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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 6th June 2017 commencing at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance:-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) and five members of the public.

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315	Apologies Apologies were received from our district and county councillors because of the election period
316	Declarations of Interests There were no Declaration of Interest made at this stage of the meeting
317	Minutes The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 2 nd May 2017 were adopted as a true record; and were signed by the chairman.
318	Matters Arising It was understood that WDDC had made an objection regarding the withdrawal of the telephone facility in the High Street. The County Council had agreed that the PCC could erect a finger post pointing to the Church car park. The clerk had written to Mr Cunningham regarding the footpath query.
319	Democratic Period There are still a number of drainage problems, one of which is in Holditch. Water is still running along the road beside Saddle Street and another problem is at Higher Synderford. The footbridge at Buddlewall is sagging on the Dorset side. There are problems in Chard Street with parking. On occasions the large amount of parking is preventing buses and heavy vehicles getting through. This has caused a delay of at least 15 minutes on a number of occasions.
320	County, District, Police & Neighbourhood Reports

	No reports provided by either the County or district councillors, however Cllr M Stead stated that there were concerns that people were opening farm gates and letting stock out, which was causing major problems.
321	Highways, Lengthsman and Rights of Way Concerns that some landowners are now complying with the 1990 ROW Act and are not returning the path to its proper state within the 14 day legal period.
322	Accounts for Payment The following accounts were agreed for payment: Dial a Grass Cut £160.00 (1308), Came & Co £626.41 (1309) and CPRE £36.00 (1310). Noted that the insurance premium was cheaper this year and a three year contract was agreed.
323	Accounts update Income/Expenditure against budget figures were circulated and agreed
324	Annual Governance Statement Resolved that the Council had complied with its duties as far as a sound internal control system was concerned during the previous financial year.
325	Annual Accounting Statement 2016/17 Resolved to accept the figures prepared by the Responsible Financial Officer subject to audit.
326	Broadband Update Cllr Welford informed the meeting that there were still installation problems in Fore Street mainly being caused by a defective telegraph pole.
327	Councillors' Reports Bus Services: It is understood that there will be further cuts to bus services that would affect Lyme Regis and Bridport. There were concerns that if First operate some of the bus services in the area they could operate with a double decker bus, which would have problems negotiating some roads due to stationery vehicles. The school contract would not be known until August. Playing Field: an event on the 13 th May had raised £60. There were now five members of the committee. The funds from the breakfast club on the 18 th June would go towards the play field. The ROSPA inspection is due. Community Shop: The Tuesday lunch club is going well
328	Planning a) WD/D/17/000788 Lower Hewood Farm, Hewood: Alterations to ground floor to reconfigure boot room and central living area. Reinstall spiral stairs, fit wood burner, and relocate boiler and alterations to first floor. Support b) WD/D/17/000961/2 Bonfield Stores, Fore Street, Thorncombe: Repair and restoration of a dilapidated building, including external alterations and additional ancillary accommodation to be used in association with Bonfield Stores. Whilst supporting restoration of this dilapidated building there are concerns regarding on-street parking, which is a major problem in the area; therefore provision of off street parking should be provided. c) Determination: WD/D/16/001781 Magdalen Farm. Retention of three mobile homes. Approved d) WD/D/17/000023/25 Saddle Street Farm: Demolish barn and re-erect. This application has been withdrawn

	e) Concerns were raised about an application for a Diesel powered back up to the National Grid planning application over the border in Hawkchurch. The item would be dealt with by that council on Tuesday 20 th June at 8pm.
329	Correspondence Nil
330	Items of Urgency No items
331	Next Meeting: Tuesday 4 th July 2017

Signed ----- Chairman

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