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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 6th November 2018.

Present: Cllr's J Higgs (chairman), M Stead, N Higgins and S Dunford

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

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547	Apologies An apologies were received from Cllr's D Marsh (sick), R Arnold (away) and S Welford (working). Resolved to accept these apologies.
548	Declarations No Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct were made at this stage of the meeting.
549	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 2 nd October 2018 were adopted as a true record
550	Matters Arising There were no matters arising from the minutes.
551	Democratic Period A cheque to the value of £400 was presented to the Council from Tatworth and Forton Parish Council. This will go towards the operating costs of the bus services. It was stated that the school bus remains overcrowded and that First had still been unable to implement the double decker service because of the many overhanging tree branch problems on the route. The chairman read out the email that had been received by the clerk, and had been noted at the October meeting. Cllr Turner agreed to ask for an update on the situation.

	There was a question regarding the right of way access at the community shop. The chairman had received the plan from Land Registry.
552	County and District Reports The original plan to transfer some assets to parish and town councils had been voted against until the formation of the new authority. The new branding for the new authority had now been agreed.
553	Highways, Parish Lengthsman and ROW Issues Concerns remain at the level of the water leak in Holditch. It was pointed out that this is likely to ice up when the cold weather spell arrives. Wessex Water have stated on two occasions that this is not their problem. There is a problem with a manhole cover in Gribb View. The direction sign at the bus shelter needs attention. Some minor works have taken place on rights of way, however some major works still remain outstanding. It was understood that the public inquiry into the proposed diversion of footpaths had gone to the Inspector in respect of footpaths 37,38 and 103.
554	Possible Storage Facility Cllr Stead stated that he had been unable to attend the last meeting of the hall committee, therefore no progress had been made.
555	Accounts for Payment The following account was agreed for payment: Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £25.00 (1358) & Dial a Grass Cut £160.00 (1359).
556	Financial Update The budget v actual figures were agreed.
557	Standing Orders It was resolved to adopt the Standing Orders as circulated
558	Resignation of Cllr Welford as Chairman of Finance and replacement The resignation was noted. It was decided that the election of chairman be left to the next meeting of the Finance committee.
559	Date of Finance Meeting It was agreed that the Finance committee would meet to discuss the budget and precept demand on Wednesday 21 st November at 6.30pm. The Venue would be Holditch Hall.
560	Security of Documents It was agreed that old minute books should be sent to the County Archive office in Dorchester.
561	Councillors' Reports Bus Service: Numbers using the Plus Bus had decreased because some of the users had moved to nearby towns Play Field: The AGM will be held at the Sports Club on 20 th November 7pm

	<p>Community Shop: The shop was one of three finalist for the Plunket Award. This will be announced at a ceremony to be held in London in December. The shop does not qualify for a Brown Tourist sign, however it was suggested that the sign might be possibly be provided through local sources; and this would be looked into. The shop requested a copy of the deeds. Permission was given for the erection of the cycle rack providing it was not fixed to any walls.</p>
562	<p>Planning Applications There were no planning applications to deal with.</p>
563	<p>Determinations No planning applications had been determined since the last meeting.</p>
564	<p>Correspondence The Local Government Boundary Commission had made their final recommendations regarding the new electoral arrangement. There would be 82 councillors and Thorncombe would be served by one councillor representing the Marshwood Vale ward. These arrangement now have to be approved by Parliament.</p> <p>Revised bus timetable leaflet was circulated.</p>
565	<p>Matters of Urgency There were no matters to be dealt with.</p>
566	<p>Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 7.30pm</p>

Signed Chairman

Date