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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 7th October 2014 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr's R Arnold (Chairman), S Dunford, S Welford, J Higgs, M Stead, P Gordon and N Higgins

In Attendance:-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) , Cllr D Turner (Dorset County Council), Cllr M Robinson (West Dorset District Council), Mr Handley (Dorset County Council), and six members of the public.

1069	Apologies An apology was received from Cllr's R Peacock (meeting). Resolved to accept this apology
1070	Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct Cllr M Stead declared a pecuniary interest in planning application WD/D/14/002419LBC Bonfield Stores, Fore Street, Thorncombe as he has done work on the property. He would leave the room prior to any discussions taking place regarding this application.
1071	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 2 nd September 2014 were adopted as a true record and were signed by the chairman.
1072	Matters Arising

	Cllr J Higgs queried why Neighbourhood Plan was not on the agenda. Cllr M Robinson was to provide an update within his district report.
1073	Police & Neighbourhood Watch It was understood that oil thefts are once again becoming more common.
1074	Playing Field The chairman of the playing field committee explained that following the ROSPA report and advice from the Somerset Playing Fields Association and the insurance company a decision had been made to close the playing field. He was however pleased to inform the meeting that sufficient funds were available to undertake repairs, although some equipment will be removed. It is hoped that the park would re-open in November. The chairman went on to inform the meeting that a five year plan was being put into place.
1075	Democratic Period A parishioner stated that she was willing to plant daffodils on the bank beside the village hall. The council does not own the land but would have no objection to this being done. It was suggested that Dorset County Highways be asked not to cut back the bank during the growing season. Concerns were expressed regarding the speeding of vehicles through the village. Some children continue to play in the road which could be very dangerous. Agreed that an article would be placed in the parish magazine and that the police be asked to speak to children at the school. It was suggested that signs could be displayed stating that '20 was plenty'. Cllr Welford suggested that the gateway signs might reduce the speeding problem. There was a question regarding the Neighbourhood Plan which was dealt with by the clerk and Cllr Robinson.
1076	County and District Councillor's Reports Cllr D Turner presented the council with a cheque to the value of £700 from his locality budget for a new noticeboard. Provision for electric car recharging was being provided in Bridport and Lyme Regis. Further cuts in budgets will need to be made in 2017. Consultations were at present being made on waste management and the fire service. Cllr M Robinson informed the meeting that the housing register is being altered. A decision was due to be made as to whether town and parish councils would be charged for elections. It was understood that if this does happen it will not be introduced until the next financial year. Cllr Robinson then provided information regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. Thorncombe would join with Upper Marshwood, Netherbury and Hawkchurch. There would be a meeting at Bettiscombe on the 23 rd October to discuss things further. As central funding would not now be available until the spring of 2015 there was now not such an urgency to get things in motion. Apart from the steering group there would be a number of interest groups Business, Schools and learning, Tourism, pubs, clubs, housing and bed and breakfast, Elderly and special needs, transport, Environment, Land trust and housing needs.
1077	Highways

	<p>There is a need to ensure that the website is used for reporting highway defects. Local knowledge is of course vital for getting the defects reported. It was agreed that Mr Frampton would be shown how to use the website. Mr Frampton updated the meeting on works that had been undertaken in the area recently. Cllr Higgs stated that he had not received any reports which required work for the lengersman. Mr Handley from Dorset County Council was introduced to the group. He informed the council that there was a service level agreement to strim three footpaths once a year. There was now a provision for those paths to be cleared on two more occasions during the year and for this to be extended to other paths, providing the parish was willing to pay 20p per metre. Agreed this would be an agenda for the November meeting.</p>
1078	<p>Councillors' Report</p> <p>Village Hall: Had received a spring clean plus some decoration. Some car parking issues had been dealt with.</p> <p>Transport: A meeting to discuss the new car scheme would be held on the 10th November at 7.30pm. The clerk confirmed that the funding for setting up the scheme had now been received.</p> <p>Website: The clerk confirmed that the site would now be managed by Peter West. There would be a small annual cost for managing the domain. Charges for dealing with the date to day input were awaited. There was a request to link the site to facebook.</p>
1079	<p>Finance</p> <p>a)Accounts for payment:</p> <p>b) External Auditor's Report: BDO LLP had given an unqualified report to the council for the year ending 31st March 2014. It was noted that this year the accounts had been chosen for an intermediate audit. The notice of conclusion of the audit had been displayed on the principle notice board and the meeting agreed to adopt the auditor's report.</p> <p>c) Precept: The second and final payment of the precept (£4121) and the LCTS grant (£199) from West Dorset District Council.</p> <p>d) The clerk explained that new legislation now permitted the clerk to be a signature for payments and for the council to use the facilities of internal banking providing adequate safeguards were put into place. The clerk suggested that this could make things easier to manage as often suppliers wanted to be paid faster than having to wait for the next council meeting. Resolved that the clerk be permitted to be a signature and that electronic banking be introduced.</p>
1080	<p>Planning</p> <p>Planning applications, numbered 1-6 on the appendix attached to these minutes, were dealt with, and the comments are noted.</p> <p>Members had been informed of a late application in respect of Westford Park Farm, listed as number 6 on the appendix list.</p> <p>The Delegated List was noted.</p> <p>Note Cllr M Stead left room prior to discussions taking place on WD/D/14/002419/LBC (listed as 5).</p>
1081	<p>Dog Fouling and Street Cleaning</p> <p>Concerns had been raised in a recent parish magazine regarding a growing problem with dog's mess around the village. The clerk had contacted the dog warden who had</p>

	<p>promised to make a number of visits to the parish over the forthcoming weeks. The clerk was awaiting a report from the dog warden. There was a suggestion that possibly Magna Housing might sponsor some bins.</p> <p>Cllr Welford had contacted the waste management department to see if they could provide more bins. She was informed that at present no additional bins were being provided.</p> <p>Cllr Welford would complete a questionnaire regarding street cleaning and it would also be an item on the November agenda.</p>
1082	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>I. Local Boundary Commission: Notification of electoral review regarding the present representation of county councillors which sees some councillors representing fewer, or more, electors than their colleagues elsewhere in the county. The review, in their opinion, aims to correct those imbalances. The consultation ends on the 1st December 2014.</p> <p>II. Dorset County Council: Letter, with accompanying poster, regarding the need to register children due to start school, or transfer school in September 2015</p> <p>III. Dorset Waste Partnership: Correspondence inviting councillors to attend one of the briefings being held at various locations during November. The nearest location is Broadwindsor on the 17th November at 7pm. The sessions last for about one hour. In addition there is the opportunity for a set of containers to be sent to a parish so that residents can view them.</p>
1083	<p>Next Meeting Tuesday 4th November at 7.30pm</p>