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Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st April 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), Cllr S Christopher (Dorset Council) and three members of the public

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211	Apologies for Absence No apologies received
212	Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct No declarations, under the Code of Conduct were made at this stage of the meeting.
213	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on the 4 th of March 2025, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record and were signed by the chairman
214	Matters Arising from the Minutes Nil
215	Council Surgery Concerns had been expressed about speeding through the village, with one parishioner suggesting a 20mph speed limit. This would require a length of 30mph speed restrictions, as one cannot go from a national speed limit directly to a 20mph one Concerns about a overhanging tree from a private property. The next surgery will be on the 25 th of April, which will be hosted by Cllr J Higgs.
216	Democratic Period No items
217	Accounts for Payment The following accounts were ratified: Robin Parker £720.00, J Vanderwolfe £83.69,

	Hugo Fox £23.99 and Ealing Community Transport £1,000.00.
218	Financial Update Members examined the income and expenditure against budget and agreed it. Financial Assets stood at £20,091.86 as of 30 th March 2025
219	Dorset Councillor Report Cllr S Christopher informed the meeting that Dorset Council were looking to alter the loan interest period, which could result in changes to their balance sheet. Sam Crow is the acting Chief Executive.
220	Finger Posts Tim Beer had provided members with prices for replacing or renovating a number of finger posts in the parish, details of costs are listed in previous minutes. Agreed that Cllr Fox would act as project lead on this. Tim would look, in the first instance, at the Sadborrow sign. Funds might be available for CPRE or another local organisation. Authority was given to proceed with this first fingerpost.
221	Annual Prish Meeting Provisional date of Thursday 29 th May. A reduced priced buffet would be provided.
222	Community Shop A report had been circulated.
223	Allotments No issues
224	Playfield A parishioner had kindly offered to cut the grass to save funds, however the clerk pointed out that the present contractor has liability insurance to undertake this task. It was therefore agreed to thank this person, but to decline the offer. He could however assist with some painting jobs in the playfield There would be a spring clean event in the playfield on Sunday 11 th May commencing at 10am
225	Rights of Way Following receipt of letters a site meeting had taken place; however, no resolution had been made for the present problems. The Dorset ROW officer is now dealing with the

	tenant farmer in an effort to reach some form of conclusion as to the best way forward
226	Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils Some good on-line courses are now available
227	Police and Neighbourhood Watch No update.
228	Other Reports Nil
229	Highways A notice had been received regarding water board works to be undertaken in the village
230	Planning P/HOU/2025/01696 Shearings Cross Cottage, Easthay Lane, Thorncombe: Erect first floor bedroom extension over existing dinning room.. Deferred for a site visit. <i>Following site visit members agreed to support this application.</i>
231	Correspondence Distributed as appropriate
232	Closing of Meeting The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm
233	Next Meeting Tuesday 6 th May 2025 at 7.30pm

Signed ----- Chairman

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