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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Thorncombe Village Hall

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

In Attendance:-The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr S Christopher and five members of the public.

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689	Apologies No apologies received
690	Declarations of Interest No Declarations were made
691	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 th December 2022, having been previously distributed; were agreed as a true record; and were then signed by the chairman.
692	Matters Arising The Environmental Group had written to say that they would look after the cemetery, cutting the grass twice a year and maintaining the hedge for £200 a year. This was agreed by members.
693	Monthly Surgery Concerns were expressed at the travel cost for 6 th form school pupils travelling to Woodroffe School. The chairman would explore this issue with the school. It is hope that the Trust would have a litter pick in the village in the spring Concerns expressed at the work being undertaken on hedges near to the Sports Club. This is private land and the management is down to the landowner. Cllr Basham would facilitate the March surgery meeting.
694	Democratic Period Our Rights of Way Officer informed the meeting that he was scheduled to meet up with Russel Goff from Dorset Rights of Way to discuss a number of footpath and bridleway issues. A proposed ROW diversion was passed on to him for comment.

695	Accounts for Payment Resolved to ratify the following payments: HMRC Vat £106.48, Royal British Legion £25.00, Papergami £55.00, HMRC PAYE £274.60, Society Local Council Clerks £100 and Ealing Community Transport £2,000.00
696	Financial Update The finance update was approved. Financial assets as at 6/2/23 were £18,894.76
697	Annual Business Risk Assessment Members were satisfied that they had maintained a good system of protection of the assets of the council during the financial year. A matrix document had been provided, and was agreed.
698	Dorset Councillor's Report . A report had been circulated prior to the meeting for which Cllr Christopher was thanked. Dorset Council were looking at charging double rates for second homes. Concerns that the Kingston Maurward College was not running sufficient agricultural courses. Cllr Christopher was thanked for the removal of waste that had been left in the streets recently.
699	Coronation of King Charles III It was understood that an event was being planned in the village for the 7 th May.
700	Bus Services The numbers using the Thursday bus to Axminster remains high.
701	Community Shop Await results of the end of year audit.
702	Former Telephone Box No progress will be made until the spring when a decision will need to be made regarding future use of this facility.
703	DAPTC No update
704	Allotments It was noted that the other hedge had been cut back
705	Rights of Way . .Item had been dealt with under matters arising.
706	Police

	A report from the police had been circulated
707	Highways There had been some water problems in Fore Street. Some works had been undertaken on water leaks
708	Planning P/CLE/223/00238 Liddels Cottage, Laymore Lawful Development Certificate for us of agricultural land to garden. Noted. P/HOU/2022/00340 Yew Tree Farm, Saddle Street: Lawful Development Certificate for continued use of former agricultural building as single dwelling. Noted P/HOU/2022/06900 Old Vicarage, Chard Street, demolish extension, detached garage and workshop, and erect two storey extension and single storey extension. Erect garage and workshop. Enlarge front porch. Support
709	Closing of Meeting The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm
710	Next Meeting The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 7 th March at 7.30pm

Signed Chairman

Date