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	Date	Cat.	Type	In/ Out	From/To	Detail	
Items in RED require decision / action. Other items may also require decision / action.							
AGENDA ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES.							
						<i>Cllr Coates is unable to attend due to family matters.</i>	
AGENDA ITEM 5 - DORSET COUNCILLOR AND POLICE REPORTS							
AGENDA ITEM 7 - REPORTS / UPDATES BY THE CLERK AND COUNCILLORS.							
1	09/02/23	BLAP Parish Liaison Meeting	Minutes	In	BLAP	Notes of the meeting, presentation from Tony Burden Dorset Council re 20mph policy, information on Speed Indicator Devices and statement from Roland Tarr of Dorset Cyclists Network.	Sent to all
2	17/02/23	Census Information for Bridport and Surrounding Area	Information	In	BLAP	"As discussed at the last BLAP Parish Liaison meeting, please find attached a document which has been put together by BLAP and which presents a range of statistics from the 2021 Census of population. It contains figures for BLAP member Parish Council areas plus comparator figures for Dorset and for England. These include figures about the population and its age groups, employment, qualifications, housing tenure, car ownership and health. We hope you find it interesting and useful, not least in providing an up-to-date picture of the area and its characteristics. By all means share this document with other Parish Councillors and more widely. The only thing we ask is that, if sharing or citing the document, you note it has been produced by BLAP. If you have any questions about the document do let us know or alternatively they can be raised at the next Parish Liaison Group meeting."	Sent to all
3	16/02/23	DAPTC Western Area Committee	Information	In	DAPTC	"Please bring the attached correspondence to the attention of your colleagues in council in advance of your Annual Meeting of Council in May 2023. In this email is: 1. A letter requesting support to reinvigorate participation in Area Committees including a very short survey 2. An information pack about DAPTC and the role of DAPTC Representative Could we ask that Clerks look at the content and along with the Chair, bring this item on to an agenda of council either before or at the Annual Meeting of Council."	Sent to all
4		Survey response sheets	Report		Clerk	The Clock, George and the Spar shop are all happy to have survey response sheets as and when required.	
5	14/02/23	Village Christmas Decorations	Request	Out	Connect Balfour Beatty	"It has been suggested that Chideock has some form of Christmas decorations – we are asking residents what they think. The question is, would NH have to give permission? I suspect that decorations would be in front gardens,"	
6	14/02/23	Village Christmas Decorations	Response	In	Connect Balfour Beatty	"I will raise the question with National Highways. I presume if they are placed within the property boundaries then there would not be an issue, but if they are looking to have decorations hanging from lamp columns etc then yes approval would need to be sought from NH."	
AGENDA ITEM 8 - A35 matters.							
7		A-Road Task Force	Request	Out	Chris Loder MP	"In reference to your e-mail reply of 1 December 2022 (see below), the Parish Council notes that you have not yet spoken with the Parish Council Chair. Councillors would very much like to know about progress and the next steps for the A-Road Task Force, either via the Clerk or the Chair."	Agreed by all

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8	28/02/23	A-Road Task Force	Response	In	Chris Loder MP	"I have been in touch with the Chair since my last email to you. We are having our next meeting with the A Roads Taskforce next month and I shall ensure that you are updated."	Sent to all
9	06/02/23	A35 Communities	Request	Out	Cllr G Dunn to organisers of previous meeting	"The Chideock PC held its first Council Meeting of 2023 last Tuesday (31 January 2023) and the A35 was, naturally, an item of discussion. Our A35 Action Group (Vanessa McAra; Anna Dunn and George Dunn) were tasked with contacting yourselves regarding the follow-up meeting leading on from the very successful meeting you both arranged between National Highways (NH) and local Parishes which was held in Kilmington Village Hall 27 October 2022. As you can imagine our concern with many aspects of the A35 continues especially as there seems to be no further progress from NH regarding any improvement measures for any of us. To this end we all feel that "Together is stronger" and sincerely hope that the resolve shown at that meeting by the attendant Cllrs is still strong. Are you happy to continue taking the lead on the organisation of a follow up meeting? (with or without NH) in which case we are more than happy to leave the arrangements up to you. However if our Action Group can assist in any way then please just ask us and we shall be more than happy to assist. We look forward to hearing from you in due course."	Sent to all
10	07/02/23	A35 Communities	Response	In	Organisers of previous meeting	"I'm happy to hear you believe 'Together is Stronger' and I'm happy to continue to help front the 'NH challenge' ! We'll get back to you with our suggestions for the next stage, which I think should probably be the NH site visits."	Sent to all
11	09/02/23	A35 Communities	Response	Out	Cllr G Dunn to Organisers of previous meeting	"Thank you for your email and the Chideock PC A35 Action Group (Cllrs Vanessa McAra; Anna Dunn and myself; and Clerk Sal Robinson) are pleased to learn that you are taking on the next stage for a further meeting. However we feel strongly from our own long experience with the frustrations of dealing with NH (and its previous iterations HE and Highways Agency) that one of their very successful ploys into actually doing nothing is by creating the illusion of doing something!! Indeed Vanessa McAra has reminded us that Chris Loder himself commented that this illusion of "doing something" is exactly what organisations (such as NH) do to put things into the long grass. He actually made this point when he came to a Public meeting held in Chideock village hall last November. Therefore might we, respectfully suggest that the next stage of our Villages get together should be soon and on this occasion not in the format of an NH site visit as these walkabouts have already happened and currently we are still no further forward with either the safety and severance outcomes or last years Yellowham proposals. We feel that we need to know urgently what NH are planning in RIS3 for the A35 - as this would at least give us a baseline to come together on as a group? In addition, the contract with Connect ends in 2026, how are they going to make this transition and how will they address the very poor state of the road? Therefore we would propose an early meeting without NH but rather just with those A35 Parish Councils willing to attend in order to focus our joint intentions and formulate the best way forward for us all. We look forward to receiving your comments in due course."	Sent to all

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11A	06/03/23	A35 Resurfacing Works	Request	Out	Connect Balfour Beatty	<p>"I understand that resurfacing work on the A35 will be taking place overnight this month.</p> <p>3 questions: -</p> <p>1. Have all residents been informed via a letter drop? Any closure between Charmouth and Bridport can affect residents as it is the only route into and out of the village.</p> <p>2. What works are being carried out on the approaches to Chideock and in the village itself and what impact will this have for residents needing to access the village?</p> <p>3. There are several covers needing attention – will these issues be rectified as part of the works?</p> <p>a) The tarmac round the hydrant outside Bilberry Close is disintegrating.</p> <p>b) There is a loose hydrant cover outside the Clock Inn in the westbound lane of the A35.</p> <p>c) There is loose inspection cover just before the Village Hall bus stop in the westbound lane of the A35.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you.</p>	
12	31/01/23	Air Quality	Response	In	Dorset Council	<p>"Thank you for your email. Unfortunately, we are currently still awaiting the publication of legislation, statutory instrument and associated guidance to advise on the new air quality targets and the methods to measure these relevant quantities. I believe this matter remains in the consultation phase, but if you have been advised differently, I would be grateful if you could forward your source of information.</p> <p>We felt it important to familiarise ourselves with the contents of new provisions before we meet again, hoping that we would have the information by the end of last year, but this is not the case. If you feel a further meeting at this stage would be valuable, we would be happy to consider some dates in February."</p>	Sent to all
13	20/03/23	Air Quality	Response	Out	Dorset Council	<p>"Thank you for your reply dated 31 January 2023 to our earlier email.</p> <p>Chideock Parish Council notes your comments about further guidance still being awaited but would nevertheless like to take you up on your offer of a further meeting at this stage, and would ask you to please propose some suitable dates for yourself in March / April 2023. Councillors are naturally more flexible on their availability for such a meeting so feel it would be best for you to initially suggest some dates that would be suitable to you.</p> <p>As stated in our earlier email the parish council envisages using the notes agreed from the previous meeting as an Agenda but in the meantime would like to ask:</p> <p>1. Have you yet received any pollution figures from National Highways particularly the ones upon which the speed limit reduction was based, and</p> <p>2. Have you published any NO2 pollution data for Chideock for 2022 as it does not yet appear to be on your website.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you in due course."</p>	Agreed by all
14		Air Quality	Report		Clerk	Meeting with Dorset Council arranged for 18 April 2023 14:00-15:00	Committee room booked

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15	13/02/23	Chideock Bridge Inspections	Request	Out	National Highways	"Chideock Bridge, which carries the A35 over the River Winniford in Chideock, is a Grade II Listed Structure. Regular Inspections and Principle Inspections are carried out by National Highways at regular intervals. It has been observed that when pedestrians walk over the bridge there is a sensation of vibration / movement of the footway. The Parish Council wishes to know when the next inspection of the bridge is due and, in addition, requests a copy of the most recent Regular and Principle inspection reports. I look forward to hearing from you."	
16	20/02/23	Chideock Bridge Inspections	Response	In	Ben Hampson, NH	"I have passed your request over to the relevant team responsible."	Sent to all
17	13/02/23	Chideock Bridge Railings	Request	Out	Connect Balfour Beatty	"Chideock Bridge is a Grade II Listed structure, and the railings were last painted in 2012 in readiness for the Olympic Torch relay. That is 10 years ago, and the railings are once again in dire need of attention. Please let me know who would be responsible for this work and how it can be requested."	
18	15/02/23	Chideock Bridge Railings	Response	In	Connect Balfour Beatty	"We are responsible for the repainting of the railings. We have added it to our programme and will look to repaint them in the Spring."	Sent to all
19	16/02/23	Chimneys - hedge	Report	Out	National Highways	"Chimneys - hedge on footway boundary overhanging footway ."	
20	20/02/23	Chimneys - hedge	Response	In	Connect Balfour Beatty	"Thank you for your enquiry which has been passed to us by National Highways Central Team. SWHBBIS can confirm that they have visited this property due to an enquiry coming in previously on the 8th February, photos were taken and a walk through was undertaken and we feel that the hedge is not obstructing the footway and therefore will not be taken any action. We will however, continue to monitor the hedge."	Sent to all
21	20/02/23	Road Investment Strategy 3	Request	Out	National Highways	"Are there any updates regarding RIS3 – for example dates for public consultation, reports etc?"	
22	21/02/23	Road Investment Strategy 3	Response	In	National Highways	"I can confirm that we are now at the stage where we are awaiting ministerial approval to proceed to publication for our RIS3 reports (SRN Initial Report, Connecting the Country long term strategy and the Route Strategy Overview Reports. DfT will then launch their consultation in parallel to the publication of our documents. At publication we will be sending communications to our stakeholders to update them and provide a link to the consultation and more information on our documents. I hope this is helpful in responding to your query, however if you have any further questions please don't hesitate to let me know "	Sent to all
AGENDA ITEM 9 - RIVER WINNIFORD AND WATER POLLUTION ISSUES.							
	Dorset Council Updates.						
23	08/02/23	Seatown Lagoon	Information	In	Dorset Council	"I have been in contact with both Palmers, the Anchor and Golden Cap holiday park, all of whom are happy to either display posters or distribute leaflets to customers. They will get versions of the existing signage, either in poster or leaflet format."	Sent to all
	Wessex Water Updates.						

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	WRAG Updates.						
24	20/02/23	Annual Village Meeting	Request	Out	WRAG	"Every year there must be a meeting of parish electors, as opposed to a parish council meeting – in Chideock it is called the Annual Village Meeting. This meeting is organised by the parish council, but councillors (apart from the chair) attend as electors. By law (1972 Local Government Act) It must be held between 1 March and 1 June inclusive. The parish council usually tries to get someone to speak on a topic of interest and it has been suggested that Wessex Water be asked to come along and talk about the Chideock Water Treatment Centre. And / or the WRAG group could talk about what they are doing / hope to do, though members of the group may consider it is a little too soon for that. What would be the view of the WRAG? The meeting is usually held in April and is in the evening."	
25	21/02/23	Annual Village Meeting	Response	In	WRAG	"Thanks for this. I will circulate to WRAG and get back to you . We plan to have our next meeting in the week commencing 6th March, we will have this as an agenda item and let you know whether the Group would be happy to be a slot at the meeting. I hope this gives you enough time. Whether it is too soon is perhaps an issue. As you know we don't have any funding yet and that is essential to kick start any sampling which would obviously be our priority. It may be that by April we will still be unable to start, so all we could talk about is what we would plan to do."	Sent to all
26	14/02/23	Land Ownership	Request	In	WRAG	"I was looking onto possible sampling points for the River Group and I wondered if you held any information about who the major landowners were either side of the river? If not , do you know who where I might find that information?"	
27	15/02/23	Land Ownership	Response	Out	WRAG	"I can only give map data for south of the A35 - see the attached. The main landowners are National Trust, WDLH, Cains Farm and Palmers. Plus, of course, residents with gardens going down to the river. The Parish Council owns Clapps' Mead Paying Field and Foss Orchard Car Park, both of which have the river as one boundary. North of the A35 you got more residents with gardens bordered by the river and the main landowner is Chideock Manor. Also, Philip Seal I think up in North Chideock."	
28	15/02/23	Land Ownership	Response	In	WRAG	"Many thanks for the 2 maps, these are just what I was hoping to find for south of the road. Thanks for mentioning Philip Seal who I see owns Brighthay Farm and which could prove to be useful. "	
AGENDA ITEM 11 - PLANNING MATTERS - Determination							
AGENDA ITEM 11 - PLANNING MATTERS - Planning Other							
	03/03/23	Planning Seminar	Information	In	Dorset Council	Planning Engagement Session for Town and Parish Councils - 18 April	Clerk is attending.
AGENDA ITEM 12 - FINANCES							
29	31/01/23	Precept	Report		Clerk	Precept request sent to Dorset Council	
30	31/01/23	Precept	Response	In	Dorset Council	"Thank you for returning your precept form. I can confirm the 23/24 Precept request for Chideock per the details below:- Precept Request: £16,752.08"	
31	28/02/23	VAT Reclaim	Request	Out	HMRC	VAT 126 form submitted.	
32	20/02/23	Clerk Vacancy	Application	In		Application form received.	Sent to all

33	20/02/23	Foss Orchard Car Park	Request	Out	WDLH	"The Parish Council asks WDLH to remove the sign recently fixed to the Foss Orchard Car Park wall (picture attached) - the wall and car park are owned by the Parish Council. The previous small sign was agreed with Mr Moles and was not an issue.."	
34	20/03/23	Foss Orchard Car Park	Response	In	WDLH	"Thank you for your email, I am disappointed to have received this email as the sign is an identical size to the previous sign. We have simply updated the imagery to the current Spar branding. If you look at the photo you have provided you can see the wooden surround is the original sign. I hope the council are pleased with the investment in the refurbishment of the store, the signage and also the general tidiness of the village store which I believe is an asset to the village community and visitors."	Sent to all
35	21/02/23	Foss Orchard Car Park	Response	Out	WDLH	"Please accept my sincere apologies for the error. I think that the sign being red made it appear larger than it is. The Village Shop is a valued community asset and WDLH's investment is welcomed."	
AGENDA ITEM 13 - CLAPPS MEAD PLAYING FIELD							
AGENDA ITEM 14 - DORSET RIGHTS OF WAY; DORSET HIGHWAYS; FLOOD MANAGEMENT							
RIGHTS OF WAY							
35	13/02/23	All Weather Trailway	Information	Out	Mr Maskell	Statement from Roland Tarr of Dorset Cyclists Network (see above under item BLAP Parish Liaison Meeting) sent to Mr Maskell	
36	14/02/23	All Weather Trailway	Response	In	Mr Maskell	"Many thanks for forwarding Roland's excellent letter. My thoughts have been very much along the same lines as his. Our little group is hoping to have a meet in the very near future to discuss latest developments/news and future intentions, this letter makes a very good discussion point."	Sent to all
37	17/02/23	Mill Lane / BW18	Request	Out	Dorset Council	"Please provide an update on the referral of this DMMO to the Planning Inspector."	
38	27/02/23	Mill Lane / BW18	Response	In	Dorset Council	"This case is still awaiting submission to the Planning Inspectorate for determination. Anne Brown, the case officer, retired last year which has unfortunately caused a delay. We hope to be able to prepare and submit the documentation towards the end of this year."	Sent to all
DORSET HIGHWAYS							
39	07/02/23	Dorset Council 20mph policy	Zoom meeting		Attended by the Clerk		
40	18/02/23	Dorset Council 20mph policy	Information	Out	Clerk to Councillors	Slides and recording of meeting	Sent to all
FLOODING							
AGENDA ITEM 15 - CONSULTATIONS							