

Minutes of the Meeting of Knowlton Parish Council
16th October 2024 at 7pm
Horton & Chalbury Hall

Item	
707	<p>Attendance</p> <p>Cllr Morgan Antell Cllr Trevor Brown Cllr Steve Butler (Chairman) Cllr Colin Davidson Cllr Anthony (Sam) Keet Cllr Paul Millett (Vice Chairman) Cllr Kevin Minns Cllr Ian Potentier Cllr Linda Stocks</p> <p>Miss Sarah Forwood (Clerk) 1 Member of the Public Present</p>
708	<p>Welcome from the Chairman including housekeeping notices</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>
709	<p>To receive and accept apologies for absence</p> <p>Cllr Caroline Barnes Cllr Will Chakawhata – Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward (Horton & Chalbury) Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne & Alderholt Ward (Woodlands & Wimborne St Giles)</p>
710	<p>Declarations of Interest & Grants for Dispensation</p> <p>None.</p>
711	<p>Confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 4th September 2024</p> <p>It was resolved unanimously that the minutes, having been circulated to members prior to the meeting, are confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
712	<p>Minutes of the Knowlton Parish Community Benefit Fund held 3rd October 2024</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting having been circulated to members prior to the meeting were accepted.</p>
713	<p>Outstanding Actions</p> <p>Please see Annex A of these minutes.</p> <p><i>Clerk to obtain an external quote for road signs for Woodlands and Horton Heath (Clump Hill).</i></p>

	<i>Clerk to liaise with Cllr Morgan Antell in relation to the rubbish being dumped at Woodlands.</i>
714	Chairman's Announcements None.
715	Clerk's Report Please see Annex B of these minutes.
716	Dorset Councillors Reports <u>Cllr David Tooke – Dorset Councillor Cranborne & Alderholt Ward (Woodlands & Wimborne St Giles)</u> Please see Annex C of these minutes.
717	Dorset Councillors Reports <u>Cllr Will Chakawhata – Dorset Councillor Stour & Allen Vale Ward (Horton & Chalbury)</u> Please see Annex D of these minutes.
718	Public Open Session There was one member of the public present who raised the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The height clearance of the trees that have been cut back at Haythorne is not sufficient for high sided vehicles. <i>Clerk to report the trees at Haythorne Common where the height clearance is not sufficient for high sided vehicles.</i> • The fridges that have been fly tipped by the drove have been reported. • The war memorial site at Woodlands Church requires rejuvenating. • We Out Here Festival and noise nuisance late on Friday & Saturday and until 12pm on Sunday. There was a noise recording site conveying the decibel level back to the site and this information has not been offered freely. Cllr Kevin Minns suggested speaking to the Festival organisers directly.
719	Planning Applications & Matters P/PABA/2024/05220 Sutton Farm B3081 Sutton Hill Camp Site To Remedy Gate Sutton, BH21 8NQ. Proposal: Erect barn for storage of machinery, agricultural and other related vehicles Location: For information only. P/FUL/2024/04380 Longview Farm, Chalbury Hill To Chalbury Lane, Horton, Wimborne, BH21 7HJ Proposal: Demolition of a barn and the erection of a dwelling (self-build project) Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.

	<p>P/HOU/2024/05649 Little Haythorne, Horton Road Church Hill Woodlands To Horton Lane, Woodlands, BH21 7JG Proposal: Retain Garage. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p> <p>P/FUL/2024/03787 The Old Pit, Kings Lane, Woodlands, Wimborne, BH21 8LZ. Proposal: Retention of converted redundant agricultural building into two single storey 2no bedroom dwellings. Members resolved unanimously to respond with NO OBJECTION to the proposal.</p>
720	<p>Highways Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cllrs Caroline Barnes and Kevin Minns to liaise with Wimborne St Giles Headteacher to discuss the SLOWS outside of the School.</i> • The recent accident and several past accidents along the B3081 have been raised by a concerned resident. <i>Clerk to contact the highways agency to renew the SLOWS on the B3081.</i>
721	<p>Rights of Way/Open Spaces</p> <p>None.</p>
722	<p>Burgess Field Play Area, Woodlands – Inspections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly visual play inspections completed by Cllrs Morgan Antell and Linda Stocks. • The annual and quarterly reports have been received.
723	<p>Tree Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional TPO at Land to rear of School House/access to Copse Corner, Burts Lane, Mannington, Wimborne, BH21 7JX. For Information Only.
724	<p>Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Cllr Steve Butler recommended that Cllr Caroline Barnes could answer the questions that have been sent through from the Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Plan Examiner for Knowlton Parish Council.</p>
725	<p>Review the Complaints Procedure</p> <p>Members reviewed and agreed the Complaints Procedure. <i>Clerk to upload the new procedure onto the KPC website.</i></p>
726	<p>DAPTC AGM on 23rd November 2024</p> <p>Members agreed to support the DAPTC transitioning to a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). Cllr Steve Butler will cast Knowlton Parish Councils vote at the DAPTC AGM on 23rd November.</p>

727	Memorial Plaque in Woodlands Church Cllr Morgan Antell to liaise with the Woodlands Church warden and obtain a quote for the renewal of the memorial plaque.																																												
728	Inspection of Horton Pump and Woodlands Green. Cllr Linda Stocks will inspect Woodlands Green and report any matters next meeting. Cllr Paul Millett will inspect Horton Pump and report any matters next meeting.																																												
729	Wimborne St Giles Churchyard Maintenance Members resolved unanimously to support the maintenance of Wimborne St Giles Churchyard with a grant of £350.00.																																												
730	To review the new NALC Financial Regulations The Clerk has reviewed the NALC Financial Regulations and made the amendments where necessary. Cllrs Steve Butler and Kevin Minns will review the NALC Financial Regulations with a view to them being adopted at the November Knowlton Parish Council meeting.																																												
731	Consider items on the Vale of Allen Potential Neighbourhood Plan Boundary Members unanimously agreed and had no objection to the Vale of Allen potential Neighbourhood Plan and its boundaries.																																												
732	Financial Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none">Members reviewed the half year spend against budgetClerks Pay Review was deferred to the November meeting once the pay scales have been set.Members resolved unanimously to pay items below including Clerk’s Salary: <table><tr><td>ONLINE</td><td>DORSET COUNCIL</td><td>Replace SID and new cover for SID</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>£372.00</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE</td><td>PLAY INSPECTION CO.</td><td>Burgess Play Field Annual Inspection</td><td>£108.30</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE</td><td>COMMUNITY HEARTBEAT</td><td>Horton & Chalbury Annual Inspection</td><td>£151.20</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE</td><td>BDO LLP</td><td>Review for Year ended Mar 24</td><td>£252.00</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE</td><td>TERRY BANYARD</td><td>Haythorne Common Shrub Removal</td><td>£240.00</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE</td><td>VISION ICT</td><td>Website and Email Hosting</td><td>£234.00</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE</td><td>ELITE PLAYGROUND INSP</td><td>Burgess Playfield Quarterly Insp</td><td>£57.60</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE</td><td>SOVERIEGN DESIGN PLAY</td><td>Dee Shackle for Basket Swing</td><td>£13.10</td></tr><tr><td>ONLINE</td><td>DORSET PLANNING CONSULTANT</td><td>WSG Neighbourhood Plan</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>£276.48</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	ONLINE	DORSET COUNCIL	Replace SID and new cover for SID			£372.00			ONLINE	PLAY INSPECTION CO.	Burgess Play Field Annual Inspection	£108.30	ONLINE	COMMUNITY HEARTBEAT	Horton & Chalbury Annual Inspection	£151.20	ONLINE	BDO LLP	Review for Year ended Mar 24	£252.00	ONLINE	TERRY BANYARD	Haythorne Common Shrub Removal	£240.00	ONLINE	VISION ICT	Website and Email Hosting	£234.00	ONLINE	ELITE PLAYGROUND INSP	Burgess Playfield Quarterly Insp	£57.60	ONLINE	SOVERIEGN DESIGN PLAY	Dee Shackle for Basket Swing	£13.10	ONLINE	DORSET PLANNING CONSULTANT	WSG Neighbourhood Plan			£276.48		
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733	Other Information for report only Cllr Trevor Brown noted the quality of the road surface throughout Haythorne and the section of the road past Remedy Golf Course has not been resurfaced. Clerk to contact Mark Adams and CC Cllr David Tooke to ask if the road past Remedy Oak is going to be resurfaced and is there a plan to																																												

	<p><i>complete the road out of Woodlands and Horton.</i></p> <p><i>Clerk to add to the November agenda the policy the council are employing a dusting to the road surface rather than addressing the road.</i></p>
706	Next Meeting will be on Wednesday <u>13th November 2024</u> at 7pm in Horton & Chalbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 20:22 hours

These minutes are to be signed by the Chairman after approval at the next meeting of the Parish Council

Signed;..........**16th October 2024**

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Action No	Date	Action	Assigned To	Status
01/20	Nov 2020	E59/7 Woodlands off Jubilee Hill behind houses is waterlogged all year round.	Clerk	<p>July 21: Ranger has visited with MA and will consider a stone surface to improve this path.</p> <p>Dec 21: Ranger has agreed to this work and the Landowner is on board with helping, ground conditions might mean this has to wait.</p> <p>May 23: MA continues to discuss with DC Ranger.</p> <p>Nov 23: Leave on the action list until next summer.</p> <p>Feb 24: The DC Ranger has a pallet of Geogrid that he is going to put down. This is a rigid plastic grid that can be topped with stone. Water springing out of the field here ends up on the sunken footpath but then is reabsorbed after about 20 metres or so. The DC Ranger intends to support the geogrid on some large supports or perforated pie so that water can continue to do what it currently does (diverting or trying to “plug” it will only move the problem further down the path or into neighbouring land). The grid will give a firm surface above it that can be topped with path gravel – effectively suspended over the water flow below. DC do not tend to install boardwalks these days as they become a maintenance liability as timber rots. The DC Ranger would be looking to undertake this work when it is dry enough to get a vehicle in the adjacent field (to transport stone).</p> <p>June 24: Clerk to contact the DC Ranger to ask when the geogrid will be put down.</p> <p>July 24: DC is waiting to hear back regarding some potential external funding. A DC contractor had a look at the path and once a quote is received DC may be able to use some of this funding. Alternatively, the DC ranger will use rubble and stone to see if this helps with the water logging.</p> <p>Oct 24: Email sent to DC Ranger asking for an update.</p>
02/20	July 2020	Water rising in Woodlands opposite 'Four Oaks.	Clerk	<p>Aug 22: DC plan to install a new gully and pipe to watercourse with adjacent landowners' permission, subject to priority and funding. Nov 23: Clerk to follow up, ask who is responsible and raise an incident number.</p> <p>Feb/Apr 24: Clerk to arrange for the water to be tested along with the water leak opposite Meadow Cottage.</p> <p>June 24: A water sample has been taken and passed to Microtech Services for testing.</p> <p>July 24: The Clerk has contacted Bournemouth Water asking for the water</p>

				leak to be looked at due to the presence of chlorine in the results from the water sample that was tested.
01/22	Feb 2022	Clerk to report extremely poor surface on Horton Road at Haythorne end, edges of road breaking up further along and at Woodlands Crossroads. 1187924	Clerk	<p>Mar 22: DC has marked up areas for repair. TB has contacted DC. TB very disappointed that Grange at Furzehill has been prioritised for resurfacing over this area as has Kings Lane and will write to Cllr David Tooke on this. Clerk will report again so that it will be inspected again 1214291.</p> <p>June 23 – inspected and repaired in places.</p> <p>Nov 23: Clerk to follow up.</p> <p>Jan 24: Cllr David Tooke emailed DC and received the following response: there is a proposed scheme to resurface this road using a carriageway insitu-recycling system. Currently the contractor for these works has not been appointed and we cannot currently give an exact date of the works but our Asset Team are working on a commencement date of May/June 2024, but this may be subject to changes eg. weather/or other eventualities.</p> <p>Apr 24: Works should be taking place in May/June depending on budget.</p>
02/22	Feb 2022	Water leak opposite Meadow Cottage, Horton Road, Woodlands. Cllr Trevor Brown has reported to Water Co.	Clerk	<p>Apr 22: not yet resolved.</p> <p>May 23: Clerk reported again to SW Water ref 0012685401.</p> <p>Jan 24: This is a fixer that did not work and has broken again.</p> <p>Jan 24: Clerk to contact the water board. June 24: A water sample has been taken and passed to Microtech Services for testing.</p> <p>July 24: The results from the water test showed no sign of treated water.</p> <p>Oct 24: Clerk spoke to South West Water operations team. They attended in December 23 and were supposed to return but never did. SW Water are sending a team out again case no. 0013525817 for further investigations.</p>
01/23	April 2023	1217124 Reported Water is draining from the field from the property Little Haythorne via a gully in the verge onto the highway - we would like to suggest the gully is filled and water is diverted along the line of an old ditch to a manhole cover. DC will inspect and report.	Clerk	

02/23	Sept 2023	Clerk to chase up Dorset Council to install SLOW markings at Wimborne St Giles First School.	Clerk	It was agreed by the Cllrs to wait until after the speed survey to be completed before deciding on whether the SLOWS will go ahead.
03/23	Oct 2023	Clerk to ask Dorset Highways to move the Woodlands Salt Bin that is near the phone box to a suitable site on the opposite side of the road to the east down the hill.	Clerk	Oct 23: DC agreed to move the salt bin before it was filled up.
04/23	Nov 2023	Pond is overflowing at Little Haythorne and going onto the road. Clerk to raise a report with Dorset Council.	Clerk	The Clerk spoke DC highways, at the time of speaking the pond was not overflowing.
05/23	Dec 2023	Cllr Ian Potentier to contact Cllr Robin Cook in relation to applying for a grant from the Community and Culture Fund Project for the footpaths that lead onto the C2.	Cllr Ian Potentier	May 24: An email has been sent to DC requesting availability for a site meeting to take place. An email has been received from DC requesting further information in relation to the site visit. July 24: Cllr Ian Potentier has been liaising via the Clerk with DC safer highways team to look at having a footpath alongside the C2. Sept 24: An email was sent to DC inquiring about the timescale for the additional signs along the C2. Oct 24: Clerk resent the email asking for an update.
06/23	Dec 2023	Cllr Sam Keet to take forward the grant from the Community and Culture Fund Project for the bridleway project at Queens Copse.	Cllr Sam Keet	July 24: Cllr Sam Keet and the Clerk have met with James Rose contractors and Cutler Bros to obtain quotes for the works on the bridleway at Queens Copse. Oct 24: Quotes have been received from both James Rose and Cutler Bros.
01/24	Jan 2024	Clerk to email the DC highways team noting due to the reoccurring accidents at Sutton Holms DC highways to consider changing the road priority for the B3081.	Clerk	Email has been sent to DC Highways team on 11 Jan and 5 Feb 24. No response has been received. March 24: Phoned DC highways and left message, no response has been received. April 24: An email response was received from DC Highways Team via Cllr Tooke; changing road priorities is very unlikely to occur at this location as it would increase traffic speeds and likely increase collisions and at the most would be slows (although there are already a number there). Collision wise

				there is only one collision shown in the last five years although this was a serious one, with speed/debris and inexperience put down as the likely reason for the collision by Dorset Police.
02/24	Jan 2024	Clerk to obtain a quote for a new Woodlands sign for Kings Lane.	Clerk	<p>July 24: The Clerk has been in contact with DC and waiting for a response.</p> <p>Sept 24: Another email has been sent to DC asking for an update on when the sign will be put in place.</p> <p>Sept 24: An email was received by DC. DC have a lot of safety critical signing to complete at the moment. DC will get to site as soon as possible and come back a quote.</p>
03/24	Feb 2024	Clerk to request, from the Community Highways Officer at Dorset Council the accident history for Horton Road over the last five years.	Clerk	<p>Sept 24: Email sent to DC highways department.</p> <p>Oct 24: An email has been received with a link which shows all collision history.</p>
04/24	Feb 2024	Clerk to contact DC about the progress of the longer layby by Knowlton Church.	Clerk	Mar 24: Clerk spoke to Cranborne National Landscapes and they passed the query onto DC. Clerk to follow up with DC.
05/24	Mar 2024	Clerk to report the bank that is falling away along B3081 opposite Deer Park House.	Clerk	April 24: The Clerk has reported the bank issue.
06/24	Mar 2024	The Clerk to contact DC Planning Department to enquire about the windows being filled in at the Horton Tower.	Clerk	Mar 24: Email sent, no reply was received.
07/24	Mar 2024	The Clerk to contact DC in relation to the site a Jubilee Hill being used for training.	Clerk	<p>Oct 24: An email has been sent to DC Highways, who have responded and forwarded to the relevant DC department.</p> <p>Oct 24: Response received from Dorset Council. DC has double checked with the maintenance delivery and surface dressing managers as well as the training officer and can confirm that there has been nothing unusual happening at the Woodlands Highways storage depot recently. The surface</p>

				<p>dressing season finished some time ago and this is very seasonal in nature, mostly limited to the warmer summer months. This would mean that deliveries and collections of surface dressing chippings (stone) is not happening to support this type of local works. There are also no major projects locally at present so use of the depot should be at usual levels for this time of year (reasonably quiet and occasional).</p> <p>Vehicle telematics is installed across the whole fleet that track all vehicle movements accurately and are used to improve driver behaviour such as speeding, unnecessary idling, cornering, acceleration and braking. DC will run a management report on all vehicles going into Woodlands Depot to determine exact usage.</p> <p>In discussion with the training officer, they confirm that the last time this depot was used for any type of training was March/ April.</p> <p>The reversing beeper is a common safety device to protect workers in the vicinity of manoeuvring vehicles, it is used in many industrial and commercial settings and is clearly not something that we would want to override.</p> <p>Planning permission dated 1949 does not limit times of day or days of the week for operation of the site nor does it limit the number of vehicle movements. DC do however wish to be a good neighbour and want to minimise their impact on the surrounding environment and any disruption, distress or inconvenience to the community. DC has arranged for the sign at the entrance to be removed and will carefully consider the results of the vehicle telematics report.</p>
08/24	April 2024	Clerk to request a quote for a new sign at Clump Hill Horton and ask if this sign can be moved further down the road.	Clerk	<p>July 24: The Clerk has been in contact with DC and waiting for a response.</p> <p>Sept 24: Another email has been sent to DC asking for an update on when the sign will be put in place.</p> <p>Sept 24: An email was received by DC. DC have a lot of safety critical signing to complete at the moment. DC will get to site as soon as possible and come back a quote.</p>

09/24	April 2024	Clerk to report the branch that is leaning into the road at Haythornes.	Clerk	May 24: The overhanging branch has been reported and removed by DC ref: 1252913. Cllrs reported that the branch is still there. Action Complete
10/24	May 2024	Clerk to report to DC the hole left by Cllr Trevor Brown's property which damaged his garden machinery after the grips had been dug out.	Clerk	June 24: Reported to DC via email. Aug 24: DC responded with a map of the highway extents plan which showed the plan makes up part of the publicly maintainable highway. If the grips are placed on the grass verges to drain surface water from the road into adjacent land and watercourses. Residents cutting grass adjacent or outside their homes is carried out at their own risk.
11/24	May 2024	Clerk to follow up when and if the white lines through Horton will be reinstated.	Clerk	June 24: DC has been contacted, ref: 1256554 to ask when the white lines may be reinstated through Horton. June 24: A works order has been raised to refresh the existing road markings, work has started and most elements of this (including the defects meeting the CoP criteria) have been reinstated. DC are unable to advise exactly when the centre line will be reinstated, due to current demands, but hopefully this will be completed during the next couple of months.
12/24	June 2024	Clerk to contact DC highways to get their view on extending the 30mph speed limits in these areas.	Clerk	July 24: An email has been sent to DC Highways, awaiting a response. Sept 24: Email sent to DC Highways inquiring if they have had time to consider the 30mph extension from Horton to Chalbury. Sept 24: Email received from DC Highways: Unfortunately, there are no records of any injury collisions in the last five years on any of those sections of road, it would also not meet the DfT guidance for village 30mph speed limits. DfT guidance states that the following: It is therefore suggested that the definition of a village should be based on simple criteria relating to frontage development and distance, as shown below: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 or more houses; and • a minimum length of 600 metres; Where the character of a village falls outside this definition, local authorities are encouraged to use their discretion in deciding whether a lower speed limit is appropriate. There are 7 properties in the section between the existing 30mph speed

				limit signs between Chalbury and Horton and there are only 9 properties in the section between the 30mph the Chalbury church and just before Glebe Farm, If there had been a history of speed related collisions, it is possible for Dorset Council to use its discretion on making a speed limit but in this case there is no such history. Action Complete.
13/24	June 2024	Clerk to contact the Speed Partnership Team to ask for their support with the speeding issues through Horton Village.	Clerk	July 24: An email has been sent to Dorset Road Safe for support with the speeding issue through Horton Village, awaiting a response. Aug 24: Dorset Road Safe Team responded; due to the number of locations on the Camera Team enforcement list across Dorset and a small team to cover these, we are unable to guarantee how quickly this site will be visited. Clerk to contact Dorset Road Safe Team in November to check if they have any results from this visit.
14/24	June 2024	Clerk to arrange for the missing bolt to be replaced on the swing.	Clerk	July 24: Cllrs Antell and Stocks have taken photos of the missing bolt and this has been sent to the company for a quote. Aug 24: A quote has been received for the dee shackle from Sovereign Play and is being posted to Cllr Morgan Antell. Oct 24: The dee shackle was received but during this time whilst the Cllrs were undertaking their regular checks at Burgess Playfield, the basket swing had been taken completely down. Clerk has arranged for Sovereign Play and Design company to inspect the basket swing,
15/24	June 2024	Clerk to contact DC to request the hedges to be cut back from the property next to the playfield.	Clerk	July 24: An enquiry has been logged on the Dorset Council Portal. Enquiry number 1260099. Aug 24: The DC highways phoned the Clerk updating them that DC are looking into who owns the property to ensure the hedge is cut back. Aug 24: Work was carried out on 16 th August. Action Complete
16/24	June 2024	Clerk to contact the landowner of the wood to ask them to clear the felled trees next to the Remedy Oak.	Clerk	July 24: The landowner has been contacted and the felled trees by Remedy Oak will be tidied.
17/24	July 2024	Clerk to email Wimborne St Giles School giving them the results of the speed survey and highlighting that	Clerk	Sept 24: Email sent to the school office.

		the Parish Council will not be pursuing the 30mph sign. Clerk to enquire if the school still require SLOW signs on the road.		
18/24	July 2024	Clerk to contact Bournemouth Water to request another test or a joint independent test for the water leak outside Longacre and note that the water leak only started when the tap was tee'd off for the field.	Clerk	Aug 24: An email has been sent to Bournemouth water with the Parish Councils water test results highlighting the chlorine found in the water. The Clerk requested on behalf of the Parish Council an independent water test. Oct 24: Clerk spoke to the operations team at South West Water. Case no. 0013998244. A works order has been raised to reattend the site and undertake another test.
19/24	July 2024	Clerk to report the over hanging foliage at the Old School House in Woodlands.	Clerk	Sept 24: Clerk has reported the overhanging trees and hedges reference number is 1264356. Oct 24: DC inspected. There are no trees overhanging within the 5.2m clearance as per our code of practice. Therefore, no action required. Action Complete
21/24	Sept 2024	Clerk to contact Sovereign Play to arrange for an inspector to visit Burgess Play Field and repair the basket swing.	Clerk	Oct 24: Sovereign Play and Design Company will be visiting Bugess Playfield w/c 14 Oct 24 to inspect and fix the basket swing.
22/24	Sept 2024	Clerk to contact DC to enquire if the two mature Oak trees that have been felled on the West side of Verwood Road have TPO's.	Clerk	Oct 24: An email was sent to DC inquiring about the Oak Trees and if they had TPO's. DC responded and there were not TPO's on those trees, other trees nearby had TPO's. Action Complete
23/24	Sept 2024	Clerk to contact DC environmental health in relation to the noise complaints.	Clerk	Oct 24: An email has been sent to Environmental Health noting the complaints the Parish Council has received.
24/24	Sept 2024	Clerk to contact Horton Church to enquire if they would like the seven copies of the 1954-1961 Horton and Chalbury bound magazines.	Clerk	Oct 24: An email has been sent to Horton Church. Reply received from Horton Church warden who will liaise directly with The National Trust. Action Complete.

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Clerks Report

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Correspondence

REMINDER Flood Warden Lunch & Learn:

Our full list of upcoming sessions can be found below. All online sessions will run from 12.30 to 1.00pm with the drop-in events open from 12:30-3:30pm. You can join any of the online sessions by clicking the same MS team's link found above at 12:30 on the relevant dates. We will resend out this link before each session.

- **Risks and Hazards Awareness and Staying Safe – Thursday, 19 September (online)**
An interactive session for Flood Wardens and volunteers identifying potential flood risks and hazards, dynamic risk assessments and how to stay safe.
- **Flood Plans & Flood Warden Action Cards – Thursday, 17 October (online)**
Join us for an open session – speak to us if you want any assistance developing or reviewing your plan; hear about some of the good examples and templates available and check out our simple and effective Flood Warden Action Card that can be easily adapted for your community.
- **Online Flood Information and Warnings – Thursday, 21 November (online)**
We will take you on a tour of www.gov.uk/check-flooding where you can check current flood risk, 5 day flood risk, current flood alerts and warnings, find river, sea, groundwater and rainfall levels in your area, check long term flood risk from main river, sea and surface water and how to make sure you are signed up to receive the correct Flood Alerts and Flood Warnings for your community as a Flood Warden.
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Please e-mail us at floodwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk if you would like to attend any of our future sessions. If you have any problems using the link on the day please email us at floodwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk

Email from DC Highways - Road Accident history collision information, this is publicly available here if this helps: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/roads-highways-maintenance/road-safety/road-traffic-collision-map>

Email from DC Highways Extending 30pmh Speed Limit - Horton to Chalbury and Chalbury

Unfortunately, there are no records of any injury collisions in the last five years on any of those sections of road, it would also not meet the DfT guidance for village 30mph speed limits. DfT guidance states that the following:

It is therefore suggested that the definition of a village should be based on simple criteria relating to frontage development and distance, as shown below: -

- 20 or more houses; and
- a minimum length of 600 metres;

Where the character of a village falls outside this definition, local authorities are encouraged to use their discretion in deciding whether a lower speed limit is appropriate.

There are 7 properties in the section between the existing 30mph speed limit signs between Chalbury and Horton and there are only 9 properties in the section between the 30mph the Chalbury church and just before Glebe Farm, If there had been a history of speed related collisions, it is possible for Dorset Council to use its discretion on making a speed limit but in this case there is no such history.

SIDS are a really fantastic way of reminding drivers that they are driving in a 30mph speed limit, and evidence does show that the use of them does lower the number of drivers speeding. The team I know do a great job in working with Parish and Town Councils on them being installed where necessary.

Annex C241016 Dorset Councillor Report for Knowlton Parish Council**Local Government Devolution**

Local government devolution refers to the transfer of powers and responsibilities from central government to local authorities, preferably on a regional basis involving a group of Authorities. The goal is to allow regions to have more control over areas such as housing, transport, health services, education, and economic development. The Localism Act in 2011 allowed local authorities to take on more responsibilities through “devolution deals,” where central government negotiates specific powers with groupings of local authorities. Such agreements aim to boost regional growth, improve public services, and increase civic participation by giving local councils greater autonomy in areas such as:

- **Enhanced Public Services:** Local authorities are better positioned to understand and respond to the specific needs of their communities.
- **Economic Growth:** Regions can tailor economic policies to their local strengths, leading to more job creation and prosperity.
- **Efficiency:** Local decision-making reduces bureaucracy and allows for faster, more effective governance.
- **Democratic Accountability:** Local residents have greater influence over decision-making in areas directly affecting them.

Dorset Council is currently engaging with Government and other Local Authorities within our geographical area to agree an approach to Devolution:

Local government devolution provides opportunities for councils like Dorset to improve services, drive economic growth, and tailor governance to local needs. Dorset Council has responded positively to the devolution agenda by restructuring its services, partnering regionally, and advocating for more local control, particularly in areas of economic development and environmental sustainability. However, the extent to which the council can fully realize these benefits depends on its ongoing negotiations with central government for more devolved powers.

Dorset Council is actively pursuing a devolution deal alongside Somerset and Wiltshire Councils, having submitted an expression of interest in late 2024. This move is part of a broader regional approach known as the **Heart of Wessex** initiative, which seeks to unlock greater powers and funding from central government. The council’s goal is to boost local decision-making in areas like economic development, public services, and housing, thereby driving regional growth.

Dorset Council and its partners aim to work collaboratively on shared services, leveraging the benefits of combined efforts for greater efficiency. However, they have expressed a clear preference **against adopting a mayoral system**, which they believe doesn’t suit their communities. They are seeking clarity from the government on the functions to be devolved and the population thresholds required for a successful deal. Discussions with Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole (BCP) Council and Swindon Borough Council remain ongoing, as the councils explore further regional partnership.

Annex D**1. Devolution**

- Dorset, Somerset, and Wiltshire Councils submitted expressions of interest in council devolution plans as requested by the central government, aiming to gain more powers and resources for the regions. While each Council has unique priorities, they are committed to regional growth, improved public services, and local decision-making.
- Discussions have been held with neighbouring authorities, including BCP and Swindon Councils, about working together under the Heart of Wessex concept. The councils seek more explicit government guidance on devolution, including population requirements and the powers to be devolved. The councils do not favour a mayoral system but will consult residents once formal proposals are agreed upon.

2. Queen Elizabeth

- There has been a great deal of community engagement and dissatisfaction with the closure of the Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre. The petitioners attended the cabinet meeting in September 2024 and made representations.
- The Council is developing a new leisure strategy to improve the management of its leisure facilities, particularly in East Dorset, where spending is higher than in other areas. A key focus is the Queen Elizabeth Leisure Centre (QELC), which the Council does not own but supports due to its importance to local swim groups, such as the Wimborne Wagtails Swimming Club. Dorset Council has contributed funds to improve the pool's air handling system, roof, and changing areas. The Council supports a proposal to operate QELC similarly to a local school pool, benefiting both the school and community groups. Link to decision <https://moderngov.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?AIId=16781>
- Initio recently informed the Council that they would open the swimming pool to public access shortly. Capital works are still to be done, and negotiations are underway to amend the cutoff deadline of March 2025.

3. Social care and council tax

- There is growing demand for adult care and the Council is considering sustainable accommodation for an ageing population. There is growing pressure on the reserves being used to balance finances. Government decisions awaited in areas such as council tax etc.

4. Requests for Council works

- Please let's continue encouraging residents to register online for any council works. Usual requests are to do with verge cutting, potholes and speeding