to residents, the member of the public stated that of course this has to be reasonable and that there is a standard protocol. Councillor Sewell thanked the member of the public for this consideration. Councillor Hibbard stated that following concerns raised by residents during the consultation, the Parish Council had spoken to Dorset Council regarding the possible inclusion of a S106 to prevent a change to the number of units

and from residential to commercial use. Councillor Hibbard asked the member of the public if they were intending in submitting their concerns online to Dorset Council, they confirmed that they were going to.

**P/TRC/2023/05457, Telephone Exchange, The Old Bakery, Broadwindsor, DT8 3RU**

Councillor Sewell reported that the proposals are necessary and sensible and that she can see no reason for any objections to be made.

**P/FUL/2023/05316, Holly Cottage, Access Road to Hillside Farm, Seaborough, DT8 3QY**

The Clerk reported that Councillor Raymond and Councillor Stephen Curtis had attended a site visit. Councillor Raymond reported that the application was for a change of use of the garage to horticulture for the use of mushroom production. Councillor Raymond stated that they had spoken with neighbours and a comment had been made about the generator running constantly, but stated that it wasn't running during their site visit. Councillor Raymond stated that two other neighbours had commented that they supported the business and had no concerns. Councillor Raymond stated that she could not see any reason to object to the application.

**The Old George, The Square, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QD (Application for a Premises Licence)**

The Clerk stated that notification had been received from Dorset Council regarding this licence application. Councillor Dyke stated that the pub did not have any objections.

**b. Other Applications**

The Clerk reported that another application had been received after the publication of the agenda as follows and that Councillor Hibbard would be carrying out the consultation. The application was seeking permission to erect a replacement dwelling.

P/FUL/2023/04548, Chaffleigh Farm Bungalow, Cuckoo Lane, Winsham, Chard, TA20 4NX

**c. Results**

The Clerk reported the following results:

P/TRC/2023/04519, Little Hayes, High Street, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QP: (Tree Works) No Objection

P/PABA2/2023/05207, Knapp Farm, Specket Lane, Broadwindsor, DT8 3LD: Prior Approval Granted

P/LBC/2023/04169, Coronation House, Main Street Through Hursey, DT8 3LN: Granted

P/CLE/2023/04027, Carmoor Farm, Hollis Hill, Broadwindsor, DT8 3QS: (Lawful Development Certificate) Granted

P/FUL/2023/02425, The Magdalen Project, Magdalen Farm, Maudlin Lane, Winsham, TA20 4PA: Withdrawn

P/FUL/2023/03774, North Dibberford Farm, Beaminster, DT8 3HD: Granted

P/FUL/2023/00747, Bridge Farm, Chard Road, Drimpton, DT8 3RF: Withdrawn

Councillor Hibbard thanked Councillor Chubb for his efforts and support to residents in relation to planning application P/FUL/2023/02425, The Magdalen Project, Magdalen Farm, Maudlin Lane, Winsham, TA20 4PA.

#### **d. Neighbourhood Plan Update**

The Clerk stated that she had started to draft the letter to Chris Loder MP to highlight the important and legal role of the Neighbourhood Plan in the planning process. The Clerk stated that she had attended an event for Clerks during the previous week and during a conversation with a Clerk from Piddle Valley, had been surprised to hear that Councillor David Walsh, Portfolio Holder for Planning at Dorset Council, had recently attended her Parish Council meeting and informed Councillors that their Neighbourhood Plan which was adopted in 2018 was worth less, not worthless, as it had not been renewed within two years of its legal adoption date. The Clerk stated that also in attendance at the meeting was Ed Gerry – Community Planning Manager at Dorset Council who provided further clarification to her when asked. The Clerk stated that she had been informed that within the National Planning Policy Framework where a planning application conflicts with an up-to-date Neighbourhood Plan permission should not usually be granted. In Local Planning Authority areas that cannot demonstrate a five year land supply, the housing supply policies of a plan are deemed as ‘out of date’ and therefore could be open to challenge. Paragraph 14 gives protection to Neighbourhood Plans in the following circumstances: Where a Neighbourhood Plan has been part of the development plan for two years or less; it contains policies and allocations to meet its identified housing requirements; the local planning authority has at least a three year supply of deliverable housing sites; and the local planning authority has delivered at least 45% of their housing requirement over the previous three years. The Clerk stated that Ed Gerry had said that although you are not required to update your Plan after two years, many parishes may consider this as an option, and some are considering a light touch review. The new Levelling Up Bill is recommending increasing this two year protection to five years. Grants are available for the review process which must include consultation but not a referendum.

Councillor Hibbard asked Councillor Christopher if he had any comments to make and whether he had heard of the two year review matter. Councillor Christopher stated that any specific questions should be emailed to him to then be forwarded to the relevant officer but stated that all plans are subject to a review and stated that we do live in changing times and that since the time that the Broadwindsor Group Parish Neighbourhood Plan had been produced, working lives have changed, most notably with more people working from home. Councillor Sewell stated that she had always believed that it was five years for a review, and that they were looking to start next year. Councillor Chubb stated that there have been two issues in the Parish when the Neighbourhood Plan has not been adhered to and that he had been told by Dorset Council that the Neighbourhood Plan was only advisory. Councillor Chubb stated that he felt that the Neighbourhood Plan was a waste of time, although there had been some good things that came from it as it wasn't all about planning. Councillor Hibbard asked that this be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**e. Listed Buildings and Solar Panels**

The Clerk stated that the resident who had raised the matter for the agenda was not in attendance at the meeting. Councillor Sewell stated that she would carry out some research and report back.

**9. CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY**

**a. Working Group Update**

Councillor Dyke stated that he had received an update from Sheila Hawkins who had attended the Big Green Day in Beaminster on 30 September and stated that the Broadwindsor Group Parish sustainability projects were on display and had attracted interest and questions. Councillor Dyke thanked Councillor Chubb for his assistance on the day. Councillor Dyke stated that the Broadwindsor Allotment Group were also in attendance and donated produce with leftovers being given to the Community Larder project.

**10. ALLOTMENTS**

Councillor Nikolov stated that all plots are taken and that there had been some additional interest. Councillor Nikolov stated that he wished to thank Councillor Frampton for cutting the hedge.

**11. MUGA UPDATE**

The Clerk stated that Councillor Frampton was still carrying out research on automated locking mechanisms and would report back.

**12. COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE GROUPED PARISH AREA**

Councillor Dyke stated that there were no further updates.

**13. HIGHWAYS**

**a. Feedback from Visit from Dorset Council Highways**

Councillor Hibbard reported that this had been discussed earlier in the meeting under Agenda Item 5a. The Clerk was asked to contact Dorset Council and ask if the Parish Council could have access to the speed data survey.

**b. Update on Issues Reported to Dorset Council Highways**

The Clerk provided an update of the matters reported to Dorset Council since the last meeting. The Clerk stated that an enforcement letter had been sent regarding the overgrown hedge at Cockpitt Hill, and the concern raised about the hedge at Orchard Mead/Bridport Road was currently under investigation. The Clerk stated that the Community Highways Officer had confirmed that the bags of debris will be collected from the pub. Councillor Hibbard stated that he had been asked by Peter Hardwill to remind the Council and ask that farmers cut road hedges back as tight as possible, stating that the Council do a good job at ground level but above that the hedges have grown a great deal and it is narrowing the roads and causing terrible problems for lorry mirrors.



The Clerk stated that she had contacted Dorset Council about signage following the matter raised by a resident at the last meeting regarding Laymore. The Clerk stated that she had been informed by the Community Highways Office that Dorset Council as the Highway Authority does not sign places and that there is no requirement for them to do this under the 1980 Highways Act. The Clerk stated that she had contacted Dorset Council about two matters raised by Councillor Harris regarding footpath safety in Drimpton and the reinstallation of the Not Suitable for Heavy Goods Vehicle sign. The Clerk read aloud the replies as follows:

*The site was visited on 3 October, the road safety team have no safety concerns. It looks as if the hedge as you exit the track opposite the village hall has recently been cut back which improves visibility. The crossing is situated within a current 30 mph zone and there is adequate visibility in both directions for those wanting to cross the road. The road safety team have requested that a new 'Not suitable for heavy goods vehicle' sign is placed up, the sign shop are currently working through a significant backlog and therefore I do not have a timescale for this to be completed. There is also potential that the previous site for this sign is no longer appropriate due to vegetation, if I receive any updates from the sign shop, I will let you know.*

Councillor Chubb stated that the problem is that a child may run across the road and that he was sure that this will happen. Councillor Raymond stated that the heavy rains have left a serious amount of silt outside of the school gate and needs clearing. The Clerk stated that she would report this online to Dorset Council.

#### **c. Storage and Maintenance of Parish Council Mower**

Councillor Hughes stated that he is currently storing the mower and will arrange for it be serviced at the end of the month or in early November and asked the Clerk to forward details of where it was purchased from. Councillor Nikolov stated that he had spoken with Small Engine Service and they had provided an estimate of £350.00 which seemed high as it included a fee for collecting and returning the mower. Councillor Nikolov stated that if there was someone with a trailer who could do this, then the price would be reduced accordingly. Councillor Hibbard stated that there are funds within the budget and that it would be easier for them to collect and return. Councillor Hughes stated that it would be useful if a work party could be arranged to cut back overhanging shrubs and brambles in the sports field in November.

#### **d. Fingerpost Restoration Programme**

Councillor Hibbard welcomed Tim Beer to the meeting and stated that he was prepared to take on the task of restoring the fingerpost signs across the Grouped Parish area and thanked him accordingly. Councillor Hibbard asked Tim if he was happy to liaise with Chris Edgerley with regard to materials, Tim Beer confirmed that he was. Tim Beer stated that he had brought with him an example of a poorly restored fingerpost and stated that he very much enjoyed restoring them to how they should be historically. Tim Beer stated that he was also interested in the restoration of milestones, many of which are Grade II listed and stated that unfortunately many are damaged each year by flails. Tim Beer stated that if they can be found

and restored and the area around it neatly cut then blue posts could be used either side to alert people to the fact that they were there and therefore can be protected. Councillor Sewell suggested that they could be included in any update of the Neighbourhood Plan as they are part of our heritage. Councillor Chubb stated that there is one in West Street in Broadwindsor which had been restored. Councillor Hibbard stated that there was a budget for the restoration programme and Tim Beer stated that he would first produce a report of what work needs doing to each post. The Clerk was asked to forward images of the posts which had been collated previously to Tim Beer. Councillor Hibbard thanked Tim Beer.

**e. Broadwindsor Tree Concerns Update**

The Clerk reported that she had been unable to contact the Tree Officer but would continue to try and do so and report back.

**f. Drimpton CCTV**

Councillor Bassett reported that Drimpton Village Hall Committee had decided not to continue with this proposal and stated that there was a lot of paperwork to go through and that it would be very difficult to police. Given this, it was deemed to be an unviable proposition at this time.

**g. Speed Indicator Device Update**

Councillor Hibbard stated that a ball bearing had been shot at the speed indicator device (SID) in Drimpton which had caused damage to the screen and that Dorset Council had carried out a repair. Councillor Bassett asked if the SIDs were insured, Councillor Hibbard stated that they were but the excess on the premium may make a claim pointless. The Clerk stated that she would find out. The Clerk stated that the SID Team from Dorset Council had found that the settings were incorrect on the device and had offered some further training to the volunteers. The Clerk stated that more volunteers are needed as there are currently only two.

**h. Dog Fouling Update**

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting she had spoken with the Dog Warden who had kindly offered to carry out extra patrols, put up signage and had asked for information on known areas for dog fouling. Councillor Raymond stated that the area from the Community Shop to Yarn Barton had actually improved.

**14. EVENTS**

**a. Fireworks Display**

The Clerk stated that the event will take place on 3 November and that Councillor Frampton had highlighted parking and the weather as the biggest issues. The Clerk stated that there are two reserve days should there be bad weather and that profits will be shared between Comrades Hall and the Cricket Club.

**b. Armistice Day Memorial Event**

The Clerk reported that she had circulated a note from Councillor Frampton which proposed that a memorial event be held on Sunday 12 November at the new war memorial in Broadwindsor and that the Beaminster branch of the Royal British Legion had offered to

attend. The Clerk stated that she had received an email from a Drimpton resident asking whether there was going to be a memorial event in Drimpton. The Clerk stated that she had informed the resident that this item was on the agenda for tonight's meeting and would report back to him thereafter. Councillor Harris stated that it may be helpful to check with local churches to see if they are holding a service to prevent the clashing of events.

Councillor Hughes stated that he had approached the Broadwindsor Fun Group to ask if they had any objection to the removal of the artificial grass and the installation of a paving stone and stated that they did not. Councillor Hughes stated that the verges are a disgrace and need trimming and stated that he was happy to do this but did not have access to a strimmer. Councillor Chubb asked if it would be worth the Parish Council considering purchasing a strimmer. Councillor Bassett stated that he has a heavy duty strimmer and safety equipment and harness which could be made available to the Parish Council as it is too heavy for him to use in his garden. Councillor Hughes stated that ear defenders are required, the Clerk stated that she would purchase these and stated that anyone using machinery on behalf of the Parish Council should have training. Councillor Nikolov stated that the Parish Council did adopt that area and should look after it but once again, it is dependent upon volunteers. Councillor Nikolov suggested that a contractor be engaged to cut this area and stated that he would obtain three quotations.

#### **15. POST OFFICE OUTREACH SERVICE, COMRADES HALL**

Councillor Hughes stated that there seems to be a new proposal although not with any timescales offered which is now twice a week on a Monday over the lunch time period as reported previously and on a Thursday for an hour and a half from 9.15 am. Councillor Hughes stated that this would allow the Coffee Club to continue and a member of the public stated that she had been informed that a month's notice would be provided. Councillor Sewell stated that she had been contacted by Post Office Counters in September 2021 as they were looking to restart an outreach service in Marshwood and that Chris Loder MP had mentioned the Bottle Inn. Councillor Sewell stated that at that time it was derelict but that she contacted them in January 2023 as work was progressing at the Bottle Inn and it was then that she had been told that an alternative service may have to be used.

#### **16. DEFIBRILLATOR FOR SEABOROUGH**

##### **a. New Defibrillator for Seaborough**

The Clerk stated that Councillor White was applying to the British Heart Foundation for grant funding and would report back at the next meeting.

##### **b. Relocation of Blackdown Defibrillator**

The Clerk stated that a request for the defibrillator to be relocated to Blackdown Village Hall was being tabled at their next meeting on 15 November and that she would report back thereafter.

## **17. AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

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

Councillor Hibbard stated that there had been a slight problem with water leaking in one of the properties but stated that Abri was now taking action. Councillor Hibbard stated that a coffee morning was being held on Saturday 14 October and that all new residents had been invited and would be given Welcome Packs. Councillor Chubb stated that the art work by Jenny Beck would be going on tour across the Grouped Parish but that a permanent site was being sought.

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

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

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the celebration event for Dave Chumbley on 22 October and stated that Councillors had been invited.

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

None.

## **19. 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. There were no comments made.

## **20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was agreed for Monday 13 November 2023 at Blackdown Village Hall. Councillor Sewell gave her apologies.

## **21. FMR TRUST**

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

Councillor Hibbard referred Trustees to a spreadsheet highlighting income and expenditure which had previously been circulated. The current balance as of the 30 September was £3,126.62. There were no questions.

### **b. To approve payment of £335.25 for Broadwindsor Group Parish Council (Trust Administration)**

### **c. To consider grant payment of £200.00 for Broadwindsor Rangers (Visit to Houses of Parliament)**

**Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Sewell and agreed by a show of hands, Trustees unanimously approved items 21b and 21c.**

The Clerk reported that an application had been received from Broadwindsor School PTA seeking a grant of £2500 to replace swings. Councillor Chubb stated that he supported the project, but he felt that the amount being asked for was too high as the Trust encourages applicants to fundraise from different sources. Councillor Sewell suggested funding half of the costs and Councillor Hughes suggested £750.00, representing a quarter of the total project

cost. Councillor Bassett supported a grant of £750.00. Councillor Hibbard stated that they could always reapply again.

**Resolved: Proposed by Councillor Bassett, seconded by Councillor Sewell and agreed by a show of hands, Trustees unanimously approved a grant of £750.00 for Broadwindsor School PTA.**

## **22. CLOSE**

The meeting of the Parish Council was formally closed at 9.08 pm and the meeting of the FMR Trust was formally closed at 9.15 pm. Councillor Hibbard thanked everyone for attending and for their participation.