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Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at the Thorncombe Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's J Higgs (Chairman), A Hiscock, P Basham, J Fox, M Stead and W Luty-Wells.

In Attendance:-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr S Christopher (Dorset Council) and nine members of the public

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076	Apologies for Absence No apologies received.
077	Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct No declarations, under the Code of Conduct were made at this stage of the meeting.
078	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on the 2 nd July 2024, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record and were signed by the chairman
079	Matters Arising from the Minutes Following concerns raised at the July meeting by a parishioner the Thorncombe Environmental Group had issued a report highlighting what they intended to undertake in respect of the cemetery area. Members were satisfied with these proposed arrangements.
080	Council Surgery There had been an incident in the High Street where a cat had been injured. Agreed that a request would be made to have the words slow painted on the road. There had also been a complaint from a resident in Holditch about speeding. The next surgery will take place on the 27 th September and will be hosted by Cllr Luty-Wells.

081	<p>Democratic Period</p> <p>A number of residents voiced concerns in relation to the application for the erection of a log cabin in the garden of number 29 Tansee Hill. They felt that it would be too large, overbearing and out of character with the area. There were also concerns expressed that the building would result in over shadowing of a neighbour's property.</p>
082	<p>Accounts for Payment</p> <p>The following accounts were ratified: Hugo Fox £23.99, Dial Grass Cut £475.00, Water2Business £34.13, J Vanderwolfe £95.38, Fenland Leisure Products £297.12, Fenland Leisure Products £46.32 and Playsafety Limited £280, 80.</p>
083	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>Members had been circulated with the budget v actual expenditure and income figures prior to the meeting, and approved the report.</p> <p>The financial assets of the council as of the 8th August was £19,063.07.</p>
084	<p>Dorset Councillor Report</p> <p>Cllr Christopher informed the meeting that he was now on the planning committee. There had not been many meetings since the election, however there were concerns over expenditure and lack of finances, which would need to be tackled shortly</p>
085	<p>Bus Services</p> <p>No report</p>
086	<p>Community Shop</p> <p>A report had been circulated to members which showed the shop was trading reasonably at present</p>
087	<p>Allotments</p> <p>No issues</p>
088	<p>Playfield</p> <p>The ROSPA report had been received. The swings had been repaired. The trees in the park need inspecting. Regular inspections are now taking place.</p>
089	<p>Rights of Way</p>

	Our Honorary ROW Warden reported that a path near to Spearhay Lane remains closed due to storm damage. He would send the clerk a draft letter for members to look at to be sent to landowners in the future
090	Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils Members can sign up to receive updates from this organisation directly from them.
091	Police and Neighbourhood Watch There had been an abandoned vehicle parked near to the fruit farm, which had been discovered to be without tax or insurance. It had however been removed
092	Highways This item had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.
093	Planning P/FUL/2024/04305 Beerhall Farm, Hawkchurch: Erect cover to slurry store. Support P/HOU/2024/04608 29 Tansee Hill: Erection of log cabin : Members were unable to support this application as it would result in a loss of outlook, over shadowing of a neighbours property, overbearing and out of keeping with the area. Disappointment expressed that a Design and Access Statement had not been provided or a reason why the development needed to be in excess of the Permitted Development limit. P/HOU/2024/04557 Hooks Barn, Saddle Street: Replacement entrance porch with utility and timber garage: Support
094	Blackdown Trust The chairman reported that the trust will meet in October. It is understood that there have been five applications for funding so far.
095	Closing of Meeting The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm
096	Next Meeting Tuesday 1 st October 2024 at 7.30pm

Signed ----- Chairman

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