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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd April 2018.

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

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

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| 451 | Election of Chairman Councillor R Arnold was proposed by Cllr S Welford and seconded by Cllr J Higgs. There were no other nominations; and Councillor Arnold was duly elected for the ensuing civic year. |
| 452 | Declarations of Acceptance of Office Councillor Arnold made the Declaration of Acceptance of the office of chairman; witnessed by the Proper Officer. |
| 453 | Election of Vice-Chairman Councillor J Higgs was proposed by Cllr S Welford and seconded by Cllr R Arnold. There were no other nominations; and Councillor Higgs was duly elected for the ensuing civic year. |
| 454 | Finance and General Purposes Committee The following councillors will serve on this committee: Cllr S Welford (Chairman), Cllr R Arnold, Cllr J Higgs and Cllr D Marsh. |
| 455 | Planning Committee The following councillors will serve on this committee: Cllr N Higgins (Chairman), Cllr R Peacock and Cllr M Stead |
| 456 | Cemetery and Allotment Committee The following councillors will serve on this committee: Cllr J Higgs, Cllr S Dunford, Cllr R Peacock and Cllr S Welford |

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| 457 | Amenities The following councillors would serve on this committee: Cllr M Stead, Cllr R Arnold, Cllr N Higgins and Cllr J Higgs |
| 458 | Outside Bodies Village Hall Representative: Cllr M Stead Blackdown Trust Representative: Cllr J Higgs Playing Field Association: Cllr D Marsh and Cllr R Peacock Public Transport: Cllr D Marsh and Mrs Marsh Website: Mr C Sowebutts Community Car Service: Cllr J Higgs Rights of Way Hon. Officer: Cllr N Higgins Community Shop Representative: Cllr S Dunford (substitute Cllr D Marsh) Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr M Stead Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils: Cllr S Welford South West Allotment Association: J Vanderwolfe Beaminster & Villages Local Area Partnership: Cllr D Marsh West Dorset Area Transport Group: Cllr D Marsh Society of Local Clerks: J Vanderwolfe Citizens Advice Representative: Cllr R Arnold |
| 459 | Declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct No Declarations of Interest were made at this stage of the meeting |
| 460 | Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr's N Higgins and M Stead. Resolved to accept these apologies. |
| 461 | Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 3 rd April 2018 were adopted as a true record; and were signed by the chairman. |
| 462 | Matters Arising Cllr Welford had obtained a quotation of £295 exclusive of Vat for a plaque (minute 441). Agreed that she would obtain other quotations and the item would be agreed at the June meeting. Cllr Higgs informed the meeting that SW Ambulance would sponsor the defibrillator. The clerk was awaiting a quotation for this. The Clerk had reported the water leak near to Wheatsheaf Cottage to Wessex Water. They had reported back to him that this was not mains water (minute 435). |
| 463 | Democratic Period No items were raised |
| 464 | Accounts for Payment |

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| | <p>The following accounts were agreed for payment: Came & Company £638.94 (1343), Mrs Upham £77.00 (1344) And Thorncombe Community Shop Association £100 (1345).</p> <p>The chairman explained that he had understood that the cake for the Thorncombe Responders 20th anniversary was being provided free of charge, however it transpired that the order had been passed to a professional person. Resolved to pay this account. A letter had been received from the Thorncombe Community Shop Association requesting funds towards their improved facilities. Resolved that they be granted £100. Cllr Welford wished it to be recorded that she had suggested that the item be discussed at the next meeting, however it was resolved that the payment be made that evening.</p> |
| 465 | <p>Financial Update The budget v actual figures were agreed.</p> |
| 466 | <p>Annual Governance Statement The Council resolved that it had carried out the correct procedures and had complied with the items listed in this document over the past year.</p> |
| 467 | <p>Certificate of Exception from External Audit The meeting agreed that neither income nor expenditure over the year ending 31st March 2018 had exceeded £25,000, and that under the new finance audit rules it would seek an exemption from the need for an external audit. An internal audit would still take place and documents would be placed on the website</p> |
| 468 | <p>Urgent Highway Issues There is a blocked drain near to Hibbards Garage</p> |
| 469 | <p>Planning Applications WD/D/18/00541 and WD/D/18/00542 Hewood Road Access Rad, Hewood to erect a timber shed in the garden. Support</p> <p>WD/TP/18/00139 Old Vicarage, Chard Street, Thorncombe. Crown reduction by up to 3m of Red Oak(T5) Decayed. Norway Maple (T7 & T9) . Crown reduction by up to 4m. Decayed. Support</p> |
| 470 | <p>Planning Determinations No determinations received.</p> |
| 471 | <p>Correspondence Parish Magazine: Noted</p> |
| 472 | <p>Matters of Urgency There were no matters to deal with</p> |
| 473 | <p>Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th June 2018 at 7.30pm</p> |

Signed ----- Chairman

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