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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 6th January 2015 at 8pm

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

In Attendance:-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) , Cllr D Turner (Dorset County Council), Cllr M Robinson (West Dorset District Council) and 14 members of the public.

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| 1118 | Apologies An apology was received from Cllr P Gordon (unwell). Resolved to accept this apology. |
| 1119 | Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct No Declarations were made |
| 1120 | Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 2 nd December 2014 were adopted as a true record; and signed by the chairman. |
| 1121 | Matters Arising Cllr J Higgs informed the meeting that the Car Service meeting (1111) had taken place, however, the grit bin (1110) had not yet been dealt with, but it was hoped that it would, along with some work on drains, be dealt with by the weekend. |
| 1122 | Police Report No report received |

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| <p>1123</p> | <p>Democratic Period</p> <p>There seemed to be some confusion, possibly caused by an article in the parish magazine, regarding when the council would decide if it was going to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan. A member of the public felt that the present development boundary protected the village from any development and thought that the Neighbourhood Plan might open up development.</p> <p>There were questions regarding the departure of the post mistress. The clerk advised that as this was an employment law issue it should not be discussed in a public meeting and was a matter between that employee and her employer.</p> <p>A member of the public spoke against the planning application in respect of St Francis Cottage, Synderford. He was concerned that various aspects of the application were inaccurate. He felt this was too large an extension for the area, and feared it would be used for more commercial use in the future. He felt that the proposal was not in keeping with the area and would have a detrimental effect of the adjacent listed building. He also questioned a private access and the water course.</p> |
| <p>1124</p> | <p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>It was generally felt that the meeting held at Bettiscombe in December had been very useful. There was some confusion with councillors, however, the previous meeting had stated that a public meeting would take place. It was decided not to have the meeting at the Sports Club but at the Village Hall. A number of dates were suggested, but the actual date would be subject to the hall's availability. Alison Eardley would be invited as well as someone from WDDC planning. It was also hoped that the chairman of Cerne Abbas Parish Council, who were completing their plan, would be a useful person to hear from. Agreed that it was important that the public understood what a neighbourhood plan entailed and then indicated whether they were in general favour of it. The end decision legally had to come from the parish council.</p> |
| <p>1125</p> | <p>County and District Reports</p> <p>The new leader of the County Council is Robert Gould.</p> <p>Cllr Robinson provided a new flow chart showing the parishes interested in the neighbourhood plan and the various aspects of the neighbourhood plan. He made the point that a neighbourhood plan is not just about development. The Community Shop had enjoyed a good Christmas trading. There was an employment problem with the shop which could not be discussed.</p> |
| <p>1126</p> | <p>Parish Polls</p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a document which explained what changes the Government had in mind to reform the way in which a parish poll can be called. At present six parishioners could call a meeting, and only ten are required to call a poll on any subject. Some years ago this created a major problem within the parish. Any poll has to, by law, be paid for by the parish/town council. The suggested alterations would alter the number of people required to have a poll to a more realistic number, and would also include legislation that the item would need to be one that was within the power of the council or the item was part of the statutory consultation process.</p> |

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| | Resolved that the clerk replies that this Council would be very much in favour of these proposed changes. |
| 1127 | Local Government Transparency Code The clerk had circulated a summary of the new legislation. This new legislation applies to councils with an income of £25,000 or less. A number of items need to be placed on the website including minutes and agendas. Details of invoices for amounts above £100 (certain exceptions like salaries) need to be included. Annual Returns and audit reports also have to be included. Noted. |
| 1128 | Highway Reports The Honorary Highways Office, Mr Frampton, Commented that piping placed near the AHB crossing at Broom had, in his opinion, been placed on the wrong side, and would not combat future flooding problems. There were a number of blocked drains which hopefully will be dealt with very shortly by our lengthsman. |
| 1129 | Footpath Diversion Order Members noted that an order had been issued by Dorset County Council for the diversion and part deletion of footpath 48. This path runs between New House Farm and Yawlings Farm. The closing date for objections is the 16 th January. |
| 1130 | Councillors' Reports Rights of Way: New sign in place at Saddle Street but still awaiting signs in other places. Website: A parishioner had volunteered to set up a web site. A meeting would be arranged with the clerk and chairman as soon as possible. Community Cars: Service being used more, but more volunteers needed. |
| 1131 | Budget and Precept The Finance Committee recommended a budget of £10,115 with a precept demand of £8406. The Government Grant would be £299. Resolved to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee. |
| 1132 | Planning WD/TP/D/14/002837 St Francis Cottage, Synderford. Change of use agricultural to equestrian: Concerns about the size of this extension and its possible impact on the environment and adjacent listed building. Concerns regarding increase in noise and the visual impact. It would appear that some of the information on the application is inaccurate: proposal is near to a water course but application states it is not. The application is near to a ROW and a listed building. The OS map would appear to be somewhat out of date and does not clearly show the size of the neighbour's property which was extended some time ago. For these reasons Thorncombe Parish Council cannot support this application and recommends refusal. Determinations: WD/TP/14/00415 St Marys Church. Fell Tree. Granted |
| 1133 | Gateway No further information |
| 1134 | New Recycling System |

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| | Arrangements in hand to allow residents to view the new containers that will be used for the recycling and landfill waste. |
| 1135 | Correspondence Nil |
| 1136 | Next Meeting Tuesday 3 rd February 2015 at 7.30pm |

BUDGET 2015/16

Expenditure

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| Insurance | 660 |
| Hall Hire | 160 |
| Salaries | 3780 |
| Subscriptions | 370 |
| Audit | 100 |
| Travel | 100 |
| Allotments | 55 |
| Website | 70 |
| Training | 100 |
| Cemetery | 150 |
| Playing Field | 1350 |
| Office | 220 |
| Lengthsman | 2000 |
| To Reserves | 400 |
| Grants | 600 |
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Revenue

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| Allotments | 100 |
| Rent/Insurance | 386 |
| Grant | 199 |
| From Funds | 924 |
| Precept | 8406 |
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