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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 commencing at 7.30pm**

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

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

**Non-attendance:** Cllr C Sowerbutts

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<b>188</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr R Arnold had submitted an apology (away). Resolved to accept this apology
<b>189</b>	<b>Declarations of Interests</b> There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting.
<b>190</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2016 were adopted as a true record, and were signed by the chairman.
<b>191</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>

	It was confirmed that Magna Housing had no objections to the placing of a bin but the actual location of the bin in the High Street still needed to be sorted.
<b>192</b>	<b>Police and Neighbourhood Watch</b>  Sheep hurdles and dip had been stolen. A Landrover had been stolen from Hawkchurch.
<b>193</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b> A question was asked about the progress of broadband in the area. It was understood that this should be in place by the end of September.  A parishioner stated that he was concerned to keep hearing the community shop mentioned in connection with any changes to the loan that had been agreed between West Dorset District Council and the Parish Council. He made the point that the shop paid rent to the council, but that the loan repayment was made by the council to the district council.
<b>194</b>	<b>County and District Council Report</b> A series of presentations called 'shaping Dorset' are being held. There may be a presentation in Lyme Regis, but the date is yet to be confirmed. Talks continue in relation to the change to a Unitary authority.
<b>195</b>	<b>Meeting with WDDC regarding Community Shop Loan.</b> The clerk had spoken with Julie Strange, Senior Finance Officer, WDDC. She had explained that no agreements had been or indeed could be made between the district council and the Community Shop Management Committee because the loan was between WDDC and Thorncombe Parish Council. No formal approach had been made by the shop committee to this council to alter their rent. Julie had stated that there would be a reluctance to extend the loan period because of the possible change to a unitary council in the near future
<b>196</b>	<b>Gateway Project</b> It was agreed that the Gateway Project should be abandoned. Cllr S Welford was thanked for all the work and effort that she had put into this project.
<b>197</b>	<b>Finance</b> a)The following accounts were agreed for payment: Nick Waite Construction £550.00 (1277), Wayne Dowell £160.00 (1278), J Vanderwolfe £94.73 (1279), G & J Landscapes £72.00 (1280). b) The budget v actual financial update was agreed.
<b>198</b>	<b>Highways and Lengthsman</b> County had dug out a number of grips and work at Buddlewall has now been completed. The lengthsman has been instructed to undertake some maintenance work and repairs to some finger posts have been completed
<b>199</b>	<b>Councillors' Reports</b>

	<p><b>Amenities:</b> Cllr M Stead will sort out the salt and sand bags in time for the winter period. There is a need to replace the yellow gritbin at Birdsmoorgate. Clerk to order a replacement.</p> <p><b>ROW:</b> A total of 20 path defects have been reported. Some of these have been dealt with.</p> <p><b>Transport:</b> A £2,000 target has been set, which will be matched funded by Dorset CC. (£1,000 group/ £1,000 DCC) .The Breakfast Club raised £455. The car service continues to be a benefit to the community.</p> <p><b>Playing Field:</b> The field is now fully open The next project is to replace the goalposts. The AGM will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p><b>Community Shop:</b> The chairman and a number of committee members have resigned, however Cllr Peacock stated that the shop was making a small profit</p>
<b>200</b>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>It was noted that an application in respect of Thorncombe Farm for a new entrance (WD/D/16/001289 &amp; WD/D/16/001290) had been supported by this Council under delegation because it had needed to be dealt with between meetings. It was noted that the planning authority had determined this application resulting in it being refused. There was a complaint that neighbours had not been informed about this application.</p>
<b>201</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>General circulars noted.</p>
<b>202</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm</p>