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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019**

**Present:** Cllr's R Arnold (Chairman), J Higgs, D Marsh, R Peacock, N Higgins , S Dunford and M Stead.

**In Attendance:-**The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr J Seward (West Dorset District Council and seven members of the public.

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<b>624</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr D Turner. Noted.
<b>625</b>	<b>Declarations</b> Cllr R Peacock-Pecuniary Interest WD/D/19/000540 as landowner.
<b>626</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2019, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record; and were signed by the chairman
<b>627</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> 616- Confirmed that the type of sign previous used was found to be faulty and is no longer used; however they may have some still in stock. 617- Councillors' Reports (Community shop)- chairman had checked the lease and confirmed that the shop are responsible for the shop fascia. Clerk confirmed that he had submitted a report for the magazine, which had been acknowledged; but not printed.
<b>628</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b> There was a question on how the Parish Lengthsman's work is allocated. It was explained that he works to agreed tasks. It was agreed that he would meet with the two parishioners so that any outstanding work in their area could be discussed. There was a comment that the recent bridge repair at Broom had been done to a very high standard. A member of the public was concerned that signs were not being replaced by the County Council. There was also a concern expressed as to whether the shop should be applying for a change of use as the café section was

	now larger than before. Thanks were expressed to the council for all their hard work over the last four years.
<b>629</b>	<b>County and District Council Report</b> No reports due to the forthcoming elections for Dorset Council.
<b>630</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment:</b> Following accounts were ratified for payment: West Dorset District Council £10, 498.67.
<b>631</b>	<b>Financial Update</b> The financial update had been circulated prior to the meeting and was adopted. There was also an increase in salaries from 1 <sup>st</sup> April which was noted.
<b>632</b>	<b>Annual Governance Statement</b> Members agreed the eight statements appertaining to sound systems of internal control arrangements within the Council
<b>633</b>	<b>Highways and Rights of Way</b> A small group will be undertaking a spring clean of the area on Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> April.  Cllr Higgins felt that the reporting system for rights of way issues was working well, and that most issues were being dealt with.
<b>634</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b> .County Council planning application: Extraction of gravel near to former milk factory site: Council supported the scheme but wondered if S106 funding could be used to fund a replacement bridge at Westford mill  WD//D/19/000540 Woodlands Workshop, Holditch Lane, Holditch: Erect 2 holiday units raised on stilts. Support.
<b>635</b>	<b>Determinations</b> WD/D/18/001149& 50 Greenhill, High Street, Thorncombe: Conversion of garage to living accommodation, erection of extension. Approved
<b>636</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> Letters of concern about the need for a speed restriction within the parish would be looked at by the new council in May.
<b>637</b>	<b>Matters of Urgency</b> There were no matters to be dealt with.
<b>638</b>	<b>Closing of Meeting</b> The meeting was closed at 8.40pm
<b>639</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b> Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm. This will be the Annual Council Meeting

Signed ----- Chairman

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