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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Thorncombe Village Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 commencing at 7.30pm**

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

**In Attendance:-** The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) and five members of the public

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<b>040</b>	<b>Apologies</b> No apologies received
<b>041</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> No Declarations of Interest were made
<b>042</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record; and were signed by the chairman
<b>043</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> The clerk stated that he had, as requested, placed a small article in the July edition of the parish magazine; which was duly noted.
<b>044</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b> A member of the public was concerned that over 12 months had passed since she had received any communication regarding the reinstatement of footpath 48 at Holditch. It was agreed that the clerk would scan the relevant documents and ask Cllr Christopher to look into this on our behalf.  The Community Shop AGM is scheduled for the 10 <sup>th</sup> July. It was hoped that the accounts would reveal a small profit.
<b>045</b>	<b>Dorset Councillors Report</b> No report received
<b>046</b>	<b>Account for Payment:</b> Following accounts were ratified for payment: HMRC PAYE £400.00

047	<p><b>Financial Update</b></p> <p>The financial update had been circulated prior to the meeting and was adopted. The bank reconciliation had been done and showed financial assets of £14,076.</p>
048	<p><b>Highways and Rights of Way</b></p> <p>Concerns over the poor standard of the recent verge cutting in the parish. Clerk to contact our Dorset councillor about this.</p> <p>Mr Higgins will represent the parish council at the ROW public enquiry to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July.</p> <p>Broom Level crossing will be completely closed from next week for the replacement of a bridge.</p>
049	<p><b>Councillors and Representatives Reports</b></p> <p><b>Bus services:</b> User numbers have increased on the Chard service but were down on the Axminster service. User numbers on the Bridport service had improved.</p> <p><b>Car Service:</b> It was noted that whilst the NHS could provide a free car service but timings may have to be in line with other users of the service on that day.</p> <p><b>Allotments:</b> The annual rent notices were being sent out.</p> <p><b>Bus Shelter:</b> Martin Perry had cut the grass by the shelter and Brian Robertson had assisted with clearing the path by the playground. Both deserve our thanks. The churchyard entrance will be cleared ready for a VIP church visit.</p> <p><b>Playing Field:</b> ROSPA had carried out their annual inspection which had revealed no urgent items; however much of the equipment is coming towards the end of its life. It has been agreed that a CCTV camera will be installed. Oak trees are to be planted in memory of the WW1 fallen.</p> <p>School:</p>
050	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>a) WD/D/19/001420 &amp; 210 Old Alley, High Street, Thorncombe: Installation of replacement windows, construction of a single garage and re positioning of existing outbuilding. Support as proposal is in line with local plan and would cause no harm to the environment.</p> <p>b) WD/D/19/001348 Old Dairy, Saddle Street: Remove redundant and obsolete building and make alterations to covert 3 redundant barns to 5 units of accommodation without compliance to condition 3 of 1/W/1999/999643 to allow permanent occupation. There was a great deal of debate as to whether this application was asking for holiday use or permanent occupation.. <b><i>The clerk was able to confirm that the application was indeed for residential rather than holiday accommodation. The Council feels that as there would not seem to have been a change in the Local Plan the previous condition should remain</i></b></p>

	<p>c) WD/D/19/001282 Yawlings Farm Access, Holditch:  Conversion of redundant former agricultural building to 2 dwellings: Once again some confusion as to whether this application is for holiday or residential use. <b>Thorncombe Council would support this application if it is for holiday use as it would assist the local economy in regards to tourism, however it would not support residential use due to the lack of sustainability in the area.</b></p>
<b>051</b>	<p><b>Determinations</b>  WD/D/19/000928 2 Knapp Cottage, High Street, Thorncombe to convert a garage to an annex. This application has been approved by the planning authority.</p>
<b>052</b>	<p><b>Dorset Local Plan Consultation</b>  The document was noted. There were concerns that the document had not been received from the planning authority but had been kindly forwarded by Sally Welford. It was understood that possibly other parishes had also been missed off the distribution list. Clerk would inform our Dorset Councillor in the hope that this can be rectified for the future.</p>
<b>053</b>	<p><b>Planning Communication</b>  It was agreed that information and links placed on the parish council website were the way forward and that due to the cost and in line with the green environment policy hard copies would no longer be provided in the community shop</p>
<b>054</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  Nil</p>
<b>055</b>	<p><b>Matters of Urgency</b>  There were no matters to be dealt with.</p>
<b>056</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b>  The next meeting will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 7.30pm</p>

Signed ----- Chairman

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