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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 1st April 2014 commencing at 7.30pm.

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

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

997	Apologies Apologies received from Cllr P Gordon (family occasion). Resolved to accept this apology. There was also an apology from Cllr M Robinson (WDDC).
998	Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct No Declarations of Interest were made at this stage of the meeting
999	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 th March 2014 were adopted as a true record; and were signed by the chairman. There was one spelling correcting for a place name, which was corrected.
1000	Matters Arising Cllr S Welford pointed out that the meeting regarding the bus services was not a cabinet meeting but that of a committee. Noted.

1001	<p>Police & Neighbourhood Watch Cllr M Stead informed the meeting that a Landrover had been stolen from outside a parishioners home in the centre of the village.</p>
1002	<p>Democratic Period A parishioner praised the work that had recently been undertaken on the website. He asked if the Camera club could be included on the links. The clerk would forward details to the webmaster; who would then be in contact with them.</p> <p>Concerns raised regarding the poor state of the road at Goss Barton. There are many potholes throughout the whole area.</p> <p>There is a possibility that because the service 14 is used by school children that it could be utilised. There was also concern that the service had been classified as an urban service rather than a rural one; which would have some implications on the amount of subsidy provided.</p> <p>The Thorncombe Village Trust (TVT) had been in correspondence with the CPRE regarding the failure of Dorset County Council to resolve the problems regarding the footpath at Yawlings. It was understood that there were up to six variations of the route</p> <p>A Councillor made the point that he felt it was poor that just because only one person lived at Goffs Barton the road should still be repaired. The County Councillor would take this matter forward.</p>
1003	<p>County and District Councillor's Reports Cllr Turner informed the meeting that the Government had provided additional funding to repair the roads following the adverse weather at the end of 2013, beginning of 2014. It was however estimated that £12m would be required to put the Dorset roads back up to the required standard. Many complaints had been received regarding the very poor surface of the road on the outskirts of Marshwood. The works for this repair had now been scheduled. Following the retirement of the Chief Executive of West Dorset District Council, Matt Prosser had been appointed</p>
1004	<p>Highways Mr Frampton informed the meeting that he had spoken to Network Rail regarding the works they had recently undertaken at Broom Crossing. There were still drainage problems at Headstock Cross. Cllr J Higgs had been discussing the various ditches that needed attention in the parish.</p>
1005	<p>Councillors' Reports Rights of Way: Some clearance work had been undertaken Website: A great deal of work had been undertaken. Councillors would be sent a password by Graham Lloyd which would enable them to access non-public items on the site so that they can add items or make comments. This was felt to be a very positive improvement to the system.</p>
1006	<p>Finance 1. Resolved that the following accounts are paid: HMRC £185.40 (1173) and WDDC £3810 (1174).</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Clerk informed the meeting that Section 150(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 had been repealed. This now means that payments are no longer just restricted to being paid by cheques, authorised by two elected members. There is a need to review the Finance Regulations and to ensure that any changes made are robust, and that adequate protections are in place. 3. Audit: The External Auditor had selected Thorncombe as one of the 5% of councils selected for an intermediate audit. 4. Internal Auditor: The meeting agreed that Mrs Karen Abbott be re-appointed as Internal Auditor for 2013/14. She has financial qualifications, is a former town councillor, and the Finance Officer for a District Council. 5. Grass Cutting Specification: The clerk was still awaiting this document from the Playing Field Committee.
1007	<p>Planning</p> <p>.WD/D/14/000491/VoC Chaffleigh Farm. Erect agricultural bungalow. Erect agricultural bungalow and garage. Remove condition 2. Support.</p> <p>WD/D/14/000535 LBC Thorncombe Farm, Forse Street, Thorncombe. Toilet cubicle. Understood that this application had been withdrawn.</p>
1008	<p>Parish Plan</p> <p>When the plan had been delivered to the printers it had been discovered that there were 29 pages instead of 28. One page had in fact been duplicated. The matter had been dealt with and was in the hands of the printers.</p>
1009	<p>Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>It was agreed that this would be held on Wednesday 28th May at 7.30pm</p>
1009	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swimming Pool would open on the 25th April 2. Various gardens and the allotments would be open to the public on the 20th July in aid of Riding for the Disabled 3. The Spring Clean was being dealt with by Keep Britain Tidy rather than the district council. Clerk would apply for registration. 4. CPRE Correspondence 5. Great Dorset Beach Clean 27th April 6. Joint Parish Magazine: April 2014 edition
1010	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 7.30pm</p>