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Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th November 2024 at the Thorncombe Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's J Higgs (Chairman), M Stead , A Hiscock, P Basham and J Fox

In Attendance:-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr S Christopher (Dorset Council) and two members of the public

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119	Apologies for Absence No apologies received.
120	Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct No declarations, under the Code of Conduct were made at this stage of the meeting.
121	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on the 1 st October 2024, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record and were signed by the chairman
122	Matters Arising from the Minutes Cllr A Hiscock would explore.gov.uk emails for the officer and members of the council through HugoFox and make a report at the December meeting.
123	Council Surgery The PCSO was in attendance. There had been a burnt-out caravan near to the reservoir. Speeding was once again the topic of conversation. Cllr Basham would host the next meeting, which would be on the 29 th November.
124	Democratic Period A parishioner, who had undertaken repairs to highway finger posts in other Dorset parishes, volunteered to undertake a survey of the status of finger posts in the Thorncombe Parish. The chairman thanked him for his offer and asked him to correspond with the clerk on this matter. Members were in agreement that this would be a useful exercise.

	<p>A parishioner spoke in respect of a planning application for a log cabin in his garden which had been dealt with at the September council meeting. He stated that a revised plan for a reduced sized cabin. He stated that he had expected the item to be on tonight's agenda. The clerk explained that a revised plan had been circulated to members; however, it was not, to his understanding, a new application. The clerk was requested to seek an extension of time so that it could be dealt with at the next meeting if possible. <i>Planning Officer was unable to extend the deadline beyond the end of November. Members have stated they wish to remain with their previous comments. Planning Officer has confirmed that any use of the cabin other than for domestic use would require change of use.</i></p>
125	<p>Accounts for Payment The following accounts were ratified: A Sache £76.42, HMRC PAYE £166.41 and Hugo Fox £23.99.</p>
126	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>The financial sheet showing budget against income and expenditure was agreed. Agreed that one outstanding debt should now be escalated to the claims court.</p> <p>Financial Assets as 30th October 2024 was £18,299.39</p>
127	<p>Dorset Councillor Report</p> <p>Cllr Christopher provided a brief report to the meeting. He would look into the issue of <i>SLOW</i> signs being positioned near to the Turnpike Lodge and in Holditch. The Council were awaiting information on what level of funding they would receive from Central Government. There were concerns on the increase in National Insurance and the Minimum Wage, which had been announced in the recent budget. He also voiced concerns being expressed by the farming community in relation to changes to Inheritance tax.</p>
128	<p>Dorset Draft Plan</p> <p>Members felt that the consultation period was too short, and that it did not conform to the usual period given for such consultations. They did not feel that they were able to comment.</p>
129	<p>Community Shop</p> <p>No report</p>
130	<p>Allotments</p> <p>Hedge needs trimming</p>
131	<p>Playfield</p> <p>It was suggested that there would be a clean up in the spring. The basketball net</p>

	needs replacing. Cllr Basham will order a new one.
132	Rights of Way A gate at Venn Chapel needs attention.
133	Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils No report
134	Police and Neighbourhood Watch No issues
135	Highways Both the High Street and Fore Street drains are full of mud. Item to be placed on Highway Portal
136	Planning Three applications in respect of Holditch Court Farm relating to silage clamps were supported
137	Training Some possible dates for training would be circulated.
138	Closing of Meeting The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm
139	Next Meeting Tuesday 3 rd December 2025 at 7.30pm

Signed Chairman

Date