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**Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at the Thorncombe Village Hall, commencing at 7pm**

**Present:** Cllr's M Stead (Chairman), A Hiscock, P Basham, J Fox and W Luty-Wells

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

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<b>356</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr J Higgs				
<b>357</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct</b> Cllr A Hiscock: Pecuniary Interest. Planning application P/LBC/2025/06321 Forde Abbey. Employed by owners.				
<b>358</b>	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 14 <sup>th</sup> of October 2025, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record and were signed by the chairman				
<b>359</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> Nil				
<b>360</b>	<b>Council Surgery</b> No items had been raised.				
<b>361</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b> No items				
<b>362</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment</b> The following accounts were ratified: <table border="1" data-bbox="284 1928 804 2011"> <tr> <td><b>Accounts for Ratification</b></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>Dial a Grass Cut</td><td>285.00</td></tr> </table>	<b>Accounts for Ratification</b>		Dial a Grass Cut	285.00
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	Hugo Fox	164.98	
	Humphries and Jones	420.00	
	Total	869.98	
363	<b>Financial Update</b>  The Financial Update was agreed. Financial Assets as of the 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 were £25,570.96.		
364	<b>Dorset Councillor Report</b>  Cllr Christopher made the point that a great deal of the council’s funds had to be spent on special needs pupils. New legislation being introduced regarding no fault evictions of tenants in rented accommodation.		
365	<b>Finger Posts</b>  Cllr Fox and Mr Beer had made site visits of all the finger post sites that required attention. Mr Beer has found a local foundry who will be able to undertake the work at a far lower cost than was first put forward.		
366	<b>War Memorial</b>  Members had been circulated with the condition survey undertaken by Humphries and Jones. The cost of restoration was estimated at £2,100 plus Vat. It was resolved to proceed with the works as indicated on the report.		
367	<b>Speed Restrictions in Thorncombe</b>  This item was debated and resolved that highways be asked to undertake a survey with the idea of putting a 30mph speed restrictions inside of all the welcome to Thorncombe signs.		
368	<b>Playfield</b>  Item deferred to the next meeting		
369	<b>Rights of Way</b>  No items		
370	<b>Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils</b>  No report.		

<b>371</b>	<b>Police and Neighbourhood Watch</b>  No issues.
<b>372</b>	<b>Other Reports</b>  Nil
<b>373</b>	<b>Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P/tRT/2025/06539 31 Tansee Hill, Raise canopy of tree: No objections</li> <li>• P/LBC/2025/06321 Forde Abbey Access to Forde Abbey: structural repairs. Support</li> </ul>
<b>374</b>	<b>Highways</b>  Several road closures for works had been circulated.
<b>375</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>  CPRE AGM at Cerne Abbas on 15 <sup>th</sup> November. Cllr's Fox and Hiscock hoped to attend
<b>376</b>	<b>Urgent Items</b>  Nil
<b>377</b>	<b>Closing of Meeting</b>  The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm
<b>378</b>	<b>Next Meetings</b>  <b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7pm</b>

Signed ----- Chairman

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