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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 7.30pm in the Thorncombe Village Hall

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

In Attendance:-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr S Christopher and four members' of the public.

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774	Apologies An apology was received from Cllr M Stead (work). Resolved to accept this apology
775	Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct No declarations were made at this stage of the meeting.
776	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 2 nd May 2023, having been previously distributed; were agreed as a true record; and were then signed by the chairman.
777	Matters Arising No items
778	Monthly Surgery A parishioner had questioned why our new Rights of Way (ROW) officer's details were not on the website. The ROW officer, who was present at the meeting, stated he was willing for his details to be placed on the website, and our website officer agreed to do this. A further requested had been made for additional bins, however it was noted that Dorset Council were stating there was no capacity at present to increase the number of bin collections. A question had been asked about the provision of additional allotments within the parish. An article would be placed in a future edition of the parish magazine requesting landowners to come forward if they had land available to rent as allotment land,

779	<p>Democratic Period</p> <p>The ROW Officer reported that there had been some problems with maze in fields making it difficult to navigate. The clerk explained a farmer can plough or plant over the footpath of a cross field path, but must reinstate the path within 14 days. It was agreed that any applications for modification or otherwise received by the clerk would be emailed to the ROW officer.</p> <p>A parishioner asked if the council felt it would be a good idea to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the forming of the First Responders. It was agreed that this was a good idea.</p>
780	<p>Accounts for Payment</p> <p>Resolved to ratify the following payments: Thorncombe Sports Club £80.00, Westlin Fastenings £69.10, Jamie Orr Ewing £900.00, EASY MTD VAT £4.99, Thorncombe Village Hall £44.00, Keep Fit £200.00 and Gallagher Insurance £1326.68.</p>
781	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>The finance update was approved. Financial assets as at 2nd June 2023 were £25,582.09.</p>
782	<p>Dorset Councillor's Report</p> <p>The report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, was noted</p>
783	<p>Early Repayment of the Loan for the Community Shop to Dorset Council.</p> <p>The Community Shop wish to repay the loan to Dorset Council. The agreed financial statement figure is £51,000. Dorset Council would require the council to make a formal agreement that they agreed for the shop to do this. A formal document would also need to be signed by the Proper Officer of the council.</p> <p>Members agreed unanimously to support this motion. The clerk pointed out that the council needed to be mindful that this would mean that there would need to be an external audit for the year ending 31st March 2024 at a cost. The cost for an income/expenditure band of between £50,000 and £100,000 would be £315. There would also be additional work required by the clerk chargeable at the hourly rate. It was agreed that these charges would be met from the council's funds and not passed on to the shop.</p>
784	<p>Bus Services</p> <p>There had been a 35% increase in use of the bus services on Thursdays.</p>
785	<p>Community Shop</p> <p>Turnover slightly down on previous year thought to be connected to the high cost of goods at present.</p>
786	<p>Rights of Way</p> <p>The stiles on the paths known as the Dungeon had been replaced.</p>

787	Police A report by our Community Police Officer had been circulated.
788	Playfield The training on inspections of play equipment will take place on Friday 7 th July, commencing at 9.30am.
789	Planning P/LBC/2023/02630 7 Easthay Cottage, Heywood Farm Access Road, Heywood: Rear single storey extension: Support P/VOC/2023/02651 Magdalen Bungalow, Maudlin Lane, Winsham: Variation of planning permission. Support
772	Closing of Meeting The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.36PM
773	Next Meeting Tuesday 4 th July 2023 at 7.30pm

Signed Chairman

Date