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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 5th February 2019

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

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

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587	Apologies There were no apologies for absence received
588	Declarations Cllr R Peacock-personal interest. Manor Farm planning application Cllr R Arnold –personal interest. Manor Farm planning application
589	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 th December 2018, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record; and were signed by the chairman
590	Matters Arising It was reported that the problem with the water leak (minute 570) had now moved down the road. The chairman was concerned that some members of the public had commented that they felt that the council had passed over the provision of a defibrillator for Holditch Hall. He explained that it was decided that it was better for the Hall committee to deal with this directly. There would seem to be some problems with the period of time that this equipment was being provided for. The clerk would look into the situation in other parishes that had installed this equipment.
591	Democratic Period A parishioner updated the meeting regarding the provision of a double decker bus for the school run operated by First. Whilst some progress had been made with the cutting back of trees there still remained a problem due to the lack of enforcement officer time to deal with the remaining problem landowners. The bus driver had been concerned over the recent icy weather conditions and questions were asked

	<p>regarding the actual gritting routes through the parish. Another parishioner stated that he would be very concerned at the operation of double decker buses through the parish as there had been a number of incidents of vehicles toppling over on unsteady verges in the past. It was understood that there had been a road traffic accident at Shearing's Cross. The belief was that speed had been a major factor in this incident. One answer might be to have the words 'slow' painted on the road in this area.</p>
592	<p>County and District Council Report It was reported that the senior officer team was now in place and that the constitution for the new Dorset Council had been agreed. Full details of the new officers can be seen on the regular updates being circulated to all councillors.</p>
593	<p>Police and Neighbourhood Watch The Thorncombe Sports and Social Club had been broken into and a suspicious white van had been seen in the area on a number of occasions. The local PCSO will be visiting the Community Shop on the last Friday in the month between 10.30 and 11.30am.</p>
594	<p>Highways and Rights of Way There had been a large number of vehicles from the Somerset area had employed to deal with potholes in the Holditch area recently. There would be a litter pick in the village in area. The provisional date is the 6th April.</p> <p>The Lengthsman had undertaken a number of projects in the parish recently. There had been more incidents of fly tipping again In the parish.</p> <p>ROW: Two stiles had been replaced with gates which will make access easier. There are a number of rotten boards on bridges in the parish that will need attention.</p>
595	<p>Storage Facilities Cllr Stead reported that the Village Hall Committee might be happy for a filing cabinet to be located in the store cupboard.</p>
596	<p>Annual Parish Meeting Agreed that the meeting would be held on the 2nd April 2019 at 7pm. The Citizen Advice had indicated they would be willing to attend meetings, so would be asked</p>
597	<p>Councillor's Reports <i>Bus Services:</i> From the 7th March the afternoon Chard bus wold be discontinued. Whilst this was partly due to drivers rest breaks it had to be said that the service was very poorly used. A new timetable would be placed in the bus shelter. There had been a donation of £200 made towards the bus service fund. <i>Playfield:</i> The toddlers area had recently been cleared <i>Community Shop:</i> The end of the year for the shop was the 31st January and it was hoped that when the accounts are completed that there will be a profit shown for the year.</p>

	<p>School: Positive feedback is being received regarding the new leadership of the school.</p> <p>ROW: A new ranger is in place.</p> <p>Housing: It is hoped that the new houses damaged by fire in Gripe View will be ready to be re-occupied in March. Notification had been given that 16 Tansee Hill was vacant and available to someone who qualified under the Section 106 rules.</p>
598	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>WD/D/18/002808 1 Westford Cottages, Westford Park Road, Chard for the erection of a garage: Support</p> <p>WD/D/18/002951 Manor Farm, Holditch: General Purpose Agricultural Building. Support</p>
599	<p>Determinations</p> <p>a) WD/D/18/001895 Green View, Winsham: Convert stable to residential use. Approved 12/12/18</p> <p>b) WD/D/18/001809 6 High Street, Thorncombe: Garden Studio. Approved 5/12/18</p> <p>c) WD/D/18/001810 6 High Street Listed Building application for the above application. Withdrawn 3/12/18</p>
600	<p>Finance Accounts for Payment</p> <p>Resolved to pay the following accounts: HMRC £406.00, SWCAA £10.00, Darren Strawbridge £360.00, Thorncombe Village Hall £33.00, Society Local Councils £80.00, Dorset Community Transport £2, 000, 00.</p>
601	<p>Financial Update Actual Income/Expenditure against Budget</p> <p>The financial figures, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed</p>
602	<p>Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>The bank reconciliations agreed with the accounts and there were no outstanding funds owed to the Council. Total financial assets as at 2nd February 2019 were £14,443.13.</p>
603	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The chairman had received a letter of resignation from Sally Welford. She thanked the councillors for their support. Noted. The chairman would write to her.</p>
604	<p>Matters of Urgency</p> <p>There were no matters to be dealt with.</p>
605	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 7.30pm</p>

Signed ----- Chairman

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