Councillors present: Also present: Mr Wayne Lewin (Clerk) 1 member of the public

Cllr A Booth

Cllr S Crabb

Cllr B Ross

Cllr B Hyams

Cllr F Ross

Cllr D Trebilcock

Cllr A Fisher

Cllr B Haynes WDDC

### 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr N Ireland DCC sent his apologises.

### 2. Declaration of pecuniary and other interests

None were declared

**3. Minutes of previous meeting dated 29th June 2017**

These were approved and signed as a true record with one minor amendment at serial 5 were a proposed limit of £150 was set for the purchase of the first aid books.

**4. Matters Arising from previous minutes**

There were matters arising.

**5. Democratic Half Hour**

There were no comments from the public.

**6. Chairman’s report**

The Chairman had nothing to discuss.

**7. Reports from County and District Councillors**

Cllr Haynes started by congratulating the Parish on the community car scheme. It was one of the best and was coming together superbly.

He confirmed the LGR meeting for Dorset had been cancelled and also that the Secretary of State would not make a decision until early September.

It was requested that Cllr’s Haynes makes a representation on behalf of the Parish to request that the X12 bus be routed via Milton Abbas, Ansty and Dewlish on a couple of occasions each week.

He then stated this was DCC business but would put it forward.

**Resolution:**

**It was agreed to formally put the above proposition to the County Councillor in writing and to respond to the letter from Lady Bailey Caravan Park on the same matter.**

**8. To receive a report on planning matters in the parish and to agree actions in response to the new applications**

The Clerk confirmed there were no new applications and updated the Council on the outstanding application.

**9. To receive a report on highways matters in the parish and to agree action in response to proposals and repairs**

It was confirmed that Pound Lane had been marked out.

**10. To receive a report on the condition of the footpaths and other environmental matters in the parish and to agree action in response to proposals and repairs**

Cllr Crabb noted two stiles that were becoming rotten. The land owners had been informed.

The Clerk would report the Whiteways stiles to DCC.

Cllr Booth spoke on grass cutting. He stated that Mr Holdaway had decided to give up cutting the grass on the village. Cllr Booth would write a letter of thanks and confirm he would continue until the end of the growing season. He proposed to liaise with the church wardens as to a combined grass cut.

**Resolution:**

**All were in agreement with this proposal.**

Confirmation was sought as to the grass cutting at Devils Brook. The Clerk stated that the agreement was originally 3 times a year but had been increased to monthly.

Cllr Crabb then spoke about a potential invasive weed growing in the Devils Brook area.

Edward Westropp, who brought this to the attention of the Council was happy to eliminate it.

**Resolution:**

**All were happy, subject to reassurance that the relevant licence was held, for Mr Westropp to carry out this task.**

**11. Finance**

 **a. Income**

 **b. Expenditure**

 **c. Cheques for signature**

 **d. Audit points**

The following cheques for approved for payment.

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| Paula Harding | 363 | 45.00 |
| Wayne Lewin | 364 | 111.71 |
| JDL Holdaway | 365 | 96.00 |
| Royal British Legion | 366 | 30.00 |

The Clerk then spoke on audit points. Firstly that a donation cannot be made to the church but only to the maintenance of the churchyard. He confirmed this had already been amended for this year’s accounts. Finally that the fixed asset value on the annual return needed to reflect the value on the fixed asset register.

**Resolution:**

**The Parish Council would review the fixed assets at the next meeting.**

The Chairman then spoke on a request for the new defibrillator at the pub to be covered by the Parish Council insurance. It was confirmed that the Parish Council had £5K worth of defibrillator cover on its insurance policy.

**Resolution:**

**It was agreed in principal to cover the insurance but not the maintenance of the defibrillator.**

**12. First aid training books payment**

The date of training was confirmed as 20th September. Cost of books not to exceed £150.

**13. Poppy appeal payment**

The Parish Council were in full agreement to pay £15 as a retrospective donation for 2016 and another £15 donation in advance for 2017.

**14. Agenda items for the next meeting**

The following item were agreed for the next meeting.

Grass cutting throughout the village

Fixed asset register

First aid training wash up

Community car scheme update

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting was agreed for 28th September 2017.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2030 hours.