

DORSET COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER 2023

Present: Cllrs Val Potheary (Chairman), Bill Trite (Vice-Chairman), Rod Adkins, Tony Alford, Jon Andrews, Pete Barrow, Pauline Batstone, Belinda Bawden, Laura Beddow, Derek Beer, Richard Biggs, Alex Brenton, Cherry Brooks, Piers Brown, Ray Bryan, Simon Christopher, Kelvin Clayton, Susan Cocking, Robin Cook, Toni Coombs, Richard Crabb, Jean Dunseith, Spencer Flower, Les Fry, Simon Gibson, Barry Goringe, David Gray, Paul Harrison, Jill Haynes, Brian Heatley, Ryan Hope, Nick Ireland, Sherry Jespersen, Carole Jones, Stella Jones, Andrew Kerby, Paul Kimber, Nocturin Lacey-Clarke, Cathy Lugg, David Morgan, Louie O'Leary, Jon Orrell, Mike Parkes, Mary Penfold, Belinda Ridout, Mark Roberts, Julie Robinson, David Shortell, Jane Somper, Gary Suttle, Clare Sutton, Roland Tarr, David Taylor, Gill Taylor, David Tooke, David Walsh, Sarah Williams and John Worth

Present remotely: Cllrs Byron Quayle

Apologies: Cllrs Mike Barron, Shane Bartlett, Dave Bolwell, Andy Canning, Graham Carr-Jones, Tim Cook, Janet Dover, Mike Dyer, Beryl Ezzard, Ryan Holloway, Rob Hughes, Rebecca Knox, Howard Legg, Robin Legg, Emma Parker, Andrew Parry, Bill Pipe, Molly Rennie, Maria Roe, Andrew Starr, Peter Wharf and Kate Wheller

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Jacqui Andrews (Service Manager for Democratic and Electoral Services), Hayley Caves (Member Development and Support Officer), Sean Cremer (Corporate Director for Finance and Commercial), Susan Dallison (Democratic Services Team Leader), George Dare (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Aidan Dunn (Executive Director - Corporate Development S151), Jennifer Lewis (Head of Strategic Communications and Engagement), Jonathan Mair (Director of Legal and Democratic and Monitoring Officer), Matt Prosser (Chief Executive), John Sellgren (Executive Director of Place), Lindsey Watson (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Katie Hale (Head of Revenues and Benefits), Paul Beecroft (Communications Business Partner), Tony McDougal (Communications Business Partner - Adults and Housing), Andrew Billany (Corporate Director for Housing), Vivienne Broadhurst (Executive Director - People Adults) and John Newcombe (Service Manager for Licensing & Community Safety)

Officers present remotely (for all or part of the meeting):

Sharon Attwater (Service Manager for Housing Strategy and Performance) and Sarah Smith (Housing Strategy Lead)

TRIBUTE TO COUNCILLOR TONY FERRARI

The Chairman of Council paid tribute to Councillor Tony Ferrari who had recently passed away. All present stood in silence for one minute in memory of Councillor Ferrari. Following the period of silence, tributes were paid by Councillors L

O’Leary, N Ireland, J Orrell, L Fry and P Kimber.

46. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

47. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

48. **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman reported the death of Honorary Alderman and former Dorset County Council and North Dorset District Councillor, David Milstead and paid tribute.

49. **Public Participation - questions**

There were no questions or statements from members of the public or local organisations.

50. **Public participation - petitions and deputations**

There were no petitions or deputations to report.

51. **Announcements and Reports from the Leader of Council and Cabinet Members**

The Leader of the Council advised members that his bulletin would be published at the conclusion of the meeting and some of the areas covered by the bulletin included:-

- Multi-authority devolution deal
- The benefits of lobbying government
- Highways teams achieve national award.

52. **Questions from Councillors**

There were three questions received from councillors. A copy of the questions and the responses are attached at Appendix 1 to the minutes.

53. **Governance Arrangements for Dorset Council**

The Leader of Council reported that a review of the Council’s governance arrangements had been undertaken, with a cross-party Executive Advisory Panel meeting on a number of occasions since the motion was passed at Full Council to consider options for future governance arrangements. The Panel met on 24 November 2023 and, in light of the decision of Full Council on 12 October 2023 to support further work by the Leader of the Council to secure a Devolution Deal for Dorset, proposed a recommendation to Full Council that a decision on the future

governance arrangements of Dorset Council be deferred until such time as a decision on a devolution deal had been made.

It was proposed by S Flower seconded by N Ireland.

Decision

Full Council agree to pause and defer the review of the Governance Model until such time as a decision is made regarding a Multi-Authority Devolution Deal and an Expression of Interest submitted to the Secretary of State and a response from Government has been received.

54. Flexible use of Capital Receipts Policy Report 2023/24 and 2024/25

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy presented a recommendation which sought Full Council approval of the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Policy for 2023/24 financial year to 2024/25 financial year.

It was proposed by G Suttle seconded by C Brooks.

Decision

That the capital receipt policy for 2023/24 financial year to 2024/25 financial year with submission for approval to the Department of Housing, Levelling Up and Communities, be approved.

55. Council Tax Reduction Scheme

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Capital Strategy proposed a recommendation with sought the adoption of the new Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024/25, with effect from 1 April 2024.

The recommendation was seconded by B Ridout.

A number of questions were asked and a request for further information as to the proportion of residents that would see a change resulting from the proposal would be circulated to all councillors.

Decision

That the new Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024/25 be adopted with effect from 1 April 2024.

56. Polling District, Polling Station and Polling Place Review

Councillors received a report which asked Full Council to consider responses to the consultation on the statutory review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations within Dorset and to approve the proposed arrangements. The Council had a duty to carry out a review of polling arrangements within Dorset by 31 January 2025 in accordance with the Electoral Registration and Administration

Act 2013. It was noted that any changes would not come into force until 1 February 2024.

The recommendations were proposed by S Flower seconded by L Fry.

In response to points raised by councillors about the location of particular polling stations, the Chief Executive noted that arrangements could be reviewed in the future if necessary.

The constituency location of Three-Legged Cross would be checked following the meeting.

Decision

That Full Council agree:

1. That, having undertaken the statutory review, the polling districts, places and stations are as listed in Appendix 1 of the report to Full Council
2. That the designation of temporary polling places be delegated to the Returning Officer.

57. Home in on Housing - Dorset Council's Housing Strategy

The Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, Health and Housing presented the Dorset Council Housing Strategy which had been considered by the People and Health Overview Committee and Cabinet and proposed its adoption. This was seconded by S Jespersen.

Councillors considered the issues arising from the report and proposed strategy document and discussion included reference to the requirements in the Local Plan and emerging Local Plan, opportunities for the Council to become a builder of social and affordable housing, the Council's role as a registered provider and links between planning and housing functions. The strategy was a living document and could be reviewed moving forwards.

As an amendment, it was proposed by G Taylor seconded by D Taylor that the approval of the Housing Strategy be deferred for consideration by the People and Health Overview Committee and review of the possibility of Dorset Council becoming a house builder.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was LOST.

A vote was taken on the original recommendation.

Decision

That the Housing Strategy and its objectives be approved.

58. Statement of Licensing Policy - Review of Cumulative Impact Area

The Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities proposed the recommendation of the Licensing Committee to approve the retention of the Cumulative Impact Area, as set out in the report to the Licensing Committee. This was seconded by J Andrews.

Decision

That the retention of the Cumulative Impact Area be approved, as set out in the report to the Licensing Committee.

59. Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy 2024-2027

The Portfolio Holder for Culture and Communities proposed the recommendation of the Licensing Committee to adopt the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy 2024 – 2027, as set out in the report to the Licensing Committee. This was seconded by J Andrews.

Decision

That the Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy 2024 – 2027 be adopted, as set out in the report to the Licensing Committee.

60. Review of Timing of Committee Meetings

The Leader of Council presented and proposed the recommendations of the task and finish group, which had considered the timing of committee meetings in preparation for the Calendar of Meetings 2024/25. The Leader noted that each recommendation would be dealt with separately. The recommendations were seconded by R Bryan.

The Chairman noted that if a recommendation was not supported, the existing timing would be retained.

Recommendation a

As an amendment, it was proposed by R Hope seconded by N Ireland that Full Council meetings will be held at 5:30pm.

On being put to the vote the amendment was LOST.

The Council returned to the wording of the original recommendation a: During the period of British Summer Time, Full Council meetings will be held at 6.30pm. (April, May, July & October).

Decision

That during the period of British Summer Time, Full Council meetings will be held at 6.30pm. (April, May, July & October).

Recommendation b

As an amendment it was proposed by N Lacey-Clarke seconded by R Hope that Full Council meetings (December and February) will be held at 5.30pm.

On being put to the vote the amendment was LOST.

The Council returned to the wording of the original recommendation b: During the period of Greenwich Mean Time, Full Council meetings will be held at 2.00pm. (December & February).

On being put to the vote the recommendation was LOST.

The Chairman confirmed that Full Council meetings in December and February would continue to be held at 6.30pm.

Recommendation c

As an amendment it was proposed by R Hope seconded by N Ireland that Cabinet will be held at 2.00pm all year.

On being put to the vote the amendment was LOST.

The Council returned to the wording of the original recommendation c: During the period of British Summer Time, Cabinet will be held at 6.30pm. (April, May, June, July, September, October).

Decision

That during the period of British Summer Time, Cabinet will be held at 6.30pm. (April, May, June, July, September, October).

Recommendation d

As an amendment it was proposed by N Lacey-Clarke seconded by A Kirby that Cabinet be held at 6.30pm (November, December, January, March).

On being put to the vote the amendment received an equal number of votes for and against. With the Chairman's casting vote, the amendment was LOST.

The Council returned to the wording of the original recommendation d: During the period of Greenwich Mean Time Cabinet will be held at 2.00pm. (November, December, January, March).

On being put to the vote the recommendation was LOST.

The Chairman confirmed that Cabinet meetings in November, December, January and March would continue to be held at 10.00am.

Recommendation e

Decision

That all meetings of Audit & Governance Committee will be held at 6.30pm.

61. Calendar of Meetings 2024-2025

The Leader of Council presented the calendar of meetings for 2024/25 and proposed its formal adoption.

The recommendation was seconded by D Shortell.

It was noted that the Strategic and Technical Planning Committee scheduled for Monday 5 May 2025, fell on a Bank Holiday and this would be reviewed following the meeting under the delegation to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services.

Decision

1. That the calendar of meetings for the period May 2024 to May 2025 be approved.
2. That, to ensure effective political management, authority be delegated to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to make any necessary changes, in consultation with relevant Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen.

62. Flexibility to hold virtual Licensing Sub-committees

The Leader of Council proposed the recommendations of the Audit and Governance Committee, which would enable meetings of the Licensing Sub-committees to be held virtually where appropriate.

The recommendation was seconded by B Heatley.

In response to points raised, it was noted that this was a 12-month trial and would be subject to review.

Decision

1. That Council approve a 12-month trial period to give the Licensing Sub-committee the flexibility to meet virtually when appropriate to do so; and delegates to the Licensing Committee the authority to take a decision on whether this flexibility should continue and be made a permanent arrangement.
2. That delegation is given to the Director of Legal & Democratic (Monitoring Officer), to approve the virtual meeting protocol after consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee and the Executive Director for Place.

63. Honorary Alderman of the Dorset Council Area

The Leader of Council set out and proposed the recommendation of the Audit and Governance Committee relating to the criteria and process for awarding the title of

Honorary Alderman of the Dorset Council area to former members of Dorset Council. The recommendation was seconded by V Potheary.

A number of councillors addressed the meeting, with views both for and against the proposal.

Decision

That the Constitution be amended to include the criteria and process for awarding the title of Honorary Alderman of the Dorset Council area to former members of Dorset Council.

EXTENSION OF MEETING BEYOND 3 HOURS

In accordance with the Constitution it was agreed by the Council to continue the meeting beyond 3 hours.

64. To elect the Chairman of the Northern Area Planning Committee

Following the resignation of the Chairman of the Northern Area Planning Committee, councillors considered the election of a Chairman of the committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

It was proposed by S Flower seconded by M Penfold that B Ridout be elected Chairman of the Northern Area Planning Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

It was proposed by N Ireland seconded by L Fry that J Andrews be elected Chairman of the Northern Area Planning Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

Decision

That B Ridout be elected Chairman of the Northern Area Planning Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

65. Notice of Motion - Cllr B Quayle

Full Council received the following Notice of Motion proposed by B Quayle seconded by M Roberts and supported by N Lacey-Clarke, S Christopher, L O'Leary, S Jespersen, B Goringe, J Haynes, P Batstone, M Penfold, J Robinson, C Brooks, J Somper, C Jones, S Flower, A Parry, M Parkes, A Brenton, P Brown and B Ezzard.

Motion narrative:-

Dorset Council is committed to supporting local farmers and food producers. Britain has some of the highest animal welfare standards in the world and Dorset Council should engage and work in partnership with our poultry, arable and livestock farmers to ensure their ability to enhance our countryside and with our fishing industry to protect the oceans. We need to strive to support them by being

sympathetic to diversification opportunities and promotion of local produce. We will be vocal in opposing excessive regulation by central government, enabling them to prosper. Keeping in mind our commitment to climate change, Dorset Council should, wherever possible, commit to ensuring food provided at all council events is sourced from local suppliers. This includes meat, fish, dairy and plant-based produce. Dorset Council should also encourage people, wherever possible, to shop locally, taking advantage of home-grown, affordable, and nutritious food, both plant and meat based, thus reducing the “food miles” on our plates.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.3 (a) the Notice of Motion, upon being proposed and seconded, was debated by Full Council. In proposing the Notice of Motion, N Lacey-Clarke asked that a recorded vote be undertaken. The Notice of Motion and request for a recorded vote was seconded by M Roberts and supported by over ten other councillors, in accordance with the Constitution.

As an amendment, it was proposed by K Clayton seconded by B Bawden that the following wording be removed from the wording of the Notice of Motion: *‘We will be vocal in opposing excessive regulation by central government, enabling them to prosper.’*

The results are shown in the table below.

On being put to the vote the amendment was LOST.

A vote was taken on the original Notice of Motion.

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Decision

Dorset Council is committed to supporting local farmers and food producers. Britain has some of the highest animal welfare standards in the world and Dorset Council should engage and work in partnership with our poultry, arable and livestock farmers to ensure their ability to enhance our countryside and with our fishing industry to protect the oceans. We need to strive to support them by being sympathetic to diversification opportunities and promotion of local produce. We will be vocal in opposing excessive regulation by central government, enabling them to prosper. Keeping in mind our commitment to climate change, Dorset Council should, wherever possible, commit to ensuring food provided at all council events is sourced from local suppliers. This includes meat, fish, dairy and plant-based produce. Dorset Council should also encourage people, wherever possible, to shop locally, taking advantage of home-grown, affordable, and nutritious food, both plant and meat based, thus reducing the “food miles” on our plates.

Notice of Motion - Amendment (Amendment)	
Councillor Val Potheary	Against
Councillor Bill Trite	Against
Councillor Rod Adkins	Against
Councillor Anthony Alford	Against
Councillor Jon Andrews	No vote recorded
Councillor Pete Barrow	For

Councillor Pauline Batstone	Against
Councillor Belinda Bawden	For
Councillor Laura Beddow	Against
Councillor Derek Beer	For
Councillor Richard Biggs	For
Councillor Alex Brenton	For
Councillor Cherry Brooks	Against
Councillor Piers Brown	Against
Councillor Ray Bryan	Against
Councillor Simon Christopher	Against
Councillor Kelvin Clayton	For
Councillor Susan Cocking	Against
Councillor Robin Cook	Against
Councillor Toni Coombs	Against
Councillor Richard Crabb	For
Councillor Jean Dunseith	Against
Councillor Spencer Flower	Against
Councillor Les Fry	Against
Councillor Simon Gibson	Against
Councillor Barry Goringe	Against
Councillor David Gray	For
Councillor Paul Harrison	Against
Councillor Jill Haynes	Against
Councillor Brian Heatley	For
Councillor Ryan Hope	For
Councillor Nick Ireland	For
Councillor Sherry Jespersen	Against
Councillor Carole Jones	Against
Councillor Stella Jones	For
Councillor Andrew Kerby	Against
Councillor Paul Kimber	For
Councillor Nocturin Lacey-Clarke	Against
Councillor Cathy Lugg	Against
Councillor David Morgan	Against
Councillor Louie O'Leary	Against
Councillor Jon Orrell	For
Councillor Mike Parkes	Against
Councillor Mary Penfold	Against
Councillor Belinda Ridout	Against
Councillor Mark Roberts	Against
Councillor Julie Robinson	Against
Councillor David Shortell	Against
Councillor Jane Somper	Against
Councillor Gary Suttle	Against
Councillor Clare Sutton	For
Councillor Roland Tarr	Against
Councillor David Taylor	Against
Councillor Gill Taylor	No vote recorded
Councillor David Tooke	For

Councillor David Walsh	Against
Councillor Sarah Williams	No vote recorded
Councillor John Worth	Against
Lost	
Notice of Motion - Cllr B Quayle (Motion)	
Councillor Val Potheary	For
Councillor Bill Trite	For
Councillor Rod Adkins	For
Councillor Anthony Alford	For
Councillor Jon Andrews	For
Councillor Pete Barrow	For
Councillor Pauline Batstone	For
Councillor Belinda Bawden	Abstain
Councillor Laura Beddow	For
Councillor Derek Beer	For
Councillor Richard Biggs	Abstain
Councillor Alex Brenton	For
Councillor Cherry Brooks	For
Councillor Piers Brown	For
Councillor Ray Bryan	For
Councillor Simon Christopher	For
Councillor Kelvin Clayton	Abstain
Councillor Susan Cocking	For
Councillor Robin Cook	For
Councillor Toni Coombs	For
Councillor Richard Crabb	For
Councillor Jean Dunseith	For
Councillor Spencer Flower	For
Councillor Les Fry	For
Councillor Simon Gibson	For
Councillor Barry Goringe	For
Councillor David Gray	For
Councillor Paul Harrison	For
Councillor Jill Haynes	For
Councillor Brian Heatley	Against
Councillor Ryan Hope	For
Councillor Nick Ireland	For
Councillor Sherry Jespersen	For
Councillor Carole Jones	For
Councillor Stella Jones	For
Councillor Andrew Kerby	For
Councillor Paul Kimber	Against
Councillor Nocturin Lacey-Clarke	For
Councillor Cathy Lugg	For
Councillor David Morgan	For
Councillor Louie O'Leary	For
Councillor Jon Orrell	Abstain
Councillor Mike Parkes	For
Councillor Mary Penfold	For

Councillor Belinda Ridout	For
Councillor Mark Roberts	For
Councillor Julie Robinson	For
Councillor David Shortell	For
Councillor Jane Somper	For
Councillor Gary Suttle	For
Councillor Clare Sutton	Against
Councillor Roland Tarr	For
Councillor David Taylor	For
Councillor Gill Taylor	No vote recorded
Councillor David Tooke	For
Councillor David Walsh	For
Councillor Sarah Williams	No vote recorded
Councillor John Worth	No vote recorded
Carried	

66. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

67. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

APPENDIX 1 - QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Questions submitted by Councillors

Question 1 – submitted by Cllr P Kimber

"Why is Portland hospital on DC's Asset Register as a future suitable site for 51 homes when we have been told many times by Health Authorities that it is not to close or be developed?"

Response by Cllr D Walsh

Local planning authorities have a duty to prepare Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments (SHLAAs) which are intended to set out a record of sites that are assessed for their development potential, and owners can nominate sites for us to consider without prejudice to their existing continued use. The assessment is an important source of evidence to inform plan-making but does not in itself determine whether a site should be allocated for development or grant any planning permission for its development.

Portland Hospital was submitted to us by a planning agent acting on behalf of the owner/operator and we have a duty to report on all sites submitted to us. Therefore it is an identified SHLAA site but the details note it is a community use and that it does not have any planning permission for residential development. The details also have a caveat that its suitability would be subject to finding alternative provision for the healthcare.

Question 2 submitted by Cllr L O'Leary

The central Littlemoor estate that is based off the main Louviers road is home a busy route to access hundreds, play facilities, a school, and a very busy shopping centre. Louviers road leads both ends onto Littlemoor road at two major junctions. With the construction of 500 homes to Littlemoors north, and approval granted to additional hundred homes on the south side of Littlemoor extra strain is going to be put onto the these wo junctions that already struggling. I know the cabinet member is aware and we have discussed it in the past but as building is underway will the council commit to action on these congested junctions in the form of mini roundabouts at both ends or other possible measures?

Response by Cllr R Bryan

The junction capacity modelling undertaken as part of the Local Plan transport base, and separately by the developers, shows the two junctions of Louviers Road with Littlemoor Road continue to work well within their capacity even with the additional traffic generated from the developments. There is no evidence that alternative junction types are required. The development proposals include a new pedestrian and cycle crossing facility across Littlemoor Road to the east of Canberra Road to provide an additional connection to the facilities at the local centre and further south. The site is connected by public transport and with active travel routes to give residents a choice about how they travel.

Mini roundabouts aren't recommended for where traffic calming is a concern, as drivers often cut across the middle of the roundabout if there's nothing physically preventing them from doing so.

Question 3 – submitted by Cllr B Bawden

In spite of a stunning Christmas Tree and elegant, cool blue and silver lights adding to the wonder and delight created by imaginative and enticing window displays in our many independent shops and cafes, Lyme Regis seems like a ghost town at what should be one of our busiest times of the year.

A disappointing trading year thanks to a wet August and successive road closures from early September is now exacerbated by the emergency road closure on 8 November at the bottom of Broad Street. I'd like to thank the Building Control Surveyor and Senior Conservation Officer for their very quick responses and clear communications, as well as the Highways team for reacting to my requests by creating road signage to show all the businesses and car parks are open as usual.

However, as the weeks have rolled on and the large red 'Road Closed' signs have clearly deterred day visitors and Christmas shoppers alike, our businesses throughout the town are genuinely worried. Already students have been told there is no Christmas work for them, some owners fear they may need to make staff redundant and others fear closure altogether.

Anecdotally the businesses are being told that the 'Road Closed' signs as far away as Beer on the coast road are encouraging shoppers to go to Sidmouth. I can attest to the usual heavy traffic on the A35 going west from Bridport but most of it is not going in to Lyme, reacting instead to the 'Road Closed' sign before drivers have time to read 'Businesses open as usual'.

I would be interested, if this is possible, to see the weekly statistics from the four Dorset Council car parks in Lyme and to discuss whether there is anything better Dorset Council Highways were able to do, along with Devon Highways, to enable drivers to see the yellow information signs showing the town centre businesses and car parks were open as usual before the 'Road Closed' and 'Diversion' signs put them off continuing into Lyme.

If it isn't possible for Dorset Council to reconsider my request for an additional two days of free parking this weekend to boost attendance at the Christmas Tree Festival, Santa's Grotto, the Christmas Craft and Vintage Markets and Santa's workshop in our restored Town Mill, could we perhaps discuss developing a longer term vision of fewer vehicle movements through Lyme's town centre so residents, visitors and businesses could enjoy a safer and healthier public realm and learn to appreciate the benefits of a 'people first' town centre?

Response by Cllr R Bryan

I recognise that the Lyme Regis emergency road closure resulting from the structural failure of a private building is having a significant impact on the town. The residents and businesses have my utmost sympathy. I also thank Cllr Bawden for her positive words about how Dorset Council's officers have responded to this difficult situation.

Taking the individual points raised in turn:

- The traffic management signage has been reviewed to ensure it is compliant with legislation and minimises the number of 'road ahead closed' boards that are used.
- I will arrange for the car park usage figures to be sent to Cllr Bawden following this meeting.
- In conjunction with their Devon colleagues, I will ask the Highways team to review the placement of the existing yellow information signs showing that the town centre businesses and car parks are open as usual.
- Turning to the wider point about a 'people first' town centre: We will be developing a longer-term vision for transport in our town centres to encourage economic growth, healthier environments, and active travel, as part of the creation of a new Local Transport Plan for Dorset. The public consultation on transport issues and opportunities to inform the development of the Plan starts in January, so we urge everyone to please put their views forward. In addition, we'll be working directly with Local Councillors, Towns and Parish Councils to get their views.

Duration of meeting: 6.30 - 9.49 pm

Chairman

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