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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 4th April 2017 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's R Arnold (Chairman), J Higgs, S Dunford, S Welford, R Peacock, D Marsh , 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.

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283	Apologies Apologies had been received from Cllrs N Higgins (away). Resolved to accept this apology.
284	Declarations of Interests Cllr Peacock declared a personal interest in WD/D/17/000633 Holditch Court Farm North.
285	Minutes The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 7 th March 2017 were adopted as a true record; and were signed by the chairman.
286	Matters Arising A question was asked about the telephone box. The clerk replied that he had not received any information that this phone box was to be discontinued.
287	Democratic Period A parishioner asked if a signpost could be positioned on the road to point towards the church. She was informed that the PCC would need to contact highways about this. There was a problem with the bin being located near to the fingerpost by the bus shelter. County Councillor agreed to see if this could be re-located. Questions as to whether bus companies are informed about road closures. Bus companies are informed, although sometimes difficult when an emergency road closure is necessary to give much advanced notice.

	The applicant for the Certificate of Lawfulness explained why the application had been made. He stated that statements backing up the fact that the mobile homes had been on site for the 10 year period had been sworn, however the council had not been provided. A resident from the site disputed that the mobile homes had been continuously occupied during that period.
288	County, District, Police & Neighbourhood Reports Highways has received £30k additional funding. A decision is still awaited in relation to the possible move to a Unitary authority. A question was asked about infill at Thorncombe Farm, which the district council agreed to look into.
289	Highways, Lengthsman and Rights of Way Damas Lawns bridge had been damaged by contractors attending the construction of a solar farm in the Hawkchurch parish. The recent Hawkchurch meeting had been attended by a representative from the construction company. There does seem to be a problem as to whether the bridge is the responsibility of Devon or Dorset County Council.
290	Broadband Correspondence received on the 28 th March indicated that the snags with the system had been sorted and promised to provide an update, however to date this had not been received.
291	Councillors' Reports Shop: New opening hours had recently been introduced. The treasurer, Mr Greaves had stated that there were some errors with the accounts, however in general terms finances looked good. Play Field: Thirteen people had attended the clean-up day. The person who undertook the grass cutting has had to retire due to health issues. Clerk was given power to act to get someone to undertake this task in conjunction with Cllr Marsh. Website: The planning connection was now working again Village Hall: There is a need to adjust the meters to accept the new £1 coins. Cllr M Stead agreed to do this. Transport: There had been a number of volunteers recruited following the recent request for more drivers. An event at the Sport's club had raised £121 for the car service. Bus Services: The breakfast club had raised £279. The Community Transport Group had now been paid £2,000 towards running the bus services. A letter of thanks and praise had been received from Tim Christian.
292	Finance A) Accounts for payment: Resolved to pay the following account: D Marsh £58.40 (1301), Dorset Community Transport £2,000 (1302/3), HMRC £382.80 (1304), WDDC £10,498. 67 (1305). B) Financial update agreed
293	Planning a) WD/D/16/001781 Magdalen Farm, Winsham: Certificate of Lawfulness for the retention of three mobile homes. The council debated this application at length, however, it was felt that there was insufficient information at this time to make any recommendation. b) WD/D/17/000633 Holditch Court Farm North. Agricultural building for housing livestock and storage of Hay. Support.

	<p>c) Determinations: WD/D/17/000201/2 6 High Street, Thorncombe for an extension: Approved. WD/D/17/00047 Heridge Farm to replace a bungalow. Approved. WD/D/16/002709/10 Lower Holditch Farm: Modernisation Approved .</p> <p>d) Local Plan Review: The subcommittee had provide a very detailed report which, because of the time constraints, had been forwarded to WDDC. An acknowledgement had been received</p> <p>e) WD/D/17/0000025 Saddle Street Farm, Saddle Street: Demolition of redundant barn and erection of a traditional built replacement barn. The clerk apologised that die to an oversight this application had not been detected from the list. Agreed that a site visit would be made and the clerk advised of any comments.</p>
294	<p>Church 150 Anniversary Cllr C Sowerbutts gladly volunteered to co-ordinate the floral display for this event on behalf of the council.</p>
295	<p>Annual Parish Meeting Agreed to hold the Annual Parish meeting on the same evening as the Annual Council Meeting. The Parish meeting would be at 7.15pm; followed by the Council meeting at 8pm.</p>
296	<p>Items of Urgency No items</p>
297	<p>Next Meeting: Tuesday 2nd May 2017</p>

Signed Chairman

Date