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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the Tuesday 5th July 2022 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 (Dorset Council) and two members of the public

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584	Apologies There were no apologies received
585	Declarations of Interest Cllr A Hiscock –personal interest in item 592 as he is the council's representative on the Community shop committee
586	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 th June 2022, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
587	Matters Arising The Jubilee Committee had thanked the parish council for their generosity financing the Jubilee event. A number of positive comments had been received regarding the poop bag dispenser that had recently been installed
588	Monthly Surgery A resident had suggested that car parking in adjacent market towns should be free to residents of villages with poor public transport. The meeting agreed that this was not something that it really could deal with. A resident was unhappy about the state of the cemetery adjacent to his property.
589	Democratic Period A resident felt that the land earmarked for a cemetery was not being looked after and was in a disgraceful state. It was agreed that the land was the responsibility of the

	parish council and that instructions would be issued to have it cut back. It was suggested that a frequency of four times a year would be adequate. The hedge would also be cut back when the nesting season was over.
590	Accounts for Payment Resolved to ratify the following payments: P&C Glazier £405.88, DAPTC £267.43, JRB Enterprises £138.18 & HMRC PAYE £215.40
591	Financial Update The finance update was approved. Financial assets as of the 3 rd July stood at £19,609.15.
592	Community Shop Grant Resolved that the Community Shop be provided with a special grant of £1,000 towards the £5416 cost of replacing the coolers and freezers. It was hoped to be able to secure this from the CIL earmarked reserves.
593	BAVLAP The meeting noted that this organisation has now been formally wound up and that all remaining financial assets had been sent to the Bridport Citizens Advice office.
594	Playfield The sale of the remaining Jubilee mugs had resulted in a donation of £90 being made to the playfield account and £140 had been donated from the Jubilee tea party. The services of a mole catcher had cost £360. The insurance premium had increased well above the amount anticipated.
595	Bus Services Whilst the weekly bus to Axminster is doing well the amount of people using the service to Chard has decreased significantly.
596	Community Shop This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting
597	Former Telephone Box The base has been erected and most of the windows put into place. There is a need to purchase some plywood to be placed on the back panel.
598	Rights of Way The Dorset ROW team had still not communicated with our ROW Warden. There was a question as to insurance cover if works on public rights of way were undertaken by volunteers. The Thorncombe Environmental Trust were willing to assist with footpath issues but all this needs coordination and an agreement with Dorset Council. It is hoped that a meeting will be set up in the future to facilitate this.
599	School The chairman and others were visiting the school on Thursday to give a talk to the children on the history of the Thorncombe First Responders.

600	Police and Neighbourhood Watch The PCSO will normally be in attendance at the Community Shop on the last Friday in the month from 10.30 until 11.30am. Some theft of oil had been reported in the parish and a stolen car had been recovered by the police.
601	Village Hall The committee were looking into the possibility of installing Wi-Fi into the hall
602	Planning Applications P/FUL/2021/0403 Yawlings Farm, Holditch: Conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to dwelling ad demolition of agricultural building and stable, erection of one dwelling and associated parking. Members resolved to support this application. P/PABA/2022/03294 Westford Farm: Erection of circular slurry pit. Members noted this application.
603	Dorset Report Cllr Christopher had been delayed so his item was dealt with towards the end of the meeting. His report had however been circulated prior to the meeting. He would arrange for a meeting to take place In the autumn with those responsible for rights of way.
604	Closure of Meeting The meeting was closed at 8.45pm
605	Next Meeting The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6 th September 2022 at 7.30pm

Signed Chairman

Date