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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 4th December 2018

Present: Cllr's R Arnold (Chairman), J Higgs, D Marsh, R Peacock, N Higgins and S Dunford

In Attendance:-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) and seven members of the public

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567	Apologies Apologies received from Cllr's S Welford (meeting) and M Stead (family). Resolved to accept these apologies. Apologies noted from Cllr's D Turner and Cllr J Sewell.
568	Declarations Cllr S Dunford declared a personal interest in the agenda item dealing with the Appeal on footpaths 37.38 & 103 because he lives near these paths and is also a registered objector to the proposed diversions.
569	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 th November 2018 were adopted as a true record with one alteration, Cllr R Peacock was present
570	Matters Arising The water leak at Hoditch has now been dealt with. Wessex Water having at last accepted responsibility and dealt with it. Cllr Marsh stated that a parishioner had raised concerns about a tree near to the church car park. He had raised this issue with the PCC. The tree has a Tree Preservation Order on it. The tree had been inspected within the last 18 months and no issues had been raised.
571	Committee Minutes The minutes of the Finance & General Purposes meeting held on the 21 st November 2018 were adopted as a true record.

572	<p>Democratic Period</p> <p>The chairman of the Community shop wished to thank Cllr Marsh for his work on securing funding through BVLAP for the coffee machine in the shop.</p> <p>Mrs Marsh updated the meeting regarding the school bus service. A directive had been issued stating that the young people must not sit on the floor of the bus. A further survey had been undertaken to identify how many trees still needed attention before a double decker bus can be introduced to the route.</p> <p>A parishioner stated that when he had sold the shop he had stipulated that the access to the right of the shop remained as a private access for the users of the flat; and that no commercial access was provided. The chairman responded by stating that that was not what the deeds stated; and that he would explain the situation when that item was dealt with later in the agenda.</p> <p>A member of the public stated that he felt that the amount allocated in the proposed budget for 2019/20 for grants was very low at £400. The chairman responded by stating that the council had done this to ensure that the precept did not need to be heavily increased. A note would be placed in the magazine informing organisations that they could apply for funding. The gentleman was also concerned that organisations were not made aware of the availability of grants from the Council.</p>
573	<p>County and District Reports</p> <p>No reports had been received</p>
574	<p>Budget and Precept Demand</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr J Higgs, seconded by Cllr N Higgins, that the budget for 2019/20 be set at £21,554 and that the Precept Demand be £10,100. All members were in favour.</p>
575	<p>Finance Regulations</p> <p>Resolved to adopt the revised Finance Regulations</p>
576	<p>On-Line Banking</p> <p>Resolved to accept the recommendations of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to adopt on-line banking.</p>
577	<p>Community Shop Rights of Way</p> <p>The chairman, having consulted the deeds document, confirmed that there was a right of way passage on foot only for access to the garage/store. It was further understood that there had also been another entrance which it would seem had been blocked off some years ago. Mr Whalley wished it to be made clear that he had not tried to stop members of the shop from using the access area when bringing out rubbish, but had only objected to the post box being blocked by the rubbish.</p>
578	<p>Highways, Parish Lengthsman and ROW Issues</p> <p>There are a number of road works scheduled for 2019. These include water mains repairs and road surfacing. Batham's Pit needs attention as the area is very muddy and the drains are blocked</p>

	<p>ROW: a number of fingerposts have been damaged whilst recent hedge cutting was undertaken. The finger post by the bus shelter has been temporarily removed for repair</p>
579	<p>Possible Storage Facility Item deferred</p>
580	<p>Appeal Regarding Footpaths 37,38,103 Thorncombe No date had yet been fixed for the appeal hearing, however it was agreed that Cllr N Higgins would represent the parish council if he was available.</p>
581	<p>Councillors' Reports</p> <p>.Car Service: It should be noted that the 45p per mile charge goes to the driver for the cost of running the vehicle. The only other charges would be for any car park fees.</p> <p>Playfield: The AGM had taken place on the 20th November. The three officers had been re-elected. There were also three committee members. They had received £250 funding There was a clean-up day on the 2nd December. £16,000 would be required to replace equipment in the playfield. Cllr Higgins had cleared the field behind the playfield. In doing so a number of empty alcoholic bottles had been discovered. A waste bin had been damaged and needed replacing.</p> <p>Community Shop: The shop was running in profit. There were some minor repairs to the building required.</p> <p>Village Hall: A table tennis club had been formed and short tennis was also being looked into.</p> <p>BVLAP: Funds had been made available to the Community Shop as part of the Dementia project.</p> <p>Housing: The house in Tansee Hill remains vacant</p>
582	<p>Planning Applications There were no planning applications to deal with.</p>
583	<p>Determinations No planning applications had been determined since the last meeting.</p>
584	<p>Correspondence Following recent correspondence the Holditch Hall committee had agreed that a defibrillator could be positioned at the hall. They had also agreed to make a contribution towards the cost. Agreed that this was now a matter for the hall committee to deal with in association with the Friends of the First Responders.</p>
585	<p>Matters of Urgency There were no matters to be dealt with.</p>
586	<p>Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th February 2019</p>

Signed ----- Chairman

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