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Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 7th May 2019 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's R Arnold (Chairman), J Higgs, D Marsh, M Stead, A Hiscock and P Basham
In Attendance:-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) and seven members of the public.

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001	<p>Election of Chairman The Chairman, Cllr R Arnold opened the meeting and requested nominations for the position of Chairman. Cllr J Higgs was proposed by Cllr D Marsh and seconded by Cllr M Stead. There were no other nominations. Councillor Higgs was therefore elected as chairman. He then signed the Declaration of office. The chairman then thanked Mr Arnold, who had not stood in the recent elections for his many years of service to this council.</p>
002	<p>Vice Chairman Cllr Marsh was proposed by Cllr M Stead and seconded by Cllr A Hiscock. There were no further nominations, therefore Cllr Marsh was duly elected, and then signed his Declaration of office.</p>
003	<p>Co-option Mr Peter Basham was co-opted as a councillor with everyone being in favour. He then signed his Declaration of Acceptance.</p>
004	<p>Committees It was agreed that as at present there were only five councillors on the council that committees would be deferred for the present time.</p>
005	<p>Outside Bodies BAVLAP: Cllr D Marsh Blackdown Trust: Cllr J Higgs Community Car Service: Cllr J Higgs Rights of Way: Mr N Higgins DAPTC: Cllr Marsh Society of Clerks: Mr J Vanderwolfe Citizens Advice: Cllr D Marsh Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr M Stead</p>

	<p>Flood Warden: Cllr M Stead Road Warden: Mr B Frampton Village Hall: Cllr M Stead Community Shop: Mr S Dunford School: TBC Speed Indicator Device (SID) Cllr J Higgs.</p>
006	<p>Declaration of interest under the Code of Conduct No Declarations of Interest were made at this stage of the meeting</p>
007	<p>Apologies No apologies had been received</p>
008	<p>Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd April 2019, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record; and were signed by the chairman</p>
009	<p>Matters Arising No items raised</p>
010	<p>Democratic Period A parishioner expressed his disappointment on the lack of people being interested to serve on the council. It was noted that some parishes in Dorset had not received enough nominations to operate at present. Concerns were also expressed at the length of time it takes to get a footpath diversion through the system, with Yawlings being a prime example</p>
011	<p>County and District Council Report Cllr Simon Christopher had been elected the previous week as the Dorset Councillor for the Marshwood Ward.</p>
012	<p>Power of Competence The clerk reported with regret that due to the fact that less than two-thirds of the Council had been elected the Council was at present not eligible to continue with this power.</p>
013	<p>Accounts for Payment: Following accounts were ratified for payment: Came & Co £658.11, Dial a Grass Cut £170.00, DAPTC £246.41 & HMRC £393.20</p>
014	<p>Financial Update The financial update had been circulated prior to the meeting and was adopted.</p>
015	<p>Certificate of Exception The clerk reported that subject to the approval of the Internal Auditor neither the income or expenditure of the Council had gone above £25,000, therefore the Council resolved to issue a Certificate of Exception to PJ Littlejohns.</p>
016	<p>Highways and Rights of Way Mr Higgins and submitted the council's position to the Inspector ahead of the Planning inquiry which would take place in the Village Hall on the 23rd July.</p>
017	<p>Councillors' Reports Bus Services: Cllr Marsh would be attending Tatworth & Forton council meeting in the hope that another grant could be secured towards the bus services. It was also hoped that the bus service would be part of the token collection scheme at the Axminster Tesco store. The school bus was still a single decker.</p>

	<p>Shop: Mr Dunford felt that the shop was doing well and would provide a report for the next meeting.</p> <p>Community Car Service: There is a need to recruit some more volunteer drivers.</p> <p>Playing Field: A recent quiz night had raised £155 and the breakfast club had donated £180. Concerns expressed about dog mess in the field and the continuous amount of vandalism being experienced.</p>
018	<p>Planning</p> <p>WD/D/19/000828 2 Knapp Cottages, High Street, Thorncombe: Convert garage to self-contained annex. It was felt that the proposal was in line with the local plan and should be supported. There was however a query in relation to one of the questions on the application form in which it was felt the answer to a gain should be yes and not no.</p>
019	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>There had been a couple of emails to the clerk requesting that a speed restriction should be introduced in the village. This item was debated and it was felt that there was a need to change behaviours rather than impose a speed restrictions. Many of the problems occur during the periods when children are either dropped off or picked up from school.</p>
020	<p>Matters of Urgency</p> <p>There were no matters to be dealt with.</p>
021	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th June at 7.30pm</p>

Signed Chairman

Date