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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 5th April 2016 at 7.30pm

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

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

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131	Apologies An apology was received from Cllr N Higgins (work). Resolved to accept this apology
132	Declarations of Interests There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting.
133	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 1 st March 2016 were adopted as a true record, as were the minutes of the planning meeting held on the 22 nd March 2016
134	Matters Arising It was understood that the recent litter picking exercise had been very successful.

135	Police and Neighbourhood Watch There were no items to be dealt with under this section.
136	Democratic Period Thanks were expressed for all the hard work done on trying to retain the Thursday bus from Thorncombe to Axminster. There was a question as to whether the car service could link up to bus service that passed through Winsham. It was felt that the principle purpose of the car service was to convey people to hospital and doctors' appointments and not to extend to connecting with the bus network.
137	Bus Services The meeting at the Bottle Inn had been well attended. There had been an extension given to the Axminster bus service until the end of May to allow for further discussions on alternative bus services, however Devon County Council were not withdrawing their financial support, therefore buses 14 and 688 will now be combined but may need additional funding. A lady attending the recent meeting at the Bottle Inn had offered a legacy from her late mother. Cllr D Marsh and Mrs Marsh were thanked for all their efforts in the campaign to retain the bus service.
138	District Council Report WDDC would operate a paperless service to parish and town councils from July and each parish would require a GOV email address. The clerk asked whether this was to be funded by the district council as the cost of this facility was quite high. Cllr Sewell was unsure who would fund this. The point was made with regards to electronic planning that sometimes the drawings were handwritten or to a generally poor standard which would make it difficult to read. On the 5 th May, at the same time as the ballot for the Dorset Crime Commissioner, there would be a referendum vote to see if the people wanted to change the way in which WDDC operates. It was generally felt that the communication on this item was rather poor. The point was also made that if the Dorset councils agreed to go Unitary in the near future the whole system could change again.
139	Planning There were no planning applications to be dealt with by this meeting. It was noted that planning application WD/D/15/002967, a listed building application in respect of Newhouse Farm, Holditch Court for internal alterations, the insertion of a door in the south elevation and repairs to a window in the west elevation had been withdrawn
140	Finance The following accounts were agreed for payment: HMRC £378.00 & WDDC £10,498.67. The budget V actual for the period April to March was agreed and it was noted that the bank balances stood at £4,740.75.
141	Highways The pothole at Headstock Lane had been repaired. A number of potholes and manhole cover defects had been reported
142	Councillors' Reports <i>Village Hall:</i> Some exterior painting was planned <i>Amenities:</i> The Community Pool was due to reopen on the 29 th April

	<p><i>School:</i> No report. Details of Jasmine Hill to be provided to the clerk so that a report might be provided from time to time.</p> <p><i>Volunteer Car Service:</i> The principle purpose was emphasised as being to convey people to health visits and other vital visits. There were a great number of unsung heroes who were providing a vital service to this rural community.</p> <p><i>SID Machine:</i> Had been operating but at the end of the eight week period would go back to Lyme Regis for their use as per our agreement. There had been a request for the machine to be faced the other way on the next visit.</p> <p><i>Website:</i> Cllr Sowerbutts informed the meeting that the site was now up to date.</p> <p><i>Broadband:</i> There were concerns as to when Superfast Broadband would be available.</p> <p><i>Community Shop:</i> The shop was making a profit but the post office was not being very well used</p> <p><i>Playing Field:</i> There had been a clean-up day on the 12th March. The see saw had been reinstated and the younger children's area cleaned up. £85 had been raised at a breakfast club. The chairman had prepared the new lease which was agreed and duly signed.</p>
143	<p>Annual Parish Meeting This would be held either on the 26th May or 1st June subject to the availability of the hall. <i>This has now been confirmed as being Wednesday 1st June 2016.</i></p>
144	<p>Next Meeting: Monday 3rd May 2016 at 7.30pm</p>