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Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at the Thorncombe Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: -The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), and Cllr S Christopher (Dorset Council)

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309	Apologies for Absence No apologies received
310	Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct No Declarations of Interest received at this stage of the meeting.
311	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on the 1 st July 2025, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record and were signed by the chairman
312	Matters Arising from the Minutes Nil
313	Council Surgery No items had been raised. Cllr Luty-Wells would host the next meeting, scheduled for the 26 th September.
314	Democratic Period The chairman informed the meeting that concerns had been raised in relation to a beech tree by Little Orchard, and that it would be removed on the 17 th September. This will require a temporary closure of the road. Concerns raised about the state of the hedge opposite Napp Cottages, which is now very overgrown and blocking the highway. The matter will be reported to highways. The clerk had sent out a letter regarding traffic movement between Kilminster

	Sewage works and Thorncombe from the 9 th of September.																		
315	Accounts for Payment The following accounts were ratified: <table border="1"> <tr> <th colspan="2">Accounts for Ratification</th></tr> <tr> <td>Water2Business</td><td>35.61</td></tr> <tr> <td>ROSPA</td><td>288.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hugo Fox</td><td>68.97</td></tr> <tr> <td>CPRE</td><td>36.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>JRD Enterprises</td><td>43.38</td></tr> <tr> <td>Dial a Grass Cut</td><td>95.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Vat File Sep 25</td><td>7,19</td></tr> <tr> <td>Thorncombe Village Hall</td><td>70.00</td></tr> </table>	Accounts for Ratification		Water2Business	35.61	ROSPA	288.00	Hugo Fox	68.97	CPRE	36.00	JRD Enterprises	43.38	Dial a Grass Cut	95.00	Vat File Sep 25	7,19	Thorncombe Village Hall	70.00
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316	Financial Update <p>The Financial Update was agreed. Financial Assets as of 1st September 2025 were £21,460.32.</p>																		
317	Dorset Councillor Report <p>Cllr Christopher reminded the meeting of the consultation on the Dorset Council Local Plan options. The consultation is open until the 13th of October. There is also a consultation on the long-term transport plan for Dorset over the next 15 years. There was growing pressure to build more houses in settlements over 500 residents. Dorset Council were also looking at a building design code</p>																		
318	Finger Posts <p>No update received. Cllr Fox would pursue this and report back to the next meeting.</p>																		
319	Community Shop <p>No update.</p>																		
320	Allotments <p>No issues</p>																		
321	Playfield <p>The ROSPA report had been circulated and will be discussed at the October meeting. The top off the red bin is missing. The netball net is broken again.</p>																		
322	Rights of Way <p>The diversion order for footpath 48 was noted. The bridge by the path known as the dungeon has been repaired.</p>																		

323	Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils No report.
324	Police and Neighbourhood Watch No issues.
325	Other Reports Clerk was asked to chase up the people who were undertaking the war memorial report
326	Planning P/FUL/2025/04285 Cuckoo Farm, Winsham, Change of use of land. Noted P/LBC/2025/05050 Glebe House, Chard Road. Installation of replacement window. Support,
327	Dorset Local Plan This item had been fully debated under the Dorset Councillor's session
328	Highways A number of road closure notices had been circulated
329	Correspondence
330	Urgent Items Nil
331	Closing of Meeting The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.0pm
332	Next Meetings Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 7pm <i>Please note change of date and time</i>

Signed Chairman

Date