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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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

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

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<b>606</b>	<b>Apologies</b> There were no apologies for absence received
<b>607</b>	<b>Declarations</b> No Declarations of Interest were made at this stage of the meeting.
<b>608</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2019, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record; and were signed by the chairman
<b>609</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> Defibrillator: (minute 590) Clerk had investigated and discovered that whilst the battery and pads would need replacing the basic machine would last for a number of years. Location for Slow road sign ((Minute 591): It was clarified that the location was at School House Resignation of S Welford (Minute 603): Chairman confirmed that he had written to this former councillor.
<b>610</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b> Suggestion that a short report on topics discussed at the council meeting be placed in the magazine
<b>611</b>	<b>County and District Council Report</b> Work continues to get the new organisation In place. There will be a special meeting on the 14 <sup>th</sup> March following a petition from some parish councils. Cllr Turner was thanked for his services to this council over a number of years.

	Cllr Seward reported that 16 Tansea Hill was now occupied
<b>612</b>	<p><b>Police and Neighbourhood Watch</b></p> <p>A number of incidents had been reported but there were difficulties with such incidents being dealt with due to a shortage of police officers. The First Responders vehicle had been rammed following a call out at 4am one morning. Hibbards had loaned a replacement vehicle whilst that vehicle was being repaired. The PCSO had been in the Community Shop on the 1<sup>st</sup> March.</p>
<b>613</b>	<p><b>Accounts for Payment:</b> Following accounts were ratified for payment: J Vanderwolfe £97.25 and Thorncombe Village Hall £22.00.</p>
<b>614</b>	<p><b>Financial Update</b></p> <p>The financial update had been circulated prior to the meeting and was adopted.</p>
<b>615</b>	<p><b>Internal Audit Review</b></p> <p>Resolved that council is satisfied that the safeguards in place are adequate and that the financial system is working well.</p>
<b>616</b>	<p><b>Highways and Rights of Way</b></p> <p>A number of incidents of fly tipping had been reported and dealt with  ROW: The ROW team had ensured that Forde Abbey had sprayed their paths where there were rights of way crossing a field. Cllr Higgins was finding out prices to renew road finger posts. It was understood that Highways no longer repair or replace broken highway signs. Cllr Higgins would investigate cost of replacing arms of sign posts.</p>
<b>617</b>	<p><b>Councillor's Reports</b></p> <p><b>Bus:</b> The Chard bus gets an average of between 62 and 100% loadings. . A map has been provided showing the areas where trees had not been cut back. Most were on Forde Abbey land, where they are gradually dealing with the problem. A process is being put in place to deal with the situation when a school closes early due to adverse weather to ensure that there is a parent or adult available when the child arrives home.</p> <p><b>Community Cars:</b> Still active. Mileage charge is now 45p per mile</p> <p><b>Playfield:</b> There had been a meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> February where concerns had been expressed about dogs entering the park. There have been some graffiti and damage problems recently. An Oak tree is being presented by the Thorncombe Trust to commemorate 100 years since end of World War One. There will be a quiz night on the 12<sup>th</sup> April and a Breakfast on the 28<sup>th</sup> April in aid of funds for the playing field. <b><i>NB the date for the quiz night was changed after the meeting to the 19<sup>th</sup> April.</i></b></p> <p><b>Community Shop:</b> Whilst end of year figures were not yet available it was hoped that they would show a profit. Lease papers were being looked at by the committee. The decking at the front of the shop needs attention and will be dealt with by volunteers. The shop committee wondered if the council might assist with the cost of materials. It was suggested that a formal request be made. Members agreed that subject to the necessary receipts being obtained they would agree a one off payment of up to £200. There was a question as to who was actually responsible for the decking.</p>

	<p><b>Village Hall:</b> A deep clean of the hall had recently taken place.</p> <p><b>ROW:</b> Broken slants on a bridge near Yew Tree Farm had been dealt with but a stile had collapsed. There will be a litter pick afternoon on the 6<sup>th</sup> April</p>
<b>618</b>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>No applications had been received although there would appear to be an application through Dorset County Council to extract 930,000 tons of gravel near to the former Milk Factory site.</p>
<b>619</b>	<p><b>Determinations</b></p> <p>WD/D/18/002808 1 Westford Cottage: Erect garage. The application was approved on the 7<sup>th</sup> February.</p>
<b>620</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>. Request for funding from Thorncombe parochial Church Council for the repair of the Church clock. Estimate was £200. Agreed to pay for this.</p> <p>Dorset Best Kept Village: Agreed to look at this next year.</p>
<b>621</b>	<p><b>Matters of Urgency</b></p> <p>There were no matters to be dealt with.</p>
<b>622</b>	<p><b>Closing of Meeting</b></p> <p>The meeting was closed at 8.45pm</p>
<b>623</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 at 8pm</p>

Signed ----- Chairman

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