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Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2026 at the Thorncombe Village Hall, commencing at 7pm

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

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

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484	Apologies An apology had been received from Cllr J Fox.
485	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 th June 2026, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record and were signed by the chairman
486	Matters Arising from the Minutes Some members plus the clerk had visited the War Memorial prior to the meeting. There is still some work to be completed on the lettering, Cllr M Stead had visited the landowner regarding the bridleway; but he was not home.
487	Council Surgery No points were raised at this meeting. Cllr Hiscock would host the next meeting on the 28 th August.
488	Democratic Period No items raised.
489	Finance The following accounts were ratified for payment: Hugo Fox £44.98, J Higgs £7.50, P Basham £18.34, Water2Business £43.39, DAPTC £395.20, Dorset Fingerposts £146.43, HMRC PAYE £302.44, Playsafety Limited

	£298.80 and J Higgs £60.00. Total £1,317.08. Bank reconciliation 3/7/26 £24,496.07
490	Internal Audit The Internal Audit report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting; was noted.
491	Dorset Council Cllr S Christopher informed the meeting that Dorset Council were still using the West Dorset Local Plan despite the former having ceased seven years ago. The councillor in charge of highways has resigned,
492	Playfield The ROSPA report had been received. The report had highlighted concerns in relation to certain wooden structures in the field. Quotations will be obtained to rectify this problem. They will be circulated, in the hope of getting the work done as soon as possible.
493	Highways and Rights of Way A warning notice had been put up near to the bridge on the path known as the Dungeons warning walkers not to use the bridge. We are still awaiting the positioning of slow signs in Back Lane, Holditch. The signs that have appeared in that area were not requested by this council.
494	Council Reports No updates
495	Planning No planning applications to deal with at this meeting.
496	Public Meeting -Speed Restrictions Meeting has been arranged for 22nd September in village hall to discuss the possibility of requesting speed restrictions in the village.
497	Closing of Meeting The chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.35pm Next Meeting Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7pm

Signed ----- Chairman

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