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Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd June 2025 at the Thorncombe Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

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

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

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263	Apologies for Absence No apologies received
264	Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct No Declarations of Interest received at this stage of the meeting.
265	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 th May 2025, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record and were signed by the chairman
266	Matters Arising from the Minutes Nil
267	Council Surgery No items had been raised. Next surgery 27 th June. Chairman will host.
268	Democratic Period A parishioner had spoken to the chairman about the possibility of having a water supply provided at the allotments, however, she stated that she had now investigated this in more detail and had discovered that it would not be financially viable. A parishioner voiced concerns about the fact that Spearhay Lane could not be used because of the damage done to the surface by water. The chairman informed the lady that a site meeting had been held, but that the cost would be very expensive to rectify

	<p>the situation. It was however suggested that she sent an email to our Dorset Councillor.</p> <p>There had been a request for funding for a floral display by the bus shelter , however no costings or formal application had been made.</p>												
269	<p>Accounts for Payment</p> <p>The following accounts were ratified:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th colspan="2">Accounts for Ratification</th></tr> <tr> <td>Hugo Fox</td><td>23.99</td></tr> <tr> <td>Thorncombe Sports Cub</td><td>100.00</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>123.99</td></tr> </table>	Accounts for Ratification		Hugo Fox	23.99	Thorncombe Sports Cub	100.00						123.99
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270	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>The Financial Update was agreed. Financial Assets as of 2nd May 2025 were £24,262.39.</p>												
271	<p>Dorset Councillor Report</p> <p>Cllr S Christopher explained that there was at present an 8,000 shortage of housing In Dorset. An Inspector had recently permitted a development of 67 dwellings in Marnhall based on this fact.</p> <p>It was understood that the Government was withdrawing funding for Neighbourhood Plans.</p> <p>The Crime Commissioner is giving a talk at the</p>												
272	<p>Finger Posts</p> <p>No update received</p>												
273	<p>Community Shop</p> <p>A report had been given at the Annual Parish Meeting</p>												
274	<p>Allotments</p> <p>No issues</p>												
275	<p>Playfield</p> <p>A reminder that the Annual Spring Clean would take place on Sunday 11th May</p>												
276	<p>Rights of Way</p> <p>Funding may be available for bridleways through the British Horse Society.</p>												

277	Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils No report.
278	Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports of sheep worrying incidents by dogs. It should be noted that a landowner can shoot a dog if it is found to be endangering his flock.
279	Other Reports Nil
280	Planning P/LBC/2025/02215 Glebe House: Insertion of ceiling and roof vents: Support P/FUL/2025/020402 Magdalen Farm: Instal windows and doors on barn. Replace timber walls and roofing, like for like. Support There had been a new application that had appeared over the last few days which would need to be looked into.
280	Highways No issues.
281	Correspondence Distributed as appropriate
282	Member's Training. Bettiscombe Hall, Wednesday 25 th June at 2pm
283	Closing of Meeting The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15pm
284	Next Meetings Tuesday 1 st July 2025

Signed ----- Chairman

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