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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 at 8pm**

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

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

<b>1137</b>	<b>Apologies</b> An apology was received from Cllr M Stead (work) .Resolved to accept this apology.
<b>1138</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct</b> No Declarations were made
<b>1139</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the Finance Meeting held on the 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2015 were adopted as a true record. The minutes of the General Meeting held on the 6 <sup>th</sup> January were adopted as a true record, however there was a request that minute 1126 be expanded to make it clear that under the proposals no poll would occur unless demanded by the majority of electors, which was deemed to be 10% of electors, or 60 electors, if the 10% were greater than 60. It was also noted in relation to minute 1123 that at present Thorncombe does not have a development boundary.
<b>1140</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> Cllr J Higgs informed the meeting that the grit bin had now been replaced and drainage work had been undertaken

1141	<p><b>Police Report</b> Apologies received as they were on special training. They had visited the school recently and had undertaken some road safety training with the children.</p>
1142	<p><b>Democratic Period</b> A member of the public made a comment in which he felt that he hoped that the speakers scheduled for Thursday evening would be totally independent. This comment was not well received and it was felt that it was uncalled for. There was a question from a member of the public regarding the lack of a website at present. He was informed that it was hoped that a new site would be up and running in the very near future. The chairman brought up about a complaint from a resident regarding vehicles parked on pavements. It was understood that the police would only take action if the vehicle was actually causing an obstruction. There were concerns raised about the new refuge and recycling service due to commence later in the year. It was however understood that it had received very positive feedback in the other areas of West Dorset where it had been implemented.</p>
1143	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> Final arrangements were in hand for this event including speakers. Representative from WDDC would bring the maps. There would be a signing in sheet and provision made for anyone to write down their question if they did not wish to ask it at the time; or wanted to make a comment.</p>
1144	<p><b>County and District Reports</b> Cllr Turner stated that he felt that the recent meeting held with the contractor Simon Jackson had been very constructive and that, as a result, improvements in communication would be implemented. The County Council had received further central funding for dealing with potholes. It was understood that one objection had been received regarding the proposed diversion of footpath 48.</p> <p>Cllr Robinson informed the meeting that having studied the Thorncombe Parish Plan it had stated that there was a need to undertake a housing needs survey. At present he had discovered that there were five families looking for accommodation within the parish. He was concerned about the negative vibes in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan, and stated that he had no particular interest in whether Thorncombe decided to go for the Neighbourhood Plan or not, and that the meeting on Thursday was to help people decide if it was the best way forward or not.</p>
1145	<p><b>Playing Field Update</b> The chairman of the Playing Field Association provided an update. He produced a charter dated 2000, which needed updating. A copy would be sent to the clerk. The clerk was concerned that the preparation work for the tendering for grass cutting had still not been undertaken. The chairman agreed to provide the clerk with this detail so that the tendering process could commence. <b>Resolved that Cllr Peacock be the Council's representative on the Playing Field Association.</b></p>
1146	<p><b>Highway Reports</b> Mr Frampton reported that the highways meeting at Whitchurch had been attended by 14 people. The principle problems would seem to have been in the sub-contracting of some work and the inaccuracy of some of the maps. He felt that Simon Jackson had taken the message on board and hoped that as a result we would</p>

	<p>see improvements in the future. Some reported drainage problems had been dealt with very quickly.</p> <p>Lengthsman:- The gritbin had been dealt with and also some drainage work</p>
<b>1147</b>	<p><b>Councillors Reports</b></p> <p>Rights of Way: Disappointment that an objection had been received regarding footpath 48.</p> <p>Website: Meeting arranged in early March with a gentleman who might take over the website.</p> <p>Gateway: Cllr S Welford felt that she had provided adequate information to the County Council regarding what was required. Cllr Turner stated that he did not think he had seen this information.</p>
<b>1148</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The following accounts were agreed for payment: S Dunford £20.00 (1208), Darren Strawbridge £325.00 (1209).</p>
<b>1149</b>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>WD/S/15/000062 Chard Junction Quarry. Section 73 application to vary condition 1 of permission 1/D/12/000480 to extend the end date from 31/12/14 to 31/12/15. <b>No objections</b></p>
<b>1150</b>	<p><b>Local Council Award Scheme</b></p> <p>The clerk had circulated details of the new award scheme which replaces the Quality Council scheme. There will now be three award levels, Foundation Award, Quality Award and Quality Gold Award. The clerk felt that once the website was up and running it should be reasonably easy to obtain the Foundation Award status.</p> <p><b>Resolved that the Council works towards obtaining the Foundation Award.</b></p>
<b>1151</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>January and February Parish Magazines. Noted.</p>
<b>1152</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm</p>