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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr's R Arnold (Chairman), S Dunford, S Welford, N Higgins, R Peacock, D Marsh, J Higgs, C Sowerbutts and M Stead

**In Attendance:-**The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr D Turner (Dorset County Council), Cllr J Sewell (West Dorset District Council) and seven members of the public.

<b>065</b>	<b>Apologies</b> No apologies received
<b>066</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr C Sowerbutts declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in planning application WD/D/15/001863 as his business is involved with the application. Cllr R Arnold declared a Pecuniary interest in planning application WD/D/15/002281 as the application is next to his home and he rents land to the applicant.
<b>067</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2015 were adopted as a true record with a few minor typo errors, which were corrected.
<b>068</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> The clerk confirmed that letters had been sent to both the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Village Hall Committee regarding car parking (minute 51). The Village Hall Committee had acknowledged the letter stating it would be discussed at their next meeting. The Birdsmoor Gate road junction problem was to be looked into

	by highways and a letter would be sent to Rights of Way warning that legal action might be taken if the path at the Mill is not reinstated.
<b>069</b>	<b>Police and Neighbourhood Watch Report</b> No reports
<b>070</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b>  A councillor and a parishioner were concerned that road closure times for work being undertaken by BT were not keeping to the agreed closure times. The parishioner also asked why the plans for planning applications being dealt with this evening were not on display. She was informed that it was unlikely that two of the three applications would be dealt with this evening; and that that was why they were not on display. Request for the lengthsman to deal with drainage problems in Buddlewall.
<b>071</b>	<b>County and District Reports</b> Cllr Turner informed the meeting that it looked like there would be a bid for parts of Dorset to go Unitary in the future. The County Councillor handed over a cheque to the value of £620 from his locality Budget towards the Playing Field. Cllr Sewell informed the meeting that the Empty Properties Officer had brought 23 former empty properties in the area back into occupation over the last year.
<b>072</b>	<b>Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>WD/D/15/001863 Land East of Sadborow Lane: Solar Photovalaic Panels and associated works.</b> There were concerns that making a recommendation at this meeting before the proposed public consultation meeting would be unwise. Resolved that the clerk would try and get an extension or a special meeting would be called.</li> <li>b) <b>WD/D/15/002281 Manor Farm, Holditch Lane: Erect extension to cubicle shed.</b> It was understood that this application had been registered incorrectly. It was stated that planning officer had tried to contact the clerk to ask him not to deal with the application this evening. <b>Resolved that due to the information received that this application be not dealt with.</b></li> <li>c) <b>WD/D/15/002243 Thorncombe Farm, Fore Street, Thorncombe. Listed Building Consent for alterations to boundary wall to create vehicular access &amp; construction of garage. Resolved to support this application.</b></li> <li>d) <b>Determinations:</b> The Hamlyns, High Street (WD/D/15/002172) and Easthay (WD/D/15/001298 &amp; 001299 had been approved by WDDC.</li> </ul>
<b>073</b>	<b>Highway Reports</b> The point was once again made that where ever possible road defects should be reported on line
<b>074</b>	<b>Finances</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Following accounts agreed for payment: J Vanderwolfe £119.25 (1243), Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £20.00 (1244).</li> <li>b) Financial Update: The financial update was agreed.</li> </ul>
<b>075</b>	<b>Councillors' Reports</b> <b>Amenities:</b> Cllr N Higgins had cleared brambles in the playfield <b>School:</b> More daffodils are to be planted at the front of the school <b>ROW:</b> Cllr's S Dunford, Cllr D Marsh, Cllr Higgins together with Mr B Atyeo had assisted with the clearing of brambles in the field adjacent to the playground owned

	<p>by C.J Fry. There were a number of new paths on the Definitive Map and there would seem to be some missing numbers between the new paths.</p> <p><b>Website:</b> New site now up and running. Cllr Sowerbutts was praised for all his work on this project. He asked that he be informed of any amendments that were required. Cllr Sowerbutts would put an article in the parish magazine regarding the website. A link would be made to the WDDC planning site and Dorset for You.</p> <p>Community Shop: Cllr R Peacock reported that the shop was having a revamp and that it had been discovered that 80% of the profit was from 150 lines.</p>
<b>076</b>	<p><b>Playing Field</b></p> <p>Cllr D Marsh reported that apart from the funds received earlier in the meeting from our County Councillor, Magna had also provided funds from their community Initiative Fund. There was a need to issue a new lease. Cllr R Arnold agreed to look at the lease, for which he was thanked. A fence had collapsed due to the posts having rotted. A public meeting would be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.</p>
<b>077</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>The Dorset CPRE AGM would be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> November.</p> <p>Various circulars were noted.</p>
<b>078</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Agreed that there would be a short meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 to enable the budget and precept to be ratified, and to conduct any other time sensitive business only.</p>