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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance:-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr D Turner (Dorset County Council) Cllr J Sewell (West Dorset District Council) and 17 members of the public.

Absent: Cllr C Sowerbutts

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117	Apologies No apologies received
118	Declarations of Interests Cllr M Stead declared a pecuniary interest in the Magdalen Farm application as he sometimes is employed there. Cllr R Arnold declared a pecuniary interest in the Manor Farm application as he lives beside it and has financial interests with both the applicant and the main objector. Cllr R Peacock declared a pecuniary interest in the Manor Farm application as he rents out land to the applicant.
119	Minutes

	The minutes of the meeting held on the 2 nd February 2016 were adopted as a true record; and were signed by the chairman. In minute 113 the sponsored cycle race will be on the 21 st May not March as printed.
120	Matters Arising Agreed that Cllr S Dunford would be a substitute member of the F&GP meeting as Cllr's Marsh and Arnold were not available. Request for a copy of the letter sent to Mr Cunningham to be forwarded to councillors. Concerns that contractors were not cleaning the road on a regular basis and traffic was not going in the direction that had been agreed. Clerk to contact the enforcement officer.
121	Democratic Period There were concerns raised regarding the way in which the County Council had dealt with the withdrawal of bus services before any alternatives could be put agreed. A public meeting was being arranged at the Bottle Inn, Marshwood on the 17 th March to discuss alternative transport proposals. <i>Manor Farm</i> Concerns expressed by a resident living near to the proposed cubicle extension at Manor Farm in relation to increased traffic and road damage. Also concerns expressed regarding movement of earth for the construction. The applicant explained that there was no other reasonable alternative site for this building. Other views expressed included the fact that many dairy farms in the area were closing and that support should be given to this proposal. <i>Magdalen Farm</i> There were a number of concerns expressed by residents living near to the proposed development at Magdalen Farm in relation to whether the existing planning permission for the conversion of the barn would be extinguished if this application were granted. The applicant informed the meeting that the project could not afford to continue with the conversion of the barn, therefore the proposal on the table this evening was the only reasonable alternative. Concerns expressed that there had been little notice regarding this application as it had not been published when the agenda had been posted.
122	Police No report
123	Bus Services It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Leader of the County Council expressing this council's disgust at the way in which the bus services had been withdrawn before any alternative transport arrangements could be put in place. It was hoped that as many people as possible would attend the meeting at the Bottle Inn. It was hoped that the MP might also attend.
124	County and District Reports

	<p>Cllr D Turner informed the meeting that Chris Hook was looking into various options for alternative transport provision and some funding might be available to assist in transport gaps. The mobile library service was to be reduced by one vehicle Cllr Sewell that urban services would be dealt with in October. There had been some problems with the new tri partnership (West Dorset, North Dorset & Weymouth/Portland) due to all of them having different IT systems that were not compatible with each other.</p>
125	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) WD/D/15/000201 Rose Cottage: Secondary double glazing to 7 windows. Support. b) WD/D/15/002281 Manor Farm, Holditch: Erection of extension to cubicle shed. Support but feel that conditions should be put in place to restrict the hours of construction c) WD/D/16/000062 Magdalen Farm: Proposed dwelling for farm workers. After some debate regarding this application it was agreed that more information was required and that an extension of time would be requested, either until the April meeting, or if that was not acceptable an additional meeting would be called.
126	<p>Finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) The following accounts were agreed for payment: J Vanderwolfe £75.25 (1257), R Arnold £30.70 (1258), Mrs Ball £5.40 (1259), Data Commissioner £35.00 (1260), Thorncombe Village Hall £33.00 (1261). B) The budget v actual spend was agreed C) The Council resolved that it had done all within its power to ensure that during the financial year adequate precautions were in place regarding the business risks to the council and the protection of the council's assets and funds.
127	<p>Highways</p> <p>Some damage to the road surface due to heavy rain at Horseshoe Road. Some potholes had been reported. There would be a litter pick day on the 19th March.</p>
128	<p>Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Amenities: The shed was now in position behind the Village Hall and now needed a supply of sand bags.</p> <p>ROW: Some improvement works had been undertaken in the parish and a quotation was awaited for work on footpath 40. It was agreed that the decision made by this council in relation to footpath 103 should stand and not be withdrawn.</p> <p>Transport: Car service is being well used for medical appointments.</p> <p>Website: Concerns that this month's agenda and last month's minutes were not on the site.</p> <p>Playing Field; There was a clean-up day planned for the 12th march and the see saw was now back in place.</p> <p>Seminar: Councillors who had attended the recent seminar organised by WDDC regarding the local plan had found it useful, however more time should have been allowed for questions.</p>
129	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Circulars were noted.</p>

130	Next Meeting: Monday 5 th April 2016 at 7.30pm