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**Minutes of the Virtual Council Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, commencing at 7.15pm**

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

**In Attendance:-** The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) and Cllr S Christopher (Dorset Council)

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<b>342</b>	<p><b>Election of Chairman</b> Cllr J Higgs was proposed as chairman for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations; therefore, Cllr J Higgs was duly elected.</p>
<b>343</b>	<p><b>Election of Vice-chairman</b> Cllr D Marsh was proposed as Vice-chairman for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations; therefore, Cllr D Marsh was duly elected.</p>
<b>344</b>	<p><b>Outside Bodies and responsibilities</b> Community Car Service: Cllr J Higgs Allotments : Cllr P Basham Hon. Road Warden: Mr B Frampton Blackdown Trust: Cllr J Higgs Village Hall Committee: Cllr M Stead Community Shop: Mr S Dunford BAVLAP: Cllr D Marsh DAPTC: Cllr A Hiscock Citizens Advice: Cllr D Marsh WATAG: Cllr D Marsh ROW: Mr N Higgins Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr M Stead Flood Warden: Cllr M Stead Telephone Box: Cllr A Hiscock Society of Clerks: Mr J Vanderwolfe School: Vacant</p>

<b>345</b>	<b>Apologies</b> All members present
<b>346</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b> A parishioner had raised a question via email regarding the distribution of profits from the community shop when either the loan arrangement between Dorset Council and the Parish Council was paid off; or if at some time the loan was written off. It was agreed that the matter would be investigated and placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
<b>347</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no Declarations of Interest under the Thorncombe Parish Council Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting
<b>348</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2021, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
<b>349</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> There were no matters arising.
<b>350</b>	<b>Dorset Council Report</b> A report, prepared by Cllr S Christopher, had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and was noted.
<b>351</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment</b> Resolved to ratify the following payments: ICO (direct debit) £35.00, Dial a Grass Cut £255 and Came & Co (Insurance £1,002.30. It was noted that the insurance premium had increased substantially. Came & Co had stated that they had obtained the most competitive deal for us.
<b>352</b>	<b>Financial Update</b> The finance update was approved. The financial assets as of the 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 stood at £15,102.86.
<b>353</b>	<b>Annual Governance Statement</b> The Annual Governance Statement, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, was adopted
<b>354</b>	<b>Adoption of the Accounts Statement 2020/21</b> The accounts for the year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021 were approved
<b>355</b>	<b>Certificate of Exemption –AGAR 2020/21</b> As both income and expenditure were both below the £25,000 ceiling limit it was agreed that the council would issue a Certificate of Exemption to the External Auditors.
<b>356</b>	<b>Internal Auditor’s Report</b> The report from Dennis Knowles, our Internal Auditor had been circulated. He had not raised any issues. His report was adopted.

<b>357</b>	<b>Playfield Report</b> The AGM is being arranged for July, and will take place in the Village Hall. The next project will be the replacement of the Zip wire. The ROSPA inspection is scheduled to take place in June..
<b>358</b>	<b>Bus Services</b> Numbers using services during April were up from March, due to less travel restrictions. An application for funding has been made to Chard Town council.
<b>359</b>	<b>Community Shop</b> The application for the awning for the shop had been applied for.
<b>360</b>	<b>Allotments</b> No items
<b>361</b>	<b>Former Telephone Box</b> The structure has been removed from its base and is awaiting transportation to the village hall. The structure will then be refurbished. Cllr Hiscock stated that he was keen for villagers to decide the future location of this structure.
<b>362</b>	<b>BAVLAP and DAPTC</b> .No further information had been made available in respect of the future of BAVLAP. DAPTC had sent out several circulars over the previous few weeks. There is an interesting article on a recent DAPTC newsletter dealing with non-compliance of planning applications. This article explains how to go about reporting a building or structure if it does not seem to comply with the planning permission it was given; or something has appeared seemingly without planning permission.
<b>363</b>	<b>School</b> No items
<b>364</b>	<b>Community Car Service</b> Running OK.
<b>365</b>	<b>Rights of Way</b> No items
<b>366</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b> An application (P/CLP/2021/00183) for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the siting of a mobile home as an annex and ancillary dwelling at Coggans Farm, Holditch, had been received. This application seeks to find out whether planning permission is required, or whether permitted development applies. The application was therefore noted.
<b>367</b>	<b>Determinations</b> Noted that there had been an application to convert a garage at Chapel Thatch, Holditch. Whilst the application had been approved by the Dorset planning authority it was noted that we had not been consulted, and that the parish name had not appeared on the list of authorities being consulted.
<b>368</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>  Nil

<b>369</b>	<b>Items of Urgency</b>  Nil
<b>370</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>  Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July, in the Community Centre, at 7.30pm

Signed ----- Chairman

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