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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 M Stead 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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431	Apologies An apology was noted from County Councillor D Turner.
432	Declarations of Interests There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting.
433	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 th March 2018 were adopted as a true record with one amendment, minute 425, the date in the final paragraph should read March and not May.
434	Matters Arising Both the BVLAP and the Fire Service had been contacted regarding their possible attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. Cllr Sewell informed the meeting that the housing vacancy list was now only available to those on the housing list. Cllr D Marsh requested a larger noticeboard on which to display the PlusBus timetable. Cllr M Stead agreed to look into this, and in the meantime it could be placed on the Council noticeboard.
435	Democratic Period There is a bad water leak near to Wheatsheaf Cottage that was believed to be the responsibility of Wessex Water. The clerk would contact Wessex Water. It was noted that the gritbin in Lower Holditch had been recently discovered to be empty. It was understood that the grit was used to grit the roads during the recent

	bad weather. During the recent tarmacking of Chard Street a drain cover had a plastic cover placed on it, but it has not been removed. Cllr Arnold will contact Alaric Little to arrange an inspection of the highways in the parish.
436	County and District Report Cllr Sewell informed the meeting that a boundary review was to take place. She would ensure that parish councils are kept involved with the changeover to the Unitary authority
437	Neighbourhood Watch A suspicious van that had been spotted at various locations in the area was reported to the police, and the occupants had be apprehended by the police.
438	Highway, Parish Lengthsman and ROW Issues The Lengthsman had undertaken some work between Buddlewall and Holditch. There are a number of ditches that require attention. There are a great number of potholes on all the roads in the parish. There would seem to be some difficulty plotting these potholes on the website. The meeting wished to convey their thanks to everyone who assisted in any way clearing the roads during the recent poor weather conditions. The Lengthsman would be asked to unblock the drain outside Hibbards in Horseshoe Lane.
439	Unitary Issues The clerk went through the answers to the survey. He explained that he had been unable to keep the six WDDC towns selected on the first question blank, as it would have prevented access to the subsequent questions. So answered Lyme Regis and Bridport. The Leader of Dorset County Council had expressed her concerns about the questionnaire and it was generally agreed that the questionnaire lacked detail. The clerk informed the meeting that he understood that there would be ample opportunities in the future to put views across.
440	Cemetery A request had been made by the Church Fete Committee to use the cemetery field for the fete on the 7 th July. There would be no vehicles permitted onto the field and brambles would be cleared prior to the event. It was understood that the field had been used for this purpose in the past. Resolved to permit the Church Fete Committee to use the field on the 7th July 2018.
441	First Responders Agreed that a plaque would be produced and placed on the outside of the Community Shop to commemorate the 20 th anniversary of this organisation. The design was approved and also a budget of up to £300. Cllr Welford agreed to seek quotations for this. There was an open invitation to everyone to attend a celebration on Saturday 7 th April at 3pm. It was also decided that the council would initiate a fundraising for a static defibrillator for the village. Cllr M Stead felt that something could be installed in the church to commemorate the Responders. Paul Hayward would be contacted by the clerk as he had arranged a number of defibrillators in other villages, including Hawkchurch.
442	Accounts for Payment

	The following accounts were agreed for payment: HMRC £386.80 (1340), West Dorset District Council £10,498.67 (1341) and Mrs Ball £5.41 (1342). WDDC had agreed to provide an updated statement of the shop loan and payments.
443	Financial Update The budget v actual figures were agreed.
444	Councillors' Reports Bus Services: The Plus Bus to Bridport is not being used that well. A poster is being produced by DCT to encourage people to use this service. Tesco at Chard have agreed that the bus can be part of their in store token scheme from 1 st May until 30 th June. Cllr Marsh is to visit Tatworth Parish Council in June to make a presentation in the hope that they will provide a grant towards the running costs of the bus. Community Cars: There are 10 drivers. Over the previous 12 months there were 37 logged trips which covered a distance of 5,230 miles, however it is believed that the total number of trips is more like 50, with a total mileage of about 9,000 miles. Playfield: The Breakfast club on the 18 th March had raised £177 profit. Sadly the clean-up day had been poorly attended, although those who did turn up had worked very hard. The clerk would forward details to Cllr Marsh of the Section 106 funding rules, which might be available for the proposed new goal posts. Community Shop: A meeting had been arranged for Friday 6 th April between TVSA and a number of parish councillors. Allotments: Despite recent poor weather conditions plot holders were working hard. School: The school was looking for donations towards new equipment and materials. Village Hall: The recent health and safety inspection had recommended the installation of a fire alarm system. It has been agreed that this will be installed. Housing: Number 16 Tansee Hill remains vacant.
446	Planning Applications WD/D/18/000195 Heywood House: internal and external alterations. Replace 1970's kitchen. Remove old plaster board walls and replace with new plaster board walls. Replace double width window with double width floor to ceiling wooden French doors on rear elevation. Resolved to support this application.
447	Planning Determinations None received
448	Correspondence Parish Magazine: Noted
449	Matters of Urgency There were no matters to deal with
450	Next Meeting: Tuesday 1 st May 2018 following the Annual Parish Meeting

Signed ----- Chairman

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