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

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

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

091	Apologies An apology was received from Cllr N Higgins (away). Resolved to accept this apology. Cllr Sowerbutts was called away to a family emergency at the commencement of the meeting
092	Declarations of Interests Cllr R Arnold declared a personal interest in planning application WD/D/15/002711 as he lives near to the application. Cllr R Peacock declared a pecuniary interest in planning application WD/D/15/002711 as the applicant is a tenant. He would leave the meeting prior to any discussions taking part regarding this application.
093	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 1 st December 2015 were adopted as a true record; and were signed by the chairman
094	Matters Arising

	There were no matters arising
095	Democratic Period No items were brought forward
096	County and District Reports Cllr D Turner informed the meeting that the Dorset principal authorities were still looking at possible governance arrangements. There were possibilities of double devolution from Central Government, however details are at present unclear. Dorset has come off far worse than most counties in the revenue support grant cuts. A total of 19 youth services look like being retained by being run by other authorities or organisations, although one organisation has stated it might be able to run all of them. Cllr J Sewell informed the meeting that she has provide the clerk this evening with a hard copy of the new WDDC Local Plan. It was agreed that this document would be circulated to councillors, commencing with the Chairman of Planning. Briefing meetings on the local plan are being organised for February. There will be a need to review the housing allocation of the local plan, although that mainly will affect Sherborne and Dorchester.
097	Finance and Budget a) Following accounts agreed for payment: HMRC £378.00 (1250) & Thorncombe Village Hall £33.00 (1251). b) Budget 2016/17: The Finance & General Purposes Committee recommended a budget of £20,240. Resolved to adopt this recommendation. c) Precept 2016/17: The Finance & General Purposes Committee proposed that the precept demand for 2016/17 be £8616. The Responsible Financial Officer explained that the D Rate yearly contribution to the parish council would be £27.69 compared to £27.43 this year. This is an increase of only 26p. This low amount is due to the increase in the tax base from 306.4 to 311.1. Resolved to adopt this recommendation.
098	Planning The following planning applications were dealt with : a) WD/TP/15/00398 Manor Farm, Holditch: Reduce crown between 40%-50%: Support b) WD/D/15/002711 Woodland Workshop, Holditch Lane, Holditch. Erect treehouse on stilts between three trees: Support (Cllr R Peacock left meeting for this item) c) WD/D/15/002701 Forge Cottage, High Street, Thorncombe. Erect single storey garden room at rear: Support d) WD/D/15/002793 Green View. Winsham. Erect extension: Support
099	Correspondence Letter from Dorset Highways confirming the part diversion of footpath 71 at Chard Junction Quarry. The letter was duly noted
100	Emergency Resilience Arrangements

	<p>Cllr J Higgs expressed his concerns regarding the availability of sandbags during periods of flooding. As a temporary measure the swimming pool building could be used, however a longer term storage facility was required. The Village Hall committee had kindly stated that they would be willing to let the council put a small storage hut at the rear of the hall. Cllr Higgs informed the meeting that the cost would be in the region of £275. Cllr D Turner kindly offered to provide £200 from his community fund towards this project.</p>
<p>101</p>	<p>Next Meeting The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd February 2016 commencing at 7.30pm</p>