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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm**

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

**In Attendance:-**The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr D Turner (Dorset County Council), Police Officer and five members of the public

<b>048</b>	<b>Apologies</b> An apology was received from Cllr C Sowerbutts (away). Resolved to accept this apology. Cllr J Sewell had also forwarded an apology.
<b>049</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr S Dunford declared a personal interest in the modification order for footpath 103 and stated that he would leave the room as he felt he had become highly involved in the application.
<b>050</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 1 <sup>st</sup> September were approved as a true record having noted that the report relating to the Village Hall actually related to Rights of Way. It was noted that there are two minute 39s, therefore second one would become 39a to avoid reissuing minutes.
<b>051</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>

	<p>There was a question regarding asking the public about the day that the police might attend the village. This would be forwarded to the magazine editor. The working party had met to discuss the car parking issues and had suggested that a letter be sent to both the Village Hall Committee and the Parochial Church Council to see if they would permit use of their car park to residents. It was understood that following intervention from the housing associations the problems had reduced.</p>
<b>052</b>	<p><b>Police and Neighbourhood Watch Report</b> No reports</p>
<b>053</b>	<p><b>Pre-planning Application</b> Mr George Eyre introduced the session by explaining what he wanted to do. Two representatives from British Renewables then provided further information on the proposal. . They stated that they had looked at a number of sites and found that the selected one would have the least visual impact. A new hedgerow would be created to screen the site. The plans had been submitted to WDDC and they were awaiting validation. The planning application is for 25 years with the site having to be returned to its former state after that time. The clerk asked about a possible community payback to the Council as this had been provided on other sites. There were a number of questions and points made visual impact of the site. Other concerns included the construction period and the impact on a public right of way. A temporary road access would be made. Concerns expressed regarding the lack of consultation to some residents and the fact that the exhibition had been timed for a Tuesday afternoon. The consultants stated that they would be willing to stage another event.</p>
<b>054</b>	<p><b>Democratic Period</b></p> <p>It was reported that there was a possibility of an additional 16 seater bus trip to Bridport. No concessions would be permitted and only Dorset people could use it. For the service to operate 16 people would need to sign to say that they would use it</p> <p>Mention was made of the dangerous junction at Birdsmoor Gate, which is an agenda item. Chard Junction Creamery has finally closed. Hedges at Higher Hewood need cutting back.</p> <p>Question regarding objections to the proposed Definitive Map. Confirmed that fresh objections must be made as previous comments will not be taken into consideration.</p>
<b>055</b>	<p><b>County and District Reports</b> Cllr Turner stated that he felt that the idea of a Unitary authority for Dorset was looking more possible for the future. Martin Hamilton is the new Director of Strategy. Universal Credit is being rolled out. The Development Control department is performing poorly due to lack of staff.</p>
<b>056</b>	<p><b>Highway Reports</b> The Lengthsman had undertaken some work recently and the Speed Indicator Device (SID) would be picked up from Lyme Regis Town Council next week.</p>
<b>057</b>	<p><b>Finances</b></p> <p>a) Following accounts agreed for payment: BDO LLP £120.00 (1239), Village Hall £32.00 (1240), HMRC £472.50 (1241), £390 (1242).</p>

	<p>b) Budget v Actual: The Financial report was agreed.</p> <p>c) External Auditor: The external auditor had given an unqualified report. The report was agreed and the RFO thanked for his services.</p>
<b>058</b>	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>Cllr Higgins had applied for funding to undertake some more repairs to finger posts. No requests had been received for lengthsman works</p> <p>There had been some teething problems with the Speed Indicator Device (SID). The equipment had been returned to Lyme Regis Town council to be re-programmed.</p> <p>Birdsmoorgate: The point was emphasised that the Council had no authority to place anything on the highway without the expressed permission of the Highway Authority. It would seem that a nearby parish council had ignored this rule and had placed a mirror on the highway. There could be all manner of insurance and legal implications as a result of this sort of illegal action. Resolved that Cllr Turner would request the highways section to do a full investigation of this junction.</p>
<b>059</b>	<p><b>Councillors' Reports</b></p> <p>Village Hall: The AGM had recently taken place and new officers elected. New windows had been installed.</p> <p>Amenities: Cllr Stead will order salt for the winter</p> <p>School: Nothing to report. Jasmine Hill welcomed to the meeting</p> <p>Website: It was hoped that this would be operational on the 7<sup>th</sup> October</p> <p>ROW: Problem with gate at Herridge dealt with.</p> <p>Transport: Car service had had a busy summer.</p> <p>Shop: New committee person was a former manager at Waitrose.</p>
<b>060</b>	<p><b>Playing Field</b></p> <p>New committee in place. Looking at possible grants from Magna and TVT. County Councillor also asked for funding from his Locality budget. Trees had been trimmed. Looking at a five year maintenance plan.</p>
<b>061</b>	<p><b>Planning and Definitive Map Changes</b></p> <p>Wd/D/15/002031 Hodgeditch Farm, Chantry Lane, Chard Junction. Removal of condition 5 of PP 1/W/95/000401 to allow for a longer letting period. Support Definitive Map Modification Order Footpaths 37 (part), 38 and 103 (part). The council agreed to support the proposals for footpaths 37 and 38, however they felt that the proposal for footpath 103 was unnecessary and did not meet the criteria of a diversion, therefore they objected to that diversion.</p> <p>It was noted that following objections the proposed modification order for footpath 48 would now be passed to the Planning Inspectorate.</p>
<b>062</b>	<p><b>Beaminster &amp; Villages Local Area Partnership</b></p> <p>Councillor Marsh provided a report on his recent visit to this group. The clerk stated that the council had been invited to join some years ago but had declined the offer. Cllr Marsh stated that he would be willing to attend these meetings, so it was decided that Thorncombe would join. Cllr Marsh would inform them.</p>
<b>063</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Various circulars were noted</p>

<b>064</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2015 at 7.30pm
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