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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm in the Thorncombe Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr's J Higgs (Chairman), D Marsh, M Stead, A Hiscock and P Basham.

**In Attendance:**-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr S Christopher and five members' of the public.

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<b>930</b>	<b>Apologies</b> No apologies for absence received.
<b>931</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct</b> No Declarations of Interest, under the Thorncombe Parish Council Code of Conduct, were made at this stage of the meeting.
<b>932</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024, having been previously distributed; were agreed as a true record; and were then signed by the chairman.
<b>933</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Minutes</b> Meeting had taken place with an officer from the Dorset Floods team. Chairman reported that this meeting had been very useful. Some confusion as to whether a report was being produced as a result of this meeting. Clerk to email Dorset Councillor requesting a response.
<b>934</b>	<b>Surgery</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Complaints regarding potholes Horseshoe Lane</li> <li>● Footpath through church slippery</li> <li>● Church requesting funding for churchyard maintenance</li> </ul>
<b>935</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b> Parishioner felt that more publicity should have been given to trying to fill council seats for the forthcoming election.

	<p>Parishioner spoke of problems with flooding which she states she had reported but not received a response</p> <p>Parishioner spoke about a petition she had started on behalf of Age Concern. She is concerned about installation of digital voice from 2025, which could result in loss of any communication should internet be down. Concerns for vulnerable people. Suggested a parish survey be undertaken.</p>
<b>936</b>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>Erect two storey side extension, formation of first floor to existing dwelling and erect detached garage with workshop following removal of outbuildings (amended scheme) (with variation of condition 2 of planning application P/HOU/2022/07722 to amended plans)</p> <p><b>Members agreed to support this application.</b> Cllr A Hiscock stated that he did not wish to comment on the application.</p>
<b>937</b>	<p><b>Accounts for Payment</b></p> <p>Resolved to ratify the following payments: Fern Garden Tree Services £594.00, Caloo Ltd £4656.60, Hugo Fox £23.99, Ealing Community Transport £1000.00, Information Commissioner £35.00 and Mr Holt £126.00. A total of £6435.59</p>
<b>938</b>	<p><b>Financial Update</b></p> <p>The financial update had been circulated prior to the meeting and was agreed. The financial assets as of the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 were £17,215.94.</p>
<b>939</b>	<p><b>Dorset Councillor's Report</b></p> <p>.Councillor Christopher had circulated his report prior to the meeting, for which he was thanked</p>
<b>940</b>	<p><b>Bus Services</b></p> <p>Cllr D Marsh was pleased to report that passenger numbers were now up by about 10%.</p>
<b>941</b>	<p><b>Community Shop</b></p> <p>Still awaiting accounts report for end of year accounts. Whilst February showed a small revenue loss it was hoped that the figures for March would show a profit.</p>
<b>942</b>	<p><b>Playfield</b></p> <p>Arrangements well in hand for the installation of the see-saw on the 12<sup>th</sup> April. Some concerns on access due to the wet condition of the ground.</p> <p>The point was made of the importance of carrying out the regular inspections of the field</p>
<b>943</b>	<p><b>Police and Neighbourhood Watch</b></p> <p>No report</p>

944	<p><b>Churchyard</b></p> <p>Cllr Basham had received a request for funding from the secretary of the Parochial Church Council. Members felt that a small grant of £200 towards some tree works was appropriate but that a formal application for a grant was required.</p>
945	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Relevant correspondence is emailed out as required.</p>
946	<p><b>Closing of Meeting</b></p> <p>Prior to the closing of the meeting the chairman paid tribute to the service given by Cllr David Marsh over a number of years. David has decided to step down from the council at the forthcoming elections. <b>A reminder that the deadline for receipt of nomination papers for the election is 4pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.</b></p> <p>The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm</p>
947	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Annual Council Meeting 7.30pm</p> <p>Note this is later than normal due to the council election period.</p>

Signed ----- Chairman

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