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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 5th October 2021 at the Thorncombe Community Centre, commencing at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance:-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) and Cllr S Christopher

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422	Apologies An apology was received from Cllr M Stead
423	Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting
424	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 th September 2021, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
425	Matters Arising Cllr Marsh explained that the playfield meeting had actually taken place on the 22 nd instead of the 24 th September and that the presentation was held in Bridgewater. The clerk had located the deeds to the playfield and would pass them on to our solicitor so that the land could be registered with Land Registry
426	Democratic Period The treasurer of the Playground Association was asking if his group could make an application for a grant. The chairman stated that he could make an application, which would be considered in the normal way.
427	Dorset Council Report

	<p>Cllr Christopher had circulated his report prior to the meeting which was noted. There was a question as to how Dorset Council were able to continue to operate some of their meetings on zoom and yet parish and town councils had been instructed that they could not do that after the 7th May 2021</p>
428	<p>Accounts for Payment Resolved to ratify the following payments: Thorncombe Village Hall £22.00, Viking £99.99, Martins of Chard £32.32, CPRE £36.00. There had been a duplicate payment to CPRE, so a refund would be requested</p>
429	<p>Financial Update The finance update was approved. Financial Assets as at 3/10/21 stood at £19,641.08.</p>
430	<p>Christmas Lanterns Mrs Bonome wanted to arrange for some Christmas lanterns to be built by the young people and was requesting some funding. It was agreed that she would receive a grant of £200. The clerk asked that she contact him with her Bacs details.</p>
431	<p>Playfield There had good attendance at the last meeting. It was agreed to replace the swings at the bottom of the field and the basket swing on the existing frame. TPFPA had received a commended certificate from Somerset Playing Field Association at the presentation in Woolavington (near Bridgewater).</p>
432	<p>Bus Services Dorset Council had awarded the council £2,000 towards the running of the buses. A number of on line meetings had been held with a final one being held later in the week, to which the clerk stated he would attend. This meeting would discuss the bid being made by Dorset Council to the Government to improve bus services in Dorset.</p>
433	<p>Community Shop The clerk had provided a copy of the agreement between the council and the owner of the flat above the shop. There were a number of points which needed clarifying which he would investigate. It was understood that a full electrician test was due for the shop. There was a question as to who was responsible for paying for this. The clerk would investigate this and deal with it as appropriate.</p>
434	<p>Allotments No items</p>
435	<p>Former Telephone Box The box had been sanded down, cleaned up and rust areas treated.</p>
436	<p>BAVLAP It was now understood that this group had not ceased but was looking at issuing a village survey in the near future</p>
437	<p>DAPTC No items</p>
438	<p>Planning Applications</p>

	<p>P/LBC/2021/1901 and 1902 Manor Farm, Holditch to replace corrugated iron roof with Welsh slates, replace two windows and UPVC Door to porch and replace rear porch. Members voted to support this application.</p> <p>An application to erect an agricultural barn at Bonny Green Farm (P/PABA/2021/03638 was noted.</p>
439	<p>Dorset Council Footpath Diversions and survey</p> <p>A ROW survey had been sent out. It was agreed that the survey was somewhat limited in the questions being asked but it was agreed that members would set up a meeting with Mr Nigel Higgins, our footpath officer.</p> <p>An email had been circulated from the Senior Definitive Map technical Officer regarding footpath 104, stating that there was a short section of path which had not been recorded on the Definitive Map. Agreed that this would be done as part of the registering of the playing field and that the clerk would forward the correspondence to our solicitor.</p> <p>The Public Path Creation Order for footpath, footpath 94 and 106 was noted.</p>
440	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The clerk informed members that the new digital Register of Interest forms would need to be completed by every councillor over the next few weeks. A link would be sent out to enable members to do this.</p>
441	<p>Items of Urgency</p> <p>Nil</p>
442	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.35.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd November at 7.30pm</p>

Signed Chairman

Date