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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd December 2014 commencing at 7.30pm.

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

In Attendance:- The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) , Cllr D Turner (Dorset County Council), Cllr M Robinson (West Dorset District Council) and 12 members of the public.

1101	Apologies An apology was received from Cllr N Higgins (unwell). Resolved to accept this apology
1102	Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct No Declarations were made
1103	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 th November. 2014 were adopted as a true record and were signed by the chairman. It was noted that the date of the meeting had been incorrectly listed as the 7 th October instead of 4 th November, and was corrected.
1104	Matters Arising Cllr J Higgs had received two estimates for repair work to the notice board. The full repair cost would be £325, which would be met by the County Councillor's Locality Allowance.
1105	Police Report No report

1106	<p>Democratic Period</p> <p>A parishioner asked if advance notices were issued for road works. Scheduled works are often emailed to the clerk and sometimes appear in the newspapers; however emergency notices by their very nature are often not advertised due to their short notice. There was a question regarding the forthcoming meeting at Bettiscombe for the Neighbourhood Plan. The point was made that if Thorncombe does agree to become involved in the Neighbourhood Plan then there will be plenty of public consultation. It was agreed that if the council decides in January to move forward with the idea of a plan then a meeting would take place at the Sports Club to inform everyone on what a Neighbourhood Plan would involve.</p>
1107	<p>Community Shop</p> <p>Mr Charles Goodall addressed the meeting on behalf of the Community Shop Committee. He apologised for the fact that the post office had recently been closed due to the auditors being in attendance. The issues that had arisen from the audit are still on-going and therefore the information that he could present was very limited, and he was unable to take questions. The good news was, Mr Goodall continued, that the post office will reopen tomorrow (Wednesday) at 10.30am, remaining open until 1.50pm. The post office will then be open each Monday and Friday between 9.30am and 12.50pm. He thanked everyone for their support during the difficult period and gave assurance of a commitment to provide a post office service</p>
1108	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Whilst most of the information relating to the meeting on Friday for the Neighbourhood Plan had been discussed the clerk remarked that the point made in the magazine that if you had a Neighbourhood Plan there would be no need to seek certain planning permission was not correct. He felt that this referred to a Development Plan rather than a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Welford felt that some people might be discouraged from attending because they had been asked to pre-book, however neither the secretary nor chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan felt that was the case. Anyone could attend, however the idea of the workshop was to provide information about what a Neighbourhood Plan involved.</p>
1109	<p>County and District Reports</p> <p>Cllr Turner stated that the damaged grit bin was being replaced. There had been major quality issues with Simon Jackson the highway contractor. A meeting was being arranged with parishes to discuss these issues.</p> <p>Cllr Robinson informed the meeting that £1million pounds had been provided by the Government to set in motion the partnership between West Dorset, North Dorset and Weymouth Borough Council. The Waste Partnership were going through a very difficult financial time. The Affordable Housing development at Marshwood is progressing</p>
1110	<p>Highways</p> <p>Mr Frampton was pleased that at long last a meeting was being arranged to discuss highway issues. There had been further problems with contractors experienced on the 10th November. Cllr Turner emphasised the need to use Dorset for You so that there was an up to date record of all highway defects. The lengthsman would replace the broken grit bin and deal with some drainage problems.</p>

1111	<p>Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Website: No progress had been made but a notice had been placed in the parish magazine.</p> <p>Car Service: There would be a meeting of volunteers, however, more volunteers are needed.</p>
1112	<p>Finance</p> <p>The following accounts were agreed for payment:-D Strawbridge £250 (1201), Axminster Church £617.10 (1202), Society Local Clerks £88.00 (1203), J Vanderwolfe £77.05 (1204). The meeting noted that the payment to the Axminster church was as a result of that amount being paid into the Council's account in error.</p>
1113	<p>Planning</p> <p>WD/TP/14/00415 St Mary's Church, Thorncombe. Fell I Lime. Resolved to support this application.</p> <p>Determinations: WD/D/14/002504 Westford Park Farm for an agricultural building. The application has been approved.</p>
1114	<p>Gateway</p> <p>Cllr Welford stated that she had forwarded some photographs of the site so that the highways section could get an idea of the amount of room available for a gateway sign. She had suggested to them that there should be a site meeting.</p>
1115	<p>New Waste and Recycling System</p> <p>The clerk provided information regarding the new system which would come into operation next summer. Food waste would be collected on a weekly basis, with recycling and landfill waste being on alternating weeks. Glass would need to be kept separate, using the present recycling box. Each household would be provided with a landfill bin, recycling bin, food waste bin, and a caddy to keep under the sink. Special arrangements can be made for people with large families, collection of nappies and also where there are on-street logistical problems. It is hoped to have a set of these bins in the village in the near future and to have a presentation to everyone in the new year.</p>
1116	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Parish Magazine. Noted</p>
1117	<p>Next Meetings</p> <p>6th January Finance 7pm General 8pm</p> <p>It was noted that due to the General Elections the May 2015 meeting would have to be changed. Agreed that the meeting would be held on the 14th May 2015</p>