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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 commencing at 8pm**

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

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

**Non Attendance:** Cllr M Stead

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<b>270</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies had been received from Cllr C Sowerbutts (meeting), which was accepted.
<b>271</b>	<b>Declarations of Interests</b> No Declarations of interest were made.
<b>272</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 were adopted as a true record with one small alterations, Cllr Welford was listed as an apology and in attendance. The apology was the correct item.
<b>273</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>

	<p>Cllr Higgins stated that Dorset Fire Service seemed reluctant to provide the parish council with details of hydrants within the parish. Our County Councillor agreed to try and find out this information. The chairman had written to BT Openreach regarding the problems being encountered with Super Broadband. He had received a reply, which he read out. There was a question regarding the future of the telephone call box. The clerk stated that Cllr Stead was going to confirm whether the phone box was listed for closure as it was not listed on the Dorset list that he had been supplied with.</p>
274	<p><b>Democratic Period</b>  Cllr S Dunford was concerned that the Local Plan review could have some implications in respect of villages with no defined boundaries. Agreed that Cllr's Dunford, Higgins and Welford would look into this and send out their response prior to the next meeting. There is a fridge/freezer in the river by Buddlewall bridge.</p> <p>The gate near Manor Farm needs attention. The reported problems regarding the bridge near to New House could not be located. There are problems with a gate near to Heridge.</p>
275	<p><b>County, District, Police &amp; Neighbourhood Reports</b>  The County Council are going to supply sandbags. Dorset Explorer has up to date information regarding the Unitary situation. The District Council overview committee is looking at how planning enforcement is dealt with. It is understood that the police officer visits the shop on the last Friday in the month, but that this is in the afternoon rather than the morning.</p>
276	<p><b>Highways, Lengthsman and Rights of Way</b>  A good deal of work has been undertaken by the lengthsman recently. There are concerns regarding drains in the area, although a number of councillors have kindly been out clearing them. Concerns that heavy lorries passing over the bridge at Damus Lawns are damaging the infrastructure. Cllr Higgins has requested more waymarks and has put a new fingerpost in at Gribb Voew.</p>
277	<p><b>Councillors' Reports</b>  <b>Shop:</b> The next meeting of the shop committee will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> March  <b>Play Field:</b> There will be a clean-up day on the 12<sup>th</sup> March. Fund raising events for the future include a quiz night, BBQ and rounder's tournament.  <b>Amenities:</b> The Speed Indicator System has completed its 6 week period in the village and has returned to Lyme Regis.  <b>Litter Pick:</b> This is scheduled for the 8<sup>th</sup> April, meeting at the Village Hall at 2.30pm.  <b>Village Hall:</b> News that the Jumping Beans group are to close will result in a significant loss of hall hire revenue.  <b>Broadband:</b> Majority of village now connected.  <b>Transport:</b> Community cars are having a quiz night at the Club on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. Funds from the breakfast club on the 19<sup>th</sup> March will go to the Bus fund. The changes to the bus service providers would be from July and not April as previously thought.</p>

278	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>A) Accounts for payment: Resolved to pay the following account: Darren Strawbridge £390.00 (1296), J Vanderwolfe £61.03 (1297), Information Commissioner £35.00 (1298), Thorncombe Village Hall £33.00 (1299), Mrs Ball £5.40 (1300).</p> <p>B) Financial Update: The financial updated was agreed</p> <p>C) The External Auditors require that the Council makes an annual statement prior to the end of the financial year that it is satisfied with its internal audit procedures. Agreed that adequate procedures are in place.</p>
279	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>/17/000201 and 202 6 High Street, Thorncombe: Single storey rear extension: Support</p> <p>/17/000337 and 338 Lower Holditch Farm: Demolition of cow byre and construct swimming pool. Erect timber framed pool house, boundary wall and landscaping. Support</p> <p>Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of the Magdalen Project was deferred to the next meeting</p> <p>Mark informed the meeting that the council would no longer be receiving paper plans and that they were, for reasons best known to themselves, insisting that they would only communicate officially in the future via 'Gov' email addresses. There was some question as to whether they were legally permitted to demand this or not.</p>
280	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Correspondence regarding the proposals for two Unitary Authorities in Dorset was noted.</p>
281	<p><b>Items of Urgency</b></p> <p>Cllr Welford referred to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church to which organisations were being asked to provide a floral arrangement that depicted their organisation. She felt that the parish council should provide an arrangements. Whilst some members made suggestions of what themes might be used no decision was made.</p>
282	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm</p>

Signed ----- Chairman

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