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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 4th September 2018.

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

In Attendance:-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr Sewell (West Dorset District Council) and four members of the public.

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512	Apologies An apology was noted from Cllr D Turner.
513	Declarations No Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct were made at this stage of the meeting.
514	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 3 rd July 2018 were adopted having noted that Cllr J Higgs was in attendance and that in minute 499 Cllr Sewell accessed a list but did not receive it.
515	Matters Arising Members were shown the plaque for the First Responders and all agreed that it was very nice. Cllr N Higgins agreed to fix it to the wall of the Community Shop. There would be a short ceremony on Saturday 6 th October at 11am. Cllr Welford was thanked for dealing with this.
516	Democratic Period Concerns were expressed regarding the school bus service which should be a double decker, however at present the route cannot be used by a decker because of problems with overhanging branches of trees. The clerk would contact Dorset County Council about this. It was suggested that if no satisfactory answer was provided that the correspondence be forwarded to our MP.

517	<p>County and District Reports</p> <p>A regular newsletter is being forwarded to the clerk providing information about the new authority which will come into being from next year. There is still a property vacant in Tansee Hill. A legal problem is delaying any new tenant occupying the dwelling at present. The clerk would write to Stonewater on this matter. The Local Plan review meeting is being held at Beaminster on the 7th September</p>
518	<p>Highways, Parish Lengthsman and ROW Issues</p> <p>Another meeting had taken place with the Dorset County Council Highways Officer. This had been felt to be a far more positive meeting, and it was noted that some points from the previous meeting had been dealt with. Sadly the verge cutting that had taken place in July had missed a number of places, and had generally been felt to have been of a very poor quality. This had been noted by Simon Roberts, the Highways Officer. Whilst works had taken place at Damas Lawn Bridge an important problem area had been missed. The scheduled work planned for flood prevention work near to Axe and Broom Level crossings will take place later this month and will require the Exeter to Waterloo line to be closed from Saturday 15th to Sunday 23rd September, with trains operating only from Crewkerne to London Waterloo.</p> <p>Cllr Higgs stated that he had experienced difficulties getting hold of our Lengthsman. He had attempted to get hold of him to undertake some culvert clearance work.</p>
519	<p>Possible Storage Facility</p> <p>Cllr M Stead reported that no progress had been made regarding this at present.</p>
520	<p>Community Shop Cycle Rack</p> <p>Following comments by visiting cyclist the shop would like to install a cycle rack outside the shop. Whilst the council would be happy for this it was felt that we need to check on the precise location and any access rights. The chairman of the Community shop will provide the clerk with a detailed plan. The clerk will then check this out with our solicitors.</p>
521	<p>Accounts for Payment</p> <p>The following accounts were agreed for payment: Signs of the Times £373.80 (1352), HMRC £386.80 (1353), J Vanderwolfe £124.41 (1354), Playsafety £96.60 (1355) and Thorncombe Village Hall £22.00 (1356).</p>
522	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>The budget v actual figures were agreed.</p>
523	<p>Standing Orders and Financial Regulations Update</p> <p>Councillors were asked to send any suggestions to alterations to the model standing orders and financial regulations. The clerk asked if like most of the other councils we could consider moving away from cheque books into BACS payments. There were some concerns about this but it was agreed it would be looked into. No decision was made.</p>

524	<p>Councillors' Reports</p> <p>Bus Services: Passenger numbers remain good, with average loadings being between 80% to 100%. The Tesco disk scheme had resulted in the bus service being awarded £2,000. Tatworth & Forton had also awarded £400.</p> <p>Community Car Service: The service continues to provide 100% provision for those wishing to use the service.</p> <p>Playfield: The new goal post is in place. WDDC Had provided a grant of £250. The ROSPA report was far more positive this year.</p> <p>Community Shop: The six month period, February to July had shown a small profit. The proposed upgrade to the café is to go ahead. The shop had received a £5,500 Lottery grant.</p> <p>School: Some painting is being undertaken by volunteers</p> <p>Village Hall: There is a problem at school time with parents parking in the village Hall Car park which could be a risk to children accessing the gate.</p> <p>Website: Changeover of webmaster will take place early in October.</p>
525	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>WD/D/18/001642 Tuckmill Farm, Beerhall Farm Lane, Hawkchurch. Second floor extension and external alterations. Support.</p>
526	<p>Planning Determinations and Revised WDDC Plan</p> <p>.WD/D/18/000841 Yawlings Farm Access> Convert barn to dwelling. Approved</p> <p>Local Revised WDDC Plan: Details of arranged meetings circulated.</p>
527	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>A letter from the Community Shop had been dealt with in minute 520.</p>
528	<p>Matters of Urgency</p> <p>There were no matters to be dealt with.</p>
529	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd October 2018 at 7.30pm</p>

Signed ----- Chairman

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