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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 6th December 2016 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's R Arnold (Chairman), J Higgs, S Dunford, S Welford, R Peacock, D Marsh & C Sowerbutts.

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

Absent: Cllr M Stead

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233	<p>Apologies An apology was received from Cllr N Higgins (away). Resolved to accept this apology. An apology was noted from Cllr J Sewell.</p>
234	<p>Declarations of Interests There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting. Later under Finance Cllr Welford declared an interest as she had a payment for expenses.</p>
235	<p>Minutes</p>

	The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 1 st November 2016 were adopted as a true record, and were signed by the chairman; except that in the final paragraph of minute 222 Cllr D Turner was not present as listed.
236	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cllr R Peacock would collect the gritbin from the clerk's home. ● It was hoped that Superfast Broadband would be operational in Thorncombe by the end of December. ● Reminder to Cllr Higgins about the fire hydrant list.
237	<p>Police and Neighbourhood Watch. It was understood that our PCSO would shortly be leaving the force and that we may not have a contact person in the future. Cllr J Higgs agreed to contact Lyme Regis Police Station on this matter. Possibly a monthly email would assist.</p>
238	<p>Democratic Period</p> <p>A parishioner thanked the council for their support to his recent planning application, however he was concerned that on occasions planning applications were dealt with without being listed on the agenda, and although he understood the problems associated with late applications and calling another meeting, he felt it was poor practice. His comments were duly noted. He then spoke against the planning applications for Thorncombe Farm. He felt there were items missing from the site plans and was concerned about the materials being used. Another resident spoke about problems being experienced by walkers in the Holditch area due to poor footpath maintenance. There were also questions in respect of when the diversion order for the route near to Newhouse would be determined. A parishioner felt that the parish lengthsman could be utilised more.</p>
239	<p>County and District Council Report</p> <p>Cllr D Turner informed the meeting that a series of meetings would be held by the Dorset principle Councils by the end of January 2017 in relation to the possible change to a unitary authority. A recommendation would then be sent to the Secretary of State. The Economic Growth Committee are looking into the not spots (areas without broadband). The Joint Health Committee are going to organise a number of health service roadshows.</p>
240	<p>Finance</p> <p>A) The following accounts were agreed for payment: J F Vanderwolfe £60.03 (1288) and UMV Council (Poppy Wreath) £20.00 (1289), Tiverton Town Council £80.00 (1290), S Welford £26.40 (1291), Thorncombe Village Hall £33.00 (1292). Noted that there was a need to update the salary standing order due to a small increase in salary following the pay review.</p> <p>b) Financial Update Agreed</p>

241	<p>Highways and Lengthsman</p> <p>A number of drains were missed during recent works. County Councillor again made the point that drain problems should be reported through the Dorset For You website. Most of the hedges had now been cut back ready for the winter. There had been no requests for the services of the lengthsman.</p>
242	<p>Councillors' Reports</p> <p><i>ROW</i>: No reply yet regarding request for funding to undertake ROW repairs.</p> <p><i>Bus</i>: Good fund raising event held recently plus a collection at the shop. The Ear marked reserves for the bus service now stood at £988. Thorncombe being used as a model for the way forward. Matched funding of £530 will soon be provided.</p> <p><i>Car Service</i>: There will be a recruitment drive early in the new year.</p> <p><i>Playfield</i> : The AGM was scheduled for tomorrow; 7th December. Fencing at the top of the play field needs repair.</p> <p><i>Website</i>: More details of local events required</p>
243	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) WD/D/16/002367 & 002165 Thorncombe Farm: Create new entrance through garden wall, lay new driveway and parking area. Support in principle but concerns about close proximity to listed structure. Materials and design should complement structure and be of local materials. b) WD/16/002103 Cuckoo Farm, Cuckoo Lane, Winsham: Conversion of barn to dwelling: Support. c) Determinations as listed below d) WD/16/001778 Magdalen Farm. Play equipment: Approved e) WD/D/16/000063 Magdalen Farm. Worker's dwelling: Refused f) WD/D/16/002032 Thorncombe Farm. Maintenance & repairs. Approved. g) WD/D/16/001773 Yawlings Farm Access: Seasonal change of use of land. Approved h) WD/D/16/002266 & 67 Glebe House: Re-roof garage and convert barn. Approved
244	<p>Storage of Documents</p> <p>Agreed that Cllr D Marsh would ask the Village Hall Committee if the box could be stored in the loft of the Village Hall.</p>
245	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Noted that the Dorset County Council Unitary meeting would be held at County Hall on the 26th January at 10am; with the WDDC being held the same day at 2.15pm.</p>
246	<p>Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd January at 8pm. The Finance Meeting will be held at 7.30pm. The main meeting will deal with the budget, planning and any urgent items only.</p>

Signed ----- Chairman

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