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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Thorncombe Village Hall

Present: Cllr's M Stead, A Hiscock and P Basham.

In Attendance:-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr S Christopher and four members' of the public.

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812	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr's J Higgs and D Marsh, who were away.
813	Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct No declarations were made at this stage of the meeting.
814	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 th July 2023, having been previously distributed; were agreed as a true record; and were then signed by the chairman.
815	Matters Arising No items
816	Monthly Surgery No members of the public turned up for the September surgery.
817	Democratic Period A number of parishioners voiced their objections to the Magdalen planning application for a number of ponds. It was noted that the parish council had supported the application subject to satisfactory reports, including a professional flood risk assessment. Recent reports, provided after the parish council's response, had been critical of the application. Two of the parishioners were neighbours of the application, whilst a third person was the chairman of the adjacent parish council. All were concerned about the risk of flooding which could result from this application, if passed,

818	Accounts for Payment Resolved to ratify the following payments: Play Inspections £474.00, Water2Business £23.65, CPRE £36.00, ROSPA £270.00 and Vat Posting £5.95.
819	Financial Update The finance update was approved. Financial assets as at 4 th September 2023 were £22,213.12. Noted that interest on the accounts had produced £163 to date this year.
820	Dorset Councillor's Report Cllr Christopher had circulated his report prior to the meeting which was duly noted.
821	Bus Services It was understood that a feasibility study will now take place to see if the former railway station at Chard Junction could be reopened as Chard Parkway with a bus connection to Chard. Members felt that this would be a very useful thing.
822	Community Shop Turnover was good, but there is a great deal of increased costs. The fact that the loan has been paid off, and that no rent will be payable for a number of years will help the financial stability of the shop in the future.
823	Rights of Way No issues
824	Police No issues.
825	Playfield The ROSPA report has highlighted a number of issues that need attention. The See –saw has been taken away. This will be looked at next month when more members are present.
826	Planning P/VOC/2023/03279 Yew Tree Farm Granary, Saddle Street, Thorncombe: application to remove redundant building and make alterations to convert three redundant barns to five units, holiday lets, without compliance of planning permission restricted them to holiday use only. Members felt that the buildings were already in place and that the main item was the proposed lifting of the holiday use only that had been imposed on the planning application in 1999. It was agreed not to offer a comment.

	The Magdalen planning application had been referred again to the council as there had been further reports submitted. It was felt that it would be useful to have the applicant's views on why the ponds were being sited where detailed on the plans, and to be able to question him on the proposal. The clerk would seek permission from the planning officer to delay our response until after the October meeting. If the planning officer agreed to an extension of time the applicant would be invited to attend the October meeting.
827	Correspondence Correspondence is circulated as it comes in
828	Closing of Meeting The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50PM
829	Next Meeting Tuesday 3 rd October 2023 at 7.30pm

Signed ----- Chairman

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