

BOURNEMOUTH, CHRISTCHURCH AND POOLE COUNCIL
CABINET

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 March 2020 at 10.00 am

Present:-

Cllr V Slade – Chairman

Cllr M Phipps – Acting Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr L Allison, Cllr D Brown, Cllr L Dedman, Cllr A Hadley,
Cllr S Moore, Cllr M Phipps and Cllr Dr F Rice

Also in attendance: Cllr M Anderson, Cllr R Burton, Cllr D Butler, Cllr G Farquhar, Cllr M
Haines, Cllr M Le Poidevin and Cllr T Trent.

Apologies: Cllr M Howell and Cllr K Wilson [Councillors Howell and Wilson were
able to view the meeting via Skype but were advised that in
accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act they
were not permitted to vote]

136. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

137. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 12 February 2020 were
confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Voting: Unanimous

138. Public Issues

The Leader reported that two questions, ten statements and one petition
had been received.

In relation to this the Leader advised that in view of advice relating to the
current COVID-19 outbreak, that all of those who had submitted questions,
statements and the petition had advised that they would not be attending
the meeting in person, and due to the extenuating circumstances the
provisions within the Constitution would be waived and all submitted Public
Issues, including the questions would be read out by the Chief Executive on
this occasion.

Further to this the Leader advised that all Cabinet Members had received
full copies of the submitted questions, statements and petition prior to the
meeting, and that the statements which had been submitted and were more
than 100 words in length would be summarised for the purposes of being
read out, but that they would be included within the minutes in their entirety.

Question from Ray O'Luby

In 2015, the cement industry generated c2.8bn tonnes of CO₂, equal to 8%
of the global total, more than the US or China. Cement use is set to rise as

urbanisation and demand for new buildings and infrastructure increases. Given the Council's potential support for large-scale infrastructure projects, can they explain why they have not taken the climate damaging consequences of cement production into account in their draft Climate Change Emergency Action Plan (CCEAP)?

Response by the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change

BCP Council recognises that cement production is a big issue for the global fight against climate change and sustainable construction methods will be addressed in the development of new Local Plan.

The Draft Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Plan seeks to introduce policies to encourage zero-carbon developments which would take into account carbon embedded in construction materials. It is hoped that these measures will be supported by positive changes in the National Planning Policy Framework and Building Regulations.

Question from Marion Pope

I voted with some of you against the inclusion of green belt land for housing in the Poole Local Plan 2018. Unfortunately, we were outvoted by the large Conservative majority on the Council and the Plan became law.

Green Belt is not appropriate for housebuilding because of the lack of transport infrastructure and loss of habitats. There are also concerns about flooding and air pollution. My question to you is:

Will you guarantee that no more sites will be released from the green belt to meet housing need?

Response by the Leader of the Council

Government policy on Green Belt is clear; Green Belt boundaries should only be amended in Exceptional Circumstances. Cabinet recognise and fully support this position and in line with national planning policy are not intending to amend any Green Belt boundaries through the Local Plan. The advice from Government is that the BCP Local Plan should be focused first on accommodating its development needs in areas outside of Green Belt, which is the approach being taken at present with work underway on a comprehensive review of urban capacity. Of course, others may want to put forward sites for development within the Green Belt, which is their right to do so through an open and transparent Local Plan process. The Council will need to consider these along with all other sites through the Local Plan process.

Statement from Sarah Fisher

I trust that BCP Cabinet has robust systems in place and has asked searching questions of the very ambitious BPF including:

- Have the new joint governance documents been established?
- Why are there no BCP elected representatives as BPF Trustees?
- Where is the audit trail for £730K of HLF?
- Potential transfer of public assets.

- Future commercial enterprises.
- Existing financial probity: Why is money being returned to SVS/Kingfisher Barn by BPF?
- BPF is not web listed as an 'affined' body.

So that details are regularly fully and publicly recorded and not hidden behind BPF charity status.

Statement from Mrs O'Brien

As defenders of the historic right of way we were pleased to provide some representation at the TAG, including a video recorded just before Mr Atherton blocked the path clearly showing it being walked with little more than spring growth obstructing easy passage.

On the assumption cabinet will accept the TAG's decision we haven't spent the time preparing a further submission for cabinet. However should the council encounter any difficulties in due course enforcing the right of way, we have more evidence that can be submitted to support the formal declaration of the right of way.

Statement from Susan Chapman

At a time when both human and planetary lungs are being compromised with desperate but unheeded warnings that the Amazon rainforest may very soon turn from carbon sink to dangerous carbon exhaler, threatening all life on Planet Earth, you're all welcome to join Earth Day Week April 20-25 from the We Don't Have Time Climate Conference (live broadcast).

Agenda Item 7 regarding the Wessex Fields Site mentions wildlife, well-being, housing & transport but sadly omits the importance of allotments and growing local food including fruit & nut trees and medicinal herbs as supplies fail. Policies protecting local well-being clearly need updating!

Statement from Sarah Ward

The Conservative run Poole Council introduced a PSPO for Poole Town and Holes Bay in 2017. Since then I, along with others have campaigned to have clauses removed which directly threaten those who may be homeless or in poverty, with fines or criminalisation. We hoped that when the UA took control in 2019 they would act quickly to remove these immoral clauses. It has taken the threat of a High Court legal case to get to this point. I urge the Cabinet to agree to the recommendations in the report tabled and, following consultation, remove clauses b, c, d and e. This will send a clear message - we need to help, not punish the most vulnerable.

Statement from Sarah Ward

Please can the Cabinet pay urgent attention to the needs of those people who may be homeless or living in temporary or inappropriate housing during this period when we are facing a public health emergency. These people are some of the most vulnerable in society and at enormous risk, both from contracting Covid-19 and succumbing to its impact. Can the Cabinet publish their emergency action plan for dealing with this particular cohort to both reassure and guide the public, who will be rightly concerned.

Statement from Hayley Cheshire, The Dorset Children’s Foundation

The Dorset Children’s Foundation represents the voice of local families with disabled children. Many children in our area have complex medical needs, and parents are already extremely anxious to hear what plans are in place should they need to self-isolate.

We currently hear talk of plans for the elderly and the most vulnerable in society but disabled children are a group with very specific needs. The issues they face are unique and can vary a great deal from child to child. They need to be addressed as their own group and not an afterthought when dealing with other vulnerable people.

Parents need reassurance that their children’s immediate medical needs will be addressed – that they will continue to have access to medication, medical consumables, the safe delivery of oxygen and feed for children who are peg fed.

The Council needs an understanding of how these basic needs are currently met to ensure continuity. There is also likely to be a withdrawal of some respite and care services provided by other local charities, and the burden this will place on families must not be ignored.

Parents will need to balance nightshifts caring for their complex child while holding down jobs and looking after other siblings. This places an extreme burden on family finances and on their mental health – affecting families that are often already at breaking point.

Our families are looking to the local authority for guidance, reassurance and leadership in this time of crisis - and parents of disabled children need to have an input into the decision-making process to ensure we reach a workable plan.

As a charity we can assist by providing the platform to communicate with and help relay information to those families that need it most.

Statement from Dan McEvoy, Parent to Elisa

A lot of us are already supporting each other, providing support where possible but in most instances the support is difficult because of individual situations. External care for our children is often limited to people with some degree of expertise. So this can limit what is available. At the moment the biggest provider is Diverse Abilities, as the NHS only provide funding for care and not staff. Parents who access diverse abilities are concerned of the consequences of this service being impacted by this pandemic.

There is a feeling that disabled children are often overlooked, this is not to say it is purposeful, but the assumption is that the child’s primary carer will shoulder the burden. I know a lot of families are looking for some degree of leadership that specifically talks to them and acknowledges their concerns.

Statement from Patricia Risbridger, Grandparent & full time carer to Esmais

I would just like to highlight some of my concerns regarding the coronavirus outbreak.

I have 4 children in my house my 3 children aged 10 , 8 and 5 and my granddaughter who lives with me under a special guardianship order esmai who is 2.

Esmai has severe medical needs and complex and profound learning disabilities.

Esmai has severe brain damage, cerebral palsy level v (she cannot sit or roll etc) uncontrolled severe complex epilepsy, infantile spasms a rare seizure disorder, dystonia , dysphagia , she is nil by mouth and peg fed . She also has a permanent port a cath a line direct to her heart . Since January she has had 6 emergency admissions through resus in poole for pnumeonia and a collapsed lung, flu type a and norovirus and with 5 of these admissions presented with status eplilepticus on top of these illnesses esmai is high risk for coronavirus.

I am very concerned about medical supplies we currently cannot get any hand sanitizer which is essential in day to day care of esmai , we struggle to even get calpol last week . Esmai is under Julia's house and also diverse abilities for shapes at home care and lilys place for respite on a weekly basis .

I am very concerned about what will happen once these organisations staff have to self isolate as we have been warned that these services may have to stop. I don't know how we will manage

I am also concerned at the lack of empathy being shown by my childrens school heatherlands in Poole. Yesterday they sent a letter reminding parents of the fact that any child off of school who is non symptomatic will be marked as unauthorized and could face a penalty. I feel as a parent of a medically complex child who's at high risk that decision should be left to myself as a parent and I believe bcp council should make allowances for families such as ours a common cold results in pnumeonia for esmai and we have had her in picu on a ventilator 4 times since the summer . I believe with medical evidence of a child with complex needs bcp should make allowances for siblings to be kept at home and home schooled throughout this peak period . Although children are considered to suffer mildly from symptoms they have the potential to bring this virus to our home regardless of how often I make them wash there hands I still have to collect them from school surrounded by 300 plus chikdren and parents and I cannot guarantee esmai's well being in this situation I am not in a position that anyone else can collect them.

I would welcome your thoughts and clarity on this matter and please ask bcp council to make special allowances for families in our situation.

Statement from Amanda Lewis, Mum of a daughter.

We have a daughter with complex medical health needs and we are concerned that special needs schools are not being advised accordingly and just clumped in with mainstream.

Also if we take her out that means we need additional funding for help at home is there any provision for this? That said what happens if we struggle with getting care at home.

We nearly lost our daughter to flu a few years back so this is an extremely worrying time for us.

Statement from Robyn Turton

As one of so many families who live in council housing, many of us are wondering what will happen to our benefits if offices such as dwp, tax credits & Universal Credit close?

Many of us who have these benefits are our only source of income, and with the demand for goods being so high its driving prices up, what happens if we do not have these essential benefits?

As well as being dependent on these funds to support our families the majority of us live in council housing, what will happen with our rent accounts?

As someone with significant rent arrears and a massive question mark looming over my ability to go to my new job (if schools and childcare become unavailable due to closures) plus the cost of living being driven up by panic buying what do BCP plan to do? I shouldn't have to choose between feeding my children and a roof over my head.

Petition submitted by Sarah Fisher

Cabinet were advised that a petition containing 16 signatures had been received, the covering information regarding the petition was then read out:-

In this meeting the Cabinet is considering the creation of Parish of Throop and Holdenhurst this meeting which will mean that in April 2021 there will be a statutory obligation to consult the Parish on these matters.

However, until this time BCP council, through the Parks department, is bringing forward three major projects within the boundaries of the new Parish which all need careful consideration.

1. The Throop SANG – awaiting planning committee discussion
2. Hicks Farm – a major capital project by BCP/BPF for a vanity visitor destination. The project will be at major variance with BCP sustainability / climate change objectives. Additionally, this will divert visitors away from the town centre which we suggest is in dire need of increased footfall and financial regeneration.
3. Woodland Burial Ground in Muscliffe Lane. Quietly purchased in the last days of BBC using old BBC data for out-of-date justification. Please can BCP conduct a full bereavement services audit over the whole new authority to establish total future need of woodland burial, bearing in mind that there are already three fully functioning woodland burial grounds within half an hour of Throop before any permanent decisions are made about this site.

The BCP Parks department are introducing each of the above one by one in a narrow piecemeal fashion - 'slicing and dicing' - which we believe is detrimental to the BCP sustainability and climate change protocols as well as the future of this Conservation Area in the Green Belt.

Please can BCP consider all three of the above together as one integrated policy for the future of this special place.

The Leader thanked those who had submitted questions, statements and the petition, and in relation to this advised that the petition would be forwarded onto the relevant committee or service director for consideration.

139. Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Board

Cabinet were advised that there were no additional recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Board on items not otherwise included on the Cabinet Agenda on this occasion.

140. Community Governance Review - Throop and Holdenhurst – Final Recommendations

The Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Leisure and Communities presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were advised that Council commenced a review following the receipt of a valid community governance petition, and that further to this the Council had published draft recommendations which were subject to public consultation.

Cabinet were as a result now asked to consider the final recommendations of the Task and Finish Group and to make a recommendation to Council.

In relation to the report the Leader highlighted the reasons for the election not being held until April 2021.

RECOMMENDED that:-

- (a) the existing parish of Holdenhurst Village be altered to include the neighbouring village of Throop as shown on the map appended to this report;**
- (b) the name of the established parish referred to in (a) above be Throop and Holdenhurst;**
- (c) the style of the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst be set as a village;**
- (d) the parish should have a parish council in the style of village council;**
- (e) the name of the village council should be 'Throop and Holdenhurst Village Council';**
- (f) the village council for Throop and Holdenhurst consist of 7 councillors;**
- (g) the effective date for the establishment of the parish council be 1 April 2021;**
- (h) the elections of all parish councillors for the parish of Throop and Holdenhurst shall be held:-**
 - (i) on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2021;**
 - (ii) on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027; and**

- (iii) every fourth year thereafter;
- (i) a Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order be prepared in accordance with the above recommendations and that the Order be effective from 1 April 2021 save for those recommendations relating to parish electoral arrangements which shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2021;
- (j) the Local Government Boundary Commission for England be requested to make a related alteration order to alter the boundaries of the District Wards (Commons and Muscliff & Strouden Park) to be coterminous with the parish boundary referred to in recommendation (a) above;
- (k) the Director of Law and Governance be authorised to make all necessary reorganisation of community governance orders to implement the changes agreed by Council;
- (l) a Shadow Parish Council for Throop and Holdenhurst be established, comprising 7 members, with membership being made up of:-
- (i) 3 ward councillors for Muscliff and Strouden Park;
 - (ii) 2 representatives of Holdenhurst village meeting;
 - (iii) 2 other local representatives drawn from the lead petitioners.

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Tourism, Leisure and Communities

141. Wessex Fields Site Development Strategy

The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were asked to consider the next steps in deciding the use of the land at Wessex Fields, following a period of public consultation.

The Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board addressed Cabinet advising that whilst there were no formal comments from the recent meeting of the Board, that Members had discussed the transportation side of the scheme in detail, and that the Board would like to see the next stage of the scheme including the transportation elements.

A Councillor addressed Cabinet highlighting disappointment that focus continues to be on the road infrastructure rather than the future possibilities of the site.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) From the outcome of the consultation, the Cabinet are recommended to progress the three key themes broadly supported by the public:
- Health, Care, Research and Education;

- **Affordable or Keyworker Housing;**
 - **Realising the vision of the Living Lab.**
- (b) Cabinet delegates authority to the Director for Development in consultation with his senior officers to commission soft market testing to develop viable delivery options relating to the preferred use themes. Once completed, this will be reviewed by the Cabinet with an estimate of a report in Autumn 2020.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holders: Leader of the Council

Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Culture

142. Arts and Culture development in BCP Council

The Leader presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were requested to consider and accept the findings and recommendations of the Cultural Enquiry to enable BCP Council, the Cultural Collective and local arts and heritage organisations to deliver on the recommendations of the Cultural Enquiry and the priorities of the Corporate Strategy.

The Vice Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board addressed Cabinet advising that at the recent Board meeting the Board had requested that an update report be provided in 12 months, to provide an overview of how effective the strategy has been in meeting its aims; and for this report to include as measures of effectiveness an assessment of how the strategy has assisted in tackling anti-social behaviour and in engaging with harder to reach groups in our communities.

In addition the Vice Chairman raised concerns as to whether this was the best use of BCP Council money at this particular time.

A Councillor addressed Cabinet highlighting that this could help bring people together following forthcoming isolation.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance read a statement out from the Lighthouse highlighting the intentions for the future.

Cabinet Members spoke in support of the report highlighting the benefits. In addition the Leader proposed an additional recommendation to address the comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Cabinet accepts the findings and recommendations of the Cultural Enquiry and supports their implementation;**
- (b) Cabinet supports the plan to hold “A Cultural Future for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole” conference at Lighthouse Poole;**

- (c) **Cabinet agrees that a cultural strategy and implantation plan for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole should be developed as a joint initiative of BCP Council and the Cultural Collective;**
- (d) **Cabinet agrees to openly recruit an independent chair of the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Cultural Collective (Cultural Compact) and form a multi-sector board and wider stakeholder group to deliver on the recommendations of the Cultural Enquiry;**
- (e) **Cabinet agrees a three-year standstill settlement (2020-23) for the six funded arts and heritage organisations operating in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole; and**
- (f) **We bring a review back in 12 months which looks at how the work is delivering against the Corporate Plans and Delivery Plans.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Regeneration and Culture

143. BCP Council Street Works Permit Scheme

The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'D' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were requested to consider approval to bring into operation a Street Works Permit system in lieu of its existing noticing system. In relation to this Cabinet were informed that this report followed the Cabinet report in October and reports on the results of the consultation carried out with all the statutory consultees, with recommendations of the permit conditions to be applied for the new BCP Council Street Works Permit Scheme, taking into consideration the responses received.

In presenting the report the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure advised that following discussion at the recent Overview and Scrutiny Board and queries raised that the table of charges had been circulated.

The Vice Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board addressed Cabinet thanking the Portfolio Holder for the circulation of the fees and charges and informing Cabinet that at the recent meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board members had resolved that Cabinet be recommended to modify the street works permitting scheme to include a clause requiring that any works undertaken are subject to follow up inspection and a requirement to make good the road surface or footway to a sufficient standard, in order to ensure that this standard remains in place for an agreed period of time.

In relation to the above the Portfolio Holder advised that it would be difficult to have officers check on the holes are each works had been completed, as this would be very time consuming and labour intensive. Further to this Cabinet were advised that works under 1.5m in depth had a 2 year guarantee, and works over 1.5m had a 3 year guarantee.

A Councillor addressed Cabinet stressing that there had been problems in the past with getting issues reported in time, and questioning whether it

would be possible for an officer to complete a visual check whilst on their way to other jobs. Further to this the Councillor questioned whether if there is a list of all the works and when they run out of guarantee is an officer not checking these before the time period of the guarantee runs out?

The Leader highlighted the time, capacity and budget constraints of an officer visually checking each works following completion. In relation to this the Leader questioned whether Councillors could receive a list of permitted schemes once a month by ward, this would enable Ward Councillors to know when repairs were happening and to carry out the checks themselves whilst carrying out their ward work. In relation to this the Leader requested the Portfolio Holder explore this issue.

The Portfolio Holder advised that the department were currently going through a migration of systems but that officers had seemed positive that a retrospective list would be possible.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Cabinet approve the conditions to be applied to the BCP Council Street Works Permit Scheme, as described in the attached document, Appendix 2;**
- (b) Cabinet delegate authority to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to make the necessary Legal Order to bring the permit scheme into operation.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Transport and Infrastructure

144. Dorset Heathlands Planning Framework 2020-2025 Supplementary Planning Document

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'E' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were requested to recommend adoption of the Dorset Heathlands Planning Framework 2020-2025 Supplementary Planning Document.

The Vice Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board addressed Cabinet advising that whilst there were no formal recommendations from the recent meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board that comments had been raised requesting that BCP Council consider having aspirations to classify more land as heathland with land abutting heathland being designated as recreational use.

Councillors addressed Cabinet raising the issue of planning permissions close to heathlands and in relation to this highlighted the strict regulations. A Councillor questioned the difference between restrictions relating to residential colleges and university managed student accommodation and associated concerns.

The Portfolio Holder advised that the issues raised relating to student accommodation would be taken to Dorset for further discussion.

RECOMMENDED that:-

- (a) Cabinet recommends that Council adopts the Dorset Heathlands Planning Framework 2020-2025 Supplementary Planning Document; and**
- (b) any minor changes to the consultation document are delegated to the Director of Growth and Infrastructure in liaison with the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Strategic Planning

145. Capital Investment Strategy (Non-Treasury) 2020-2025

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'F' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were requested to consider approval of the Capital Investment Strategy which had been refreshed to ensure it aligns with the new BCP Council Corporate Strategy and reflects the current investment ambitions of the organisation.

In presenting the report the Portfolio Holder highlighted amendments to the proposed recommendations which were hoped would address some of the concerns which had been raised.

The Vice Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board addressed Cabinet advising that at their recent meeting the Overview and Scrutiny Board had requested that Cabinet consider amending paragraph 2.3.3 of Appendix A to remove all text following the end of the first sentence 'In making an investment decision, the Council will take a balanced portfolio approach'.

In relation to the comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Board the Portfolio Holder stressed that the balanced portfolio approach would still be a responsible investment. The Portfolio Holder requested the below amendment prior to approval, that an additional paragraph be included at 2.1.9 to read:

"2.1.9 Further to the stated priorities, be exception, opportunities which may not fulfil all of these criteria may be brought forward for consideration by the Investment Panel where they otherwise reflect the values and priorities of the Council's Corporate Strategy"

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) Subject to the inclusion of paragraph 2.1.9 as set out in the minutes above the Capital Investment Strategy (Non-Treasury) 2020-2025 attached to the Report at Appendix A be approved; and**
- (b) Cabinet delegate authority to the Corporate Property Officer to make minor amendments to the Capital Investment Strategy (Non-Treasury) 2020-2025 in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Regeneration & Culture, and Finance.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Finance

146. Grass Cutting, Wildflower & Grassland Habitat Management Policy

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'G' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were requested to consider a range of procedural and operational changes throughout BCP Councils open spaces that had the potential to reduce our Carbon footprint, increase carbon capture and increase biodiversity, by promoting changes in grass cutting, wildflower meadow development and grassland habitat management. This being in line with the Council Climate Change and Ecological Emergency Action Plan.

A Councillor addressed Cabinet requesting that consideration be given to increasing the width of the mowed paths.

A number of Councillors spoke in support of the report highlighting the ecological benefits and stressing the importance of communications to explain why some grass is left to grow long.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the development of a long-term BCP Council policy on grass management, taking into account financial and environmental impacts and public expectations be endorsed;**
- (b) Cabinet supported recommendations in order to ensure that grass management practices are sustainable and contribute to the Council's declaration to become carbon neutral by 2030;**
- (c) Cabinet supported trials to determine best practice and feasibility of grass management methods; and**
- (d) the implementation of procedures that have the potential to increase biodiversity and carbon capture was endorsed.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Environment and Climate Change

147. Tackling street-based anti-social behaviour

The Portfolio Holder for Tourism, Leisure and Communities presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'H' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were requested to consider the implementation of a balanced approach which is fit for purpose for the whole of BCP, applying effective solutions to a complex issue which seeks a reduction of harmful behaviours that impact negatively on the wider community, whilst placing the needs of vulnerable people at its heart.

The Vice Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Board addressed Cabinet advising that at the recent meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board the

Board resolved that Cabinet be recommended to amend paragraph 25 of the Cabinet report, in order that the final sentence reads:

'It is proposed that specifically, consultation is undertaken with a view to removing clauses b) to c) but that clauses a), d), e), f) and g) would remain in force'

And that consultation on the variation of Public Spaces Protection Order, as outlined at recommendation 2 of the Cabinet report, is undertaken on the basis of the amendment.

Councillors present at the meeting addressed Cabinet indicating their support to the report, in addition a question was raised as to whether there is any possibility that lockers could be provided in order for the homeless to store their possessions.

In relation to the proposed amendment from the Overview and Scrutiny Board, Cabinet felt that it was better to consult on the broader areas rather than to reduce them.

In addition the Portfolio Holder advised that work is ongoing to try and find a location for lockers.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) BCP Council adopts a consistent approach to tackling street-based anti-social behaviour as detailed within paragraphs 16-24 of the Report;**
- (b) The Director of Communities is authorised to undertake consultation on varying the Public Spaces Protection Order covering Poole Town Centre as set out in paragraphs 25-26 of the report; and**
- (c) Cabinet considered the outcome of the consultation at a future meeting with a view to making recommendations in respect of the Public Spaces Protection Order in light of the consultation process.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Tourism, Leisure and Communities

148. Recommendations from the Transportation Advisory Group

The Portfolio Holder for Transport and Infrastructure presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'I' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were requested to consider representations made in response to the advertisement of a number of Traffic Regulation Orders, and to approve the sealing and advertisement of a number of other Traffic Regulation Orders.

In relation to this Cabinet was advised that the contained reports had already been considered by the recent meeting of the Transportation Advisory Group.

It is RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

- (a) Confirms that permission be granted to create an order to record the unprotected footpath from James Road to Sheringham Road as a Public Right of Way as set out in the TRO report;**
- (b) In relation to the Branksome Park and Canford Cliffs Residents Association Road Safety Petition approves:**
 - i. Acknowledgement of the petitioners concerns and they be advised that in the absence of any significant accident record in this area we could not justify any road safety engineering interventions at present;**
 - ii. Forwarding of the petitioners concerns to Dorset Roads Traffic Policing Unit for their consideration relating to speed enforcement;**
 - iii. Informing the petitioners that the Council will investigate and assess options to enhance pedestrian and cycle facilities in the area but that no funding has been identified for implementing this work; and**
 - iv. Advising the local resident group which submitted the petition that its bid for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Portion funding is to be considered alongside all other similar bids received and a decision on potential funding will be made in due course.**
- (c) Approves the advertisement of Traffic Regulation Orders as set out in TRO sub-report A;**
- (d) Approves the advertisement of changes to on-street disabled bays as set out in the TRO sub-report B;**
- (e) In relation to the Anti-Idling Outside Primary Schools Campaign approves:**
 - i. an Anti-Idling Campaign be undertaken at a small number of primary schools using allocated DEFRA funding;**
 - ii. appropriate enforcement action be used but as a last resort;**
 - iii. should the campaign prove successful, it will be rolled out to additional schools across the BCP area in future years; and**
 - iv. that officer include information to schools about the carbon footprint of different types of transportation methods to educate parents on the impact of how journeys are made.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Transport and Infrastructure

149. Coronavirus - Update

The Section 151 Officer presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'J' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were requested to approve the report in order to ensure that the Council has a robust and prudent strategy to manage the impact of Covid-19 on its financial sustainability.

Councillors present at the meeting addressed Cabinet citing the need to ensure the Council helps those in our community, and that it was appropriate to review what the budget spend priorities are during this difficult time.

The Leader advised that regular meetings were being held and that new Government Guidance was being released regularly, and that it was intended that the Council would release updates every other day. Further to this the Leader advised that all departments were on critical incident processes.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:-

- (a) Note that the Chief Executive in his capacity as the Gold Command Officer for COVID 19 will authorise any urgent expenditure to support the Councils response to the coronavirus; and**
- (b) Request that the Chief Finance Officer brings forward for Cabinet consideration a fundamental review of the 2020/21 Budget in response to the impact on the Councils finances of the coronavirus and the costs likely to be incurred in support of the most vulnerable within our community.**

Voting: Unanimous

Portfolio Holder: Finance

150. Cabinet Forward Plan

The Leader advised that the latest Cabinet Forward Plan had been published on the Council's website.

151. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs such interest in disclosing the information.

152. Kerbside Recycling Collection Service (Bournemouth)

This item was restricted by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Portfolio Holder for Climate Change and Environment presented a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'K' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cabinet were requested to consider the bringing in house of the recycling service. In relation to this Cabinet were advised that the creation of BCP Council and the need for a single revised waste strategy finds this to be an expedient time to review collection methodology across the conurbation and understand the financial implications of the options put forward.

The meeting ended at 1.00 pm

CHAIRMAN