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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 6th September 2016 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's R Arnold (Chairman), S Dunford, S Welford, R Peacock, N Higgins, D Marsh, C Sowerbutts & M Stead

In Attendance:-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) and 10 members of the public.

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203	Apologies Cllr J Higgs had submitted an apology (away). Resolved to accept this apology
204	Declarations of Interests There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting.
205	Minutes The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 6 th September 2016 were adopted as a true record, and were signed by the chairman.
206	Matters Arising General feeling that best position for the bin would be by the bus shelter.

207	<p>Police and Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>No reports</p>
208	<p>Democratic Period</p> <p>A parishioner was concerned that the Super-Fast Broadband box had been placed on her land without her permission. She stated that damage had been done to her wall in the construction of this box. She also felt that the positioning of this box could result in it causing a traffic hazard. Another parishioner was concerned that any legal issues could further delay the implementation of the improved broadband connection to the area. Parishioner was informed that the positioning of the box was a civil matter between Openreach and the landowner.</p> <p>A parishioner had discovered a person on their land alleging that they had received permission to enter the land to fell some trees. The person was unable to provide identification or provide information as to whom they were working for. Advised to contact the police about this incident. A parishioner requested an update on the ROW diversion at Yawlings and was concerned that a number of paths are difficult to walk because of being overgrown. Cllr Higgins would put a small article in the parish magazine asking people to report obstructed paths.</p>
209	<p>County and District Council Report</p> <p>Neither were in attendance or had provided a report</p>
210	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) The following accounts were agreed for payment: BDO LLP £120.00 (1281), HMRC £378.00 (1282), Wayne Dowell £130.00 (1283).</p> <p>b) External Auditors Report: The council were pleased to learn that the External Auditor had given an unqualified report, which it resolved to accept. There were no action points. The Conclusion of Audit notice would be placed on the notice boards and on the website.</p> <p>c) Update figures of budget v actual were agreed. There was a question over the bus earmarked funds which the clerk would look into.</p> <p>d) Noted that the second half of the precept had been paid into the bank by WDDC.</p>
211	<p>Highways and Lengthsman</p> <p>Concerns that the road surface at Goughs Barton is in a dangerous state. Clerk will inform our County Councillor. There were problems at Broom with bridges being blocked by vegetation. Some works had been undertaken by highways in exposing gullies ready for being sucked out by the machine. Damas bridge had been damaged by a farm vehicle. Cllr Higgins hopes to get some funding for ROW improvements and is awaiting a response.</p>
212	<p>Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Amenities: Gritbin for Birdsmoor Gate to be delivered to Cllr M Stead. Cllr Stead is dealing with salt and flood bags allocation.</p> <p>ROW: Cllr Higgins had spent some time with the Monarchs Way group looking at improvements including the replacement of stiles with gates. There is a need for more waymarking signs from highways.</p> <p>Transport: Cllr Marsh reported that we are half way to reaching our £1,000 total, which with matched funding from DCC will secure the bus service until next year.</p>

	<p>Playing Field: Concerns that there could be a lack of committee members to run the play field in the future.</p> <p>Community Shop: Cllr Peacock reported that the shop was doing reasonably well and should be able to pay its annual rent next year.</p> <p>Website: Reminder that events being held in the area can be added.</p> <p>Vacancy on Shop Committee: Cllr Dunford volunteered to replace Cllr Peacock on this committee as the council's representative.</p>
213	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) WD/TP/16/00307 Glebe House, Chard Street: T31 Lime reduce lateral branches and crown raise to clear vehicles on driveway. Agreed to support this application</p> <p>b) WD/D/16/001773 Yawlings Farm, Holditch: Seasonal change of use 1/3 to 31/10 erection of 5 camping yurts. Provision of shower/WC/kitchen/storage/play room and car parking provision. Agreed to support but on its own merits and not based on past comments made on other locations</p> <p>c) Hawkchurch Application: Request by Hawkchurch Council for comment: 16/2082/ful Stone Barrow Road, Hawkchurch; Gas fired energy reserve facility. Associated ground works, access improvements, landscaping & ancillary infrastructure up to 20mw. Make an objection to this application as it would be detrimental to the environment. Concerns at the lack of a suitable environmental assessment including noise levels.</p> <p>d) WD/D/16/002032 Thorncombe Farm Fore Street, Thorncombe. Carry out maintenance, repair and refurbishment, including introduction of utility/WC. Replace windows and doors. Agreed to support this application.</p> <p>e) Determinations: WD/D/15/002281 Manor Farm, Holditch. Cubicle Shed. Approved with conditions 28/9/16</p>
215	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>RBL Remembrance Service: Chairman would be unable to attend the Remembrance Service. Clerk to find out venue for the service.</p> <p>Correspondence regarding possible meeting to discuss implications to parish/town councils if Unitary authority was introduced in Dorset were noted.</p>
216	<p>Resolution</p> <p>Cllr R Arnold moved to exclude the public and press from the next item on the agenda under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 because of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. The motion was seconded and agreed. <i>Note that although Cllr Peacock did not declare an interest he left the meeting during item 212.</i></p>
217	<p>Community Shop</p> <p><i>Item taken in Part 2</i></p>
218	<p>Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st November 2016 at 7.30pm</p>

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