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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's J Higgs (Chairman), A Hiscock, D Marsh and P Basham

In Attendance:- The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr Christopher and eight members of the public

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107	Apologies An apology was received from Cllr M Stead.
108	Declarations of Interest No Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct were made at this stage of the meeting
109	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 5 th November 2019 were accepted as a true record, and were signed by the chairman.
110	Matters Arising Treads on footbridge along a route known locally as the dungeon have been replaced, with the possibility of replacing the whole bridge in the next financial year. There have been more fly tipping along Horseshoe Road. Cllr Marsh will deal with this.
111	Democratic Period A parishioner felt that the recent article in the magazine written by Cllr Marsh was very good. Cllr Basham agreed to write an article for the February edition of the magazine. The parishioner went on to say that he felt that the council should make more of the main things that it gets involved in, and its achievements. A lady parishioner thanked the parish council for dealing with a culvert problem by her property.

112	<p>Dorset Councillors Report</p> <p>Cllr Christopher informed the meeting that in September this year 444 young people were receiving support from Dorset Council. He produced a copy of the accounts for the council showing what an impact that was having on the budget. The forecast was that this budget would 13% overspent. He warned that it is more than likely that the council tax would need to be increased from April 2020 to accommodate this. Cllr Marsh suggested to Cllr Christopher that Dorset council could adopt the road warden scheme like Devon. This would, he emphasised, reduce Dorset Council's costs; and also provide a better service to the parishes. Cllr Christopher asked for more details to be sent to him.</p>
113	<p>Account for Payment: Following accounts were agreed for payment: RBL Poppy Appeal £25.00, Peter Watkinson £200, Community Shop £200, Playsafety Limited £99.00, Salaries £202.20, D Marsh £83.99, A Hiscock £58.07, Thorncombe Village Hall £22.00.</p>
114	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>The financial update, which had been circulated prior to the meeting was agreed. The bank reconciliation stood at £117597.60 as at the 25th November 2019.</p>
115	<p>Request for Funding from BAVLAP</p> <p>A request had been made from this group for funding, with the suggestion from them that each council contributed £100. Members felt that they needed more information about the work of this group; and therefore deferred any decision to the February meeting</p>
116	<p>Grants</p> <p>Agreed that the grants budget would be increased from £400 to £800 (100% increase) from the next financial year. The chairman stated that he would have liked to have seen a higher amount set aside but agreed that this would have a big impact on the precept if done. The application form would be looked at and publicity given to ensure that organisations were aware of the fact that grants are available.</p>
117	<p>Budget and Precept</p> <p>The clerk in his role as Responsible Financial Officer had prepared the draft budget. He went through the proposed budget with the elected members. Resolved that the budget for 2020/21 be set at £21,901 and that the precept demand from Dorset Council be £10,302.</p>
118	<p>Highways and Rights of Way</p> <p>Some drainage work has taken place in the Holditch area, however it was reported that the standard of workmanship in some areas was rather poor. There are more incidents of fly tipping in the parish, this time in Holditch Lane where tyres and wheels have been dumped. Progress now being made on Broom Bridge.</p>
119	<p>Councillors and Representatives Reports</p> <p>Bus Service: The new bus timetable notice board is in place. There is a meeting regarding bus service on the 10th December.</p> <p>Community Shop: It was reported that the finances of the shop are in good shape.</p> <p>Playing Field: Concerns over the possible lack of committee members in the future.</p> <p>Car Service: continues to be well used.</p>

	Breakfast Club: After 14 years this facility has now closed. Over the years it has raised a great deal of money for many worth causes. The clerk would write a letter of thanks on behalf of the council.
120	Planning Applications WD/D/19/002554: April Cottage, Holditch. Internal remodelling of study to form ground floor WC. Support
121	Determinations and Withdrawals St Francis Cottage, Venn Hill, Synderford: Replacement buildings. Approved
122	Correspondence Nil
123	Next Meeting: Tuesday 4 th February 2020 at 7.30pm

Signed Chairman

Date