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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 commencing at 7.30pm**

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

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

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<b>348</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies received from Cllr C Sowerbutts (away), Cllr N Higgins (away) An email was received after the meeting from Cllr M Stead (sickness). Cllr J Sewell also sent an apology.
<b>349</b>	<b>Declarations of Interests</b> There were no Declaration of Interest made at this stage of the meeting
<b>350</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 4 <sup>th</sup> July2017 were adopted as a true record; and were signed by the chairman.
<b>351</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> Cllr S Welford informed the meeting that the Merchant Navy flag had been flow, however she suggested that the Council might wish to purchase one for next year. This would be added to the draft budget proposal.  The Hedge cutters had been instructed to do the cutting again because the previous job had not been to the agreed standard  The clerk had sent a message via the School website requesting a regular update to the Council on school activities.
<b>352</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b>

	<p>Two members of the Community Shop committee attended the meeting and updated the meeting in regards to the shop finances. The representative stated that he felt that the council did not fully support the shop, and could promote it more. He had, he stated, tried to obtain an agreement that a letter could be sent out to parishioners with the annual council tax demand, but had been informed that this was not possible. He went on to state that he felt that the community shop had been set up as a partnership between the shop and the council. The chairman, in reply, stated that this had not been the case, and that the council were the landlords of the property run as a shop. Whilst fully supporting the work being undertaken by the shop for the benefit of the local community it was up to the shop committee to market themselves. The point was made that people cannot be forced to choose to shop in the village.</p> <p>There were concerns that a number of road signs in the parish were either very dirty or were obscured by vegetation. Agreed that our Lengthsman would look into this, however it is the responsibility of landowners to cut back their hedges.</p>
<b>353</b>	<p>County and District Report Cllr Turner informed the meeting that he had received an agreement that the hedges mentioned at the July meeting would be recut. The point was also made that there is a restriction on hedge cutting during the nesting season.</p>
<b>354</b>	<p><b>Highways, Lengthsman and Rights of Way</b> There are still problems with drains in the Holditch area. A problem also remains with a public footbridge on the Devon and Dorset border. There have been more fly tipping in the headstock area. Suggested that Cllr Higgins be contacted. Concerns were expressed that the new finger post directing people to the Church car park was too low, with the possibility of people hitting their head on it</p>
<b>355</b>	<p><b>Accounts for Payment</b> The following accounts were agreed for Playsafety ROSPA £155.40 (1315) Dial A Grass Cut £320.00 (1316), Darren Strawbridge £30.00 (1317) &amp; Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils £233.86.</p>
<b>356</b>	<p><b>Accounts update</b> Income/Expenditure against budget figures were agreed</p>
<b>357</b>	<p><b>Broadband</b> Cllr Turner agreed to look into the allegation that the Sports Club could not be allocated space on the Broadband, as it was not felt that this was the case.</p>
<b>358</b>	<p><b>Councillors' Reports</b> <b>Bus Service:</b> It is hoped that our bus services have been secured for the next year. Another donation towards the running costs would be made today. <b>Website:</b> Cllr Welford asked who was responsible for ensuring that items on the site were up to date. The clerk stated that he was responsible for the Council's legal side but felt that any information regarding updates from other organisations was their responsibility. The chairman agreed to put a short article on this subject in the next magazine.</p>

359	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>WD/D/17/001747 Saddle Street Farm:</b> Demolition of existing building and erection of replacement building to provide rural employment: Whilst supporting the application there are some concerns in relation to increased traffic movement and it should be noted that the road has a spring in it which in bad weather conditions freezes over</li> <li>b) <b>WD/17/001798 Yew Tree Farm, Saddle Street:</b> Erection of ground mounted solar array max 12kw. No objection</li> <li>c) <b>WD/17/001407 Bere Farm, Winsham:</b> Replacement windows and door to Riverside Cottage and new rooflight to Slabel Cottage. Support</li> <li>d) <b>WD/D/17/001611 Old Owls, Easthay Lane, Holditch:</b> Extension to rear of house and erection of a new front door and porch. Support</li> <li>e) <b>WD/D/17/001694 Holditch Court Farm, Lower Holditch:</b> Erection of livestock cubicle house with parlour, bulk storage, farm office and two feed silos. Whilst supporting the application we note that a public footpath is not shown on the plan and would, if the application is accepted, require a diversion. No permission should therefore be granted until the diversion order has been approved.</li> <li>f) <b>WD/D/17/001874 Old Crown, Fore Street:</b> Replacement garage. No objection</li> </ul> <p><b>Determinations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>WD/D/17/001300 Granary, Easthay.</b> Septic tank. Approved</li> <li>b) <b>WD/D/17/000961 Bonfield Stores, Fore Street.</b> Repairs and restoration. Approved</li> </ul>
360	<p><b>Register of Interest</b></p> <p>WDDC had contacted the clerk informing him that they would no longer place these details on their website, therefore we would need to display them on our site. The clerk felt that it would be a good opportunity to review the register, and therefore asked all councillors to complete a new form electronically and return it to him as soon as possible.</p>
361	<p><b>Cemetery</b></p> <p>There had recently been a request from a parishioner through the Parochial Church Council for details of plots on our cemetery land, therefore we would need to look into this in the near future. For some reason the grass does not seem to have been cut recently and the members of the cemetery committee agreed to visit the site and report back. A resident of the former rectory asked if the land could be rented to them and stated that her husband had sent in a detailed proposal to the clerk. The clerk informed the meeting that the land, which had been Glebe la, had been given to the council on the understanding that it could only be used for burial purposes, therefore it could not be rented out or used by other parties. Use for any other purpose would require a change of use, and this could not be permitted. Mr Frampton stated that he totally agreed with what the clerk had stated and gave some history relating to the site.</p>
362	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 at 7.30pm</p>

Signed ----- Chairman

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