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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 commencing at 7.30pm**

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

**In Attendance:-**The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), and seven members of the public.

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<b>089</b>	<b>Apologies</b> An apology was received from Cllr S Christopher
<b>090</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr M Stead- Pecuniary interest in Phone Box as it is on his land. He announced that he would leave the meeting prior to discussion on this item
<b>091</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2019 were accepted as a true record, and were signed by the chairman.
<b>092</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> The drains and gullies reported at the last meeting have now been cleared, however there is still a problem with the village tap. Whilst notification of availability of keys for sandbags in emergency is on both the website and Facebook it was felt that a suitable notice should be displayed on the noticeboard. Cllr M Stead stated that he would deal with this

<b>093</b>	<p><b>Democratic Period</b></p> <p>Compliments were given to Cllr Marsh for his article in the magazine. A parishioner had inspected the telephone box and found it generally to be in a good state of repair. Some thought could be given to relocating the former phone box, possibly to the area around the village hall. This could then be used by young people attending the school. He was concerned that the council was possibly giving funds to the playfield and the shop, and felt that there should be a level field where grants were concerned.</p> <p>There remains problems with flooding in Holditch. Some work had been undertaken but the area remains poorly maintained.</p> <p>The chairman of the Community Shop informed the meeting that the project to do major works to the exterior of the shop had been put on hold whilst more estimates and ideas of what to do were explored. She would however appreciate payment of the agreed £200 from the council. She would provide bank details to the clerk</p>
<b>094</b>	<p><b>Dorset Councillors Report</b></p> <p>A report had been prepared and sent out to all councillors prior to the meeting; and was duly noted.</p>
<b>095</b>	<p><b>Account for Payment:</b> Following accounts were ratified for payment: DAPTC £65.00, Darren Strawbridge £120.00, Thorncombe Village Hall £33.00, salaries £202.20, J Vanderwolfe £118.46, Playsafety Limited £99.00.</p>
<b>096</b>	<p><b>Financial Update</b></p> <p>The financial update, which had been circulated prior to the meeting was agreed. The bank reconciliation stood at £1, 8063.58</p>
<b>097</b>	<p><b>Grants</b></p> <p>The chairman read out a report prepared by the clerk which outlined the various options open to the council as far as the provision of grants was concerned. The chairman stated that he would like organisations applying for grants to indicate what they were doing in respect of the climate emergency It was agreed that a more transparent grants system was required. The form used by Tatworth and Forton council would be looked at and a decision regarding the grant allocation amount would be made at the next meeting when the budget for 2020/21 would be looked at.</p>
<b>098</b>	<p><b>Playing Field Equipment</b></p> <p>Cllr D Marsh informed the meeting that he had received a quotation of £817 for a new frame for the swings. Cllr M Stead stated that he might be able to get a far cheaper option. Agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.</p>
<b>099</b>	<p><b>Community Shop</b></p> <p>As the works were on hold until the new year it was agreed that no further action could be taken other than paying out the agreed £200.</p>
<b>100</b>	<p><b>Telephone Box</b></p>

	<p>The clerk informed the meeting that the telephone box had only been used for six calls over the 12 month period, and was therefore under the criteria for retention as a phone box. The council could however purchase the building for £1 from British Telecom. A discussion then took place as to whether it would be better to relocate the phone box. Agreed to adopt the phone box and the cost of £1. Further discussions could then take place regarding the place to put it.</p>
<b>101</b>	<p><b>Highways and Rights of Way</b> Mr Higgins made the point that there had been an accident on a stile that had not been reported to him, so it was important to inform him so that he could take action if necessary. There is a bridge damaged on footpath 11. This has been reported.</p> <p>The Diversion order for footpaths 37.38 and 103 had now been determined and a diversion order issued. The order does not cover the entrance to the playing field, and may need another order. It was also noted that there is a dispute over the ownership of land to which footpath 40 crosses.</p> <p>The steel structure to replace the old bridge at Broom is on site but has been delayed due to weather conditions. There are big traffic problems caused by the diversion route. Damas Lawn bridge has been identified as being in Devon and has been inspected by the Devon County bridges team. They report that there is no risk to the structure.</p>
<b>102</b>	<p><b>Councillors and Representatives Reports</b> <b>Bus Services:</b> There are two fundraising events planned. There will shortly be a request for payment for the bus services, which will be in the region of £2,000. A new notice board for bus timetables would cost £86.99. This would be taken from the bus earmarked funds. <b>Community Shop:</b> Question as to whether or not planning permission would be need or not for external works cannot be pursued until it is decided what is going to be done. <b>Community Car Service:</b> Service running well.</p> <p><b>Playing Field:</b> More vandalism has taken place. There had been a negative response from some users regarding the provision of CCTV on the site. The point was made that there are strict data protection rules around the use of such data, therefore there should not really be such concerns.</p> <p>Sid: Lyme Regis Town Council no longer require us to return the Speed Indicator System as they have a new one.</p> <p>Bridport Workshop: Cllr Hiscock and the clerk attended this event. Parishes worked in small cluster groups and discussed a number of areas of working better together in the future. No feedback was given at the event, however it is expected that a report will be presented after the last workshop has been run.</p>
<b>103</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b> No planning applications had recently been received</p>

<b>104</b>	<b>Determinations and Withdrawals</b> 19/001421/2 Old Alley, High Street, Thorncombe for construction of a single garage. Approved
<b>105</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> Notification of the CPRE AGM to be held at Cerne Abbas on the 16 <sup>th</sup> November was noted. There were no volunteers to attend
<b>106</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>  The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm. This meeting will look at the budge and precept demand.

Signed ----- Chairman

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