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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 7th October 2014 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr's R Arnold (Chairman), S Dunford, S Welford, J Higgs, M Stead, and N Higgins

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

1084	Apologies An apology was received from Cllr's R Peacock (meeting) and P Gordon (meeting). Resolved to accept these apologies.
1085	Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct No Declarations were made
1086	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 th October 2014 were adopted as a true record and were signed by the chairman.
1087	Matters Arising Cllr Higgins reported that the daffodils, mentioned in the previous democratic meeting (1075) had been planted. Cllr M Stead informed the meeting that new 'Neighbourhood Watch' signs were being put up. The clerk stated that he had forwarded the report to the magazine about the speeding of traffic through the parish

	and had received an acknowledgement; however it had not appeared in the publication.
1088	Police Report No report
1089	Democratic Period A parishioner asked if adequate arrangements had been made for possible adverse weather conditions within the parish. Cllr Stead replied that arrangements were in hand and that the grit bin at Holditch was being replaced. There was a question appertaining from the presentation by the chairman of the Playing Field Committee at the previous meeting (1074). This was in relation to woodland within the park. Cllr Stead clarified the situation, with the parishioner was happy with.
1090	Neighbourhood Plan The report of the recent meeting held at Bettiscombe was noted. The clerk, who is also the Neighbourhood Plan Secretary, stated that a workshop would take place at Bettiscombe in early December with a consultant who was an expert in this area. It was generally felt that any decision regarding whether Thorncombe wished to join with the other parishes could be made in January after this event. Cllr Welford was concerned that she might need to take time off work to attend, so the secretary would try and see if the event could be in the early evening. Cllr Arnold kindly agreed to accommodate the consultant overnight if that assisted the situation. A new flowchart had been produced by Cllr Robinson (attached).
1091	County and District Councillor's Reports Cllr D Turner stated that the winter resilience plans were now in place. He emphasised the point that highway problems should be reported via the County website so that up to date information was available. Cllr M Robinson stated that it now looked very likely that North Dorset would join with West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council. At present they were awaiting a final response from Weymouth. He provided details of the Community Shop for September (attached). He understood that the County Rights of Way Section had agreed to deal with a problem on the Monarch Way near to Causeway Lane. The Marshwood Housing is now being advertised and the properties should be ready by March 2015. There was a question regarding why the shop had advertised for two paid members of staff. It was explained that this was for times when volunteer cover was not available and also to cover existing staff.
1092	Highway Report Mr Frampton reported that contractors were doing verges but were stopping short of the county boundary. He felt that the wrong map was being used. There would appear to be confusion regarding ditches, which has resulted in water being diverted,

	<p>which could well result in flooding in the future. There remains a number of potholes on the Devon side of Broom Crossing. The new website had been used, resulting in the fault being dealt with within two days!</p>
1093	<p>Councillors' Report <i>Rights of Way:</i> Cllr Higgins reported that following the visit at the previous meeting of Mr Handley (1077), he felt there was little advantage in this council joining the scheme to have additional strimming of paths. <i>Web Site:</i> Clerk had attempted on several occasions to get hold of the person who had taken over the website without any success. Agreed that an item would be placed in the magazine seeking assistance.</p>
1094	<p>Finance a)Accounts for payment: Royal British Legion £20.00 (1199), G&J Landscapes £456.00 (1200) b) Resolved that the Finance Committee would meet at 7pm on the 6th January 2015; and that the main meeting would commence at 8pm. c) Government Grant: Notification from WDDC that they were going to substantially reduce the grant well below levels of EDDC and MDDC, with the intention of not paying anything after d) Funding from the County Councillor's Locality budget would be used to repair the notice boards.</p>
1095	<p>Planning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. There were no planning applications to deal with. II. WD/D/14/002534/LBC 1 High Street had been dealt with under delegated authority. III. Determinations: Following had been approved by WDDC: WD/D/14/002287 Beerhall Farm/ WD/D/14/002408 Southcombe and WD/D/14/002138
1096	<p>Dog Fouling The Dog Warden had visited Thorncombe on six occasions and during the last three occasions had found no problems.</p>
1097	<p>Rights of Way Agreed that these items had been dealt with earlier in the meeting.</p>
1098	<p>Gateway There was a general discussion on this item resulting in an agreement that Cllr Welford would investigate the matter further</p>
1099	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. CPRE AGM at Bruton on the 7th November. No one was available to attend II. DALC AGM 8th November at Dorchester. No one available to attend. III. Dorset Waste Partnership: The Clerk would try to attend one of these events. Cllr Higgs would deal with the receipt of the sample bins so that they could be displayed to parishioners IV. DAPTC Western Area Meeting at Bridport on the 27th November. The clerk hoped to attend. V. Royal British Legion, Birdsmoorgate Branch: Invitation to all councillors to attend the Remembrance Day Service at Thorncombe. Cllr Arnold will lay the wreath.

	VI. Clerks and Councils Direct. Noted VII. Parish Magazine. Noted
1100	Next Meeting Tuesday 2 nd December 2014 at 7.30pm