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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at 7.30pm**

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

**In Attendance:**-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr D Turner (Dorset County Council), Police Officer and five members of the public

**Not in Attendance:** Cllr M Stead

<b>035</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr Sewell (West Dorset District Council)
<b>036</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no Declaration of Interest made at this stage of the meeting.
<b>037</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2015 were adopted as a true record; and were signed by the chairman, having noted the following alterations: Minute 027 replace Sadborough with Sadborow and Solar Far with Solar Farm. Cllr Sowebutts with Cllr Sowerbutts. The list of accounts agreed for payment to read DAPTC £222.59 (1225), CPRE £36.00 (1226), HMRC £283.50 (1227), J Vanderwolfe £71.95 (1228), DAPTC £20.00 (1230) Hawker £320.80 (1231), N Higgins £17.96 (1232) with 1229 being cancelled.

038	<p><b>Matters Arising</b> Cllr S Welford requested that the clerk formally writes to Jasmine Hill requesting her to be our School liaison. It was understood that the telegraph poles that had been installed were believed to be connected to the installation of Superfast Broadband.</p>
039	<p><b>Police Report and Neighbourhood Watch</b> New signs had been erected at beauty spots warning of thefts from vehicles. The officer warned people to be careful about what they were saying on line because it could provide valuable information to thieves about when you will not be at home. The present Friday visit to the Community Shop was poorly attended by the public and he wondered when the best time would be. It was agreed that an article would appear in a future magazine asking views on this, however it should be understood that visits are subject to operational availability. There were concerns raised about parking on the pavement in Gribb View which he would look into.</p>
039	<p><b>Democratic Period</b> A resident informed the meeting that they had experienced problems with a person who parks near her home. Further concerns expressed about people working on cars parked in the road in Gribb View. The police officer stated that there are no limits to the number of vehicles that owners can park on the highway, however, all vehicles on the highway must have valid insurance, have paid their car tax, and where applicable hold a valid MOT certificate. In addition the vehicle must be road worthy. It was felt that there could be a discussion with the committee of the village hall and the PCC regarding possible use of their car parks. A small working group, consisting of Cllr's D Marsh, S Dunford and J Higgs would investigate the issues and report back. A parishioner was concerned that road works were occurring without prior notification, or in some cases without the required traffic warning signs. The clerk stated that normal road works required advanced notification, but of course there are occasions when emergency work is required, which cannot give such notice. All road works should however conform to the Traffic Signs Regulations 2011. It was reported that a public footpath at Higher Hewood was obstructed and overgrown. It was also reported that a path at Forde Abbey was obstructed by Maze. Cllr Higgins would investigate, and if necessary the clerk would write a letter reminding the landowner of their duties.</p>
040	<p><b>County and District Councillor's Reports</b> (<i>Notes supplied by Cllr Turner</i>)</p> <p><b>BUDGET DCC</b> - As a summary, This showed that the council had overspent its budget last year (2014/15) by £3m and that an overspend of £4.5m is predicted for this year unless a_ction is taken in the remaining three quarters to address this.</p> <p><b>Dorset Waste Partnership</b> - In March 2015, an action plan consisting of 37 urgent improvements identified by three reviews of the Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) was approved by the DWP Joint Committee. Six months on, all but four of these actions have been completed or adopted as new, more rigorous business practices. More work remains to be done.</p> <p><b>The DWP set a savings target for £1.136m to achieve its budget for 2015/16. Further work to identify savings has been carried out, which indicates that £435,000 of this is now considered as unachievable this year and is included in</b></p>

	<p><b>the potential overspend figure, above. Efforts are being made to explore other savings ideas to provide some mitigation.</b></p> <p><b>ASK Dorset</b> – New rounds have taken place ascertaining the Public’s View on the way forward &amp; looking at where &amp; how our money can be spent. Recently spent the day at the Melplash Show &amp; the Next stand will be at the Dorset County Show on the 5 &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> of September.</p> <p><b>WDDC</b></p> <p><b>Service Reviews Continue:</b></p> <p>TICs</p> <p>Community &amp; Voluntary Organisations</p> <p>Community Safety</p> <p>Housing Solutions</p> <p>Development Management</p> <p><b>Local Plan</b> – Now found “Sound” by the Inspector &amp; should be adopted by the next Full Council.</p> <p>There are a number of “conditions” set by the inspector.</p>
041	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a) <b>Payments:</b> Resolved to pay the following accounts: G &amp; J Landscapes £210.00 (1233), Playsafety Ltd £103.20 (1234), Lyme Regis Town Council £186.00 (1236).</p> <p>b) <b>Financial Update:</b> An Expenditure/Income V budget for September had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.</p> <p>c) <b>Community Shop Figures:</b> Figures had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted</p>
042	<p><b>Highway Reports</b></p> <p>The Lengthsman had undertaken some work recently and the Speed Indicator Device (SID) would be picked up from Lyme Regis Town Council next week.</p>
043	<p><b>Councillors’ Reports</b></p> <p><b>Village Hall:</b> A new reporting system is in place</p> <p><b>Rights of Way:</b> Some improvements have been promised to re-instate the path at the Mill which has been unusable for some considerable time.</p> <p><b>Transport:</b> It is understood that the Chard/Axminster bus service is secure at the moment. There have been incidents of lack of capacity on a Thursday and it was agreed that a letter would be sent on this subject. The car service was receiving a steady flow of requests</p> <p><b>Gateway Scheme:</b> Some provisional costings had been obtained. Cllr Welford stated that she needed to know the size. The cost is about £3,000. £1,500 for DCC, £250 from AONB and £100 from TPC. A working group consisting of Cllr Higgins, Cllr Sowerbutts and Cllr Welford would investigate this project further.</p>

	<p><b>Website:</b> Cllr Sowerbutts informed the meeting that the site was nearly ready to be launched. It would include the shop, school, clubs and societies and the Church and Chapel, as well as the items required by the parish council. The clerk would forward minutes to him to be placed on the site.</p> <p><b>Community Shop:</b> The AGM had taken place on the 24<sup>th</sup> August. Paul Roberts had been elected chairman. Changes had been made to improve the sales register system. Some new members with sales experience had joined the committee. The committee were looking into possible ways of refinancing the burden of the loan repayment.</p>
<b>044</b>	<p><b>Playing Field</b></p> <p>A meeting had been held on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. 11 people had indicated that they would be willing to help in the playfield, with four people stating that they would be willing to serve on the committee. At the meeting people had asked if the zipline and see saw would be re-instated. Dorset Community Action had been approached and had indicated that they were willing to be involved with the project. No response had been received from Magna Housing due to the holiday period. <b>Resolved that the works to the trees and bushes be undertaken at a cost of £390.</b></p>
<b>045</b>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>No applications or determinations</p>
<b>046</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>Dorset County Council:</b> Confirmation of modification of footpath 37 was noted Mineral and Waste Plan Consultation. Noted</p>
<b>047</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm</p>