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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd October 2018.

Present: Cllr's R Arnold (chairman), M Stead, S Welford, N Higgins, S Dunford and J Higgs

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

Absent: Cllr R Peacock

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530	Apologies An apology was accepted from Cllr D Marsh (away)
531	Declarations No Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct were made at this stage of the meeting.
532	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 th September 2018 were agreed apart from minute 523. The last sentence to be amended to read <i>There were some concerns expressed by Councillor S Welford about safeguards, but after discussion it was agreed to proceed.</i>
533	Matters Arising Further to minute 523 it was agreed to defer any implementation of payments other than by cheque until further information had been provided. Cllr Welford expressed her concerns that revised protocol and security safeguards had not been fully discussed or decided before a decision to proceed was taken. The clerk had obtained the Community Shop lease document from our solicitors. Cllr R Arnold agreed to try and get the land registry document

	<p>First Wessex had responded to the question of why the school service is not using a double decker bus. The County Council are contacting landowners on the route asking them to cut back over hanging branches of trees. Because of the vast number of landowners and tenants involved it is not known when this will be completed.</p>
534	<p>Democratic Period</p> <p>There was a question relating to who had cleared the entrance around the Blackwater river as it crossed the borders of Devon and Dorset. Cllr Turner stated that the two councils often worked together when works involved crossing over into another county for a short length of highway or bank.</p> <p>The drain in Holditch was pumped out on the 26th July but still required more investigatory work. The clerk stated that on two occasions the water board had stated that it was not their responsibility.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch: A number of burglaries had taken place in the Marshwood area. The Facebook alert scheme is working well.</p>
535	<p>County and District Reports</p> <p>Cllr Turner informed the meeting that £1.4 Million had been put into the highways budget to assist with the backlog of road repairs and highway issues. The Shadow Council for the new authority is now in place and Matt Prosser has been appointed as their first Chief Executive. Jason Vaughn has been appointed as the Chief Finance Officer and is working on budgets. The Environment and Economy Group of the County Council have been looking at restructuring the highways department,, and as a result a number of senior managers have left. The transfer of assets to town and parish councils has been halted by the shadow council. Grants will however continue until 2020.</p> <p>West Dorset District Council are looking at the contract for the cleaning of their toilets as the present provider has not been satisfactory. The Shadow Council will looking at the branding of the new authority. Cllr Higgs asked what the cost of this would be, to which Cllr Turner replied that it was all being done in-house.</p>
536	<p>Highways, Parish Lengthsman and ROW Issues</p> <p>Cllr N Higgins reported that a fingerpost was missing near Buddlewall. He had also obtained a quotation for repairs for the Dorset style road direction signs, which would be £300 each. An Oak tree had collapsed on the bridleway at Spearhay Lane</p>
537	<p>Possible Storage Facility</p> <p>Cllr M Stead reported that there is a Village Hall Committee meeting later this month where he will approach this item.</p>
538	<p>Accounts for Payment</p> <p>The following account was agreed for payment: Dial a Grass Cut £240.00 (1357).</p>
539	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>The budget v actual figures were agreed. WDDC had notified the clerk that the second instalment of the precept would be paid over the next couple of days. All</p>

	other expected receipts had been received. The £2,000 from Chard Tesco for the Bus fund had been received.
540	Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Update Councillors went through the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations page by page, and various alterations were made and inserts placed where required. The clerk would now amend the documents and circulate to all councillors.
541	Councillors' Reports Community Shop: Concerns had been raised by the shop management committee in relation to access to land owned by a third party. The chairman agreed to investigate this. Village Hall: There is a meeting on the 15 th October Website: It is anticipated that the new webmaster will take up his position on the 8 th October
542	Planning Applications a) WD/D/18/001895. Green View, Winsham: Conversion of stable block to residential accommodation- <i>Full Application</i> . Support b) WD/D/18/001809. 6 High Street, Thorncombe: Erection of Garden Studio Shed – <i>Full Application</i> . Support c) WD/D/18/1810 6 High Street, Thorncombe. Listed Building Consent for above application. Support
543	Determinations An application to demolish a redundant farm building and to replace with two holiday lets (WD/D/18/000842) at Yawlings Farm was refused by WDDC. The parish council had also not supported this application on similar grounds to those that had led to its refusal.
544	Correspondence A letter had been received from the Friends of the First Responders regarding the possibility of installing a defibrillator at the Holditch Hall. The letter asked a number of questions which the clerk felt should be dealt with by the hall's management committee. Cllr Arnold, who is a member of the hall committee, was satisfied that the project should now be dealt with by the hall committee and not the parish council.
545	Matters of Urgency There were no matters to be dealt with.
546	Next Meeting: Tuesday 6 th November 2018 at 7.30pm

Signed ----- Chairman

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