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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.30pm in the Thorncombe Village Hall

Present: Cllr's J Higgs (Chairman), D Marsh, M Stead, A Hiscock and P Basham

In Attendance:- The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr S Christopher and one member of the public.

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729	Apologies No apologies received
730	Declarations of Interest No Declarations were made
731	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 th March 2023, having been previously distributed; were agreed as a true record; and were then signed by the chairman.
732	Matters Arising No items
733	Monthly Surgery Concerns about a tree in the churchyard. Should be referred to the PCC Cllr Marsh would undertake the May surgery
734	Democratic Period The Thorncombe Environmental Group propose to defer the first grass cut until the summer whilst celandine is flowering and some wild flower seeds and plugs are planted.
735	Accounts for Payment Resolved to ratify the following payments: Thorncombe Village Hall £33.00 and Information Commissioner £35.00.
736	Financial Update

	The finance update was approved. Financial assets as at 5 th March stood at £16,400.67.
737	Dorset Councillor's Report A report had been circulated and was duly noted
738	Dorset Modification Order path T761 Whilst not objecting to the two modification orders that had been sent no information had been provided as to why the request for modification was being made.
739	Bus Services Apart from the Bridport service passenger loadings remain high. Cllr Marsh had applied for a grant from Battens the Solicitors
740	Community Shop The Job Description was now on-line for the shop manager.
741	Rights of Way Our Honorary Rights of Way Officer, Nathan Berry reports that Dorset Council continues to respond well to broken stiles, but that there is little progress on long term definitive map issues such as the path through New House. He was also awaiting a response from a request for a date for the installation of two gates on the footpath between Witty's Lane the Dungeon
742	Police A report by our Community Police Officer had been circulated.
743	Playfield The retiring secretary of the Playfield Association stated that he had obtained a quotation for works to equipment which was £750 plus Vat. He presented a cheque to the value of £5752.68, which would close their account. The funds to be deposited as earmarked funds for the playfield. The insurance details would be passed to the clerk so that arrangement could be made with the council's insurance company The inspections training morning would take place on Friday 28 th April at 9.30am. We would meet in the Village Hall car park. Cllr's Hiscock, Basham, Higgs and Marsh and the clerk would attend.
744	Planning There were no planning applications to be dealt with at this meeting.
745	Annual Parish Meeting

	It was agreed, subject to availability of the Sports Club, that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Thursday 25 th May 2023
746	Closing of Meeting The chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm
747	Next Meeting The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2 nd May 2023 at 7.30pm. This will be the Annual Council Meeting

Signed Chairman

Date