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**Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at the Thorncombe Village Hall, commencing at 7pm**

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

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

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| <b>415</b> | <b>Apologies for Absence</b><br>Cllr's M Stead and J Fox   |
| <b>416</b> | <b>Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct</b><br>There were no Declarations made under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting.  |
| <b>417</b> | <b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b><br>The minutes of the meeting held on the 10 <sup>th</sup> of February 2026, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record and were signed by the chairman   |
| <b>418</b> | <b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b><br>Cllr Hiscock will meet with a representative from Wessex Internet to discuss possible implementation in Thorncombe. Suggested that this organisation attend the Annual Parish Meeting on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> of April.                 |
| <b>419</b> | <b>Council Surgery</b><br>No points were raised at this meeting. Cllr Higgs would host the next meeting, scheduled for Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March.  |
| <b>420</b> | <b>Democratic Period</b><br>A resident spoke in favour of the possible implementation of a 20mph speed restriction in the village, but stressed that it would need to be policed to keep people in compliance with the speed limit. Concerns expressed regarding vehicles, some of |

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|            | <p>which were suspected of not being taxed and insured, being left parked in the village. The police are aware of this and are keeping an eye on the situation.</p> <p>Representatives of the Thorncombe Swimming Pool stated that a great deal of work needed to be done to the pool to keep it in compliance, and to even enable it to be opened for the summer season. They had forwarded an email to the clerk which had outlined, in far greater detail, the problems with the pool, and what the committee were doing to overcome this, including fund raising activities. It is hoped that they will make an application for next year's grant application.</p> |
| <b>421</b> | <p><b>Accounts for Payment</b><br/>The following accounts were ratified:</p> <p>Hugo Fox £44.98, Gardening Club 350.00, Village Shop £200,00, Spinning Group £150,00, Thorncombe Spinners £150.00, Keep Fit £150.00, HMRC VAT £28.06, J Vanderwolfe £88.19 and JRB Enterprises £43.38. Total £904.61</p>   |
| <b>422</b> | <p><b>Financial Update</b></p> <p>The Financial Update was agreed. Financial Assets as of the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 was £23,350.58</p>   |
| <b>423</b> | <p><b>Annual Business Risk Assessment Review</b></p> <p>Members felt that they had done all within their power to ensure compliance and did not feel there was a need for any changes at this time</p>   |
| <b>424</b> | <p><b>Dorset Council</b></p> <p>Cllr Christopher stated that he would recommend Wessex Internet.</p> <p>He was concerned about a proposal to reduce the number of fire stations in the West of England. The fire station at Charmouth was one of the stations under threat of closure. He was concerned that the Lyme Regis station could have problems getting out of Lyme Regis in the summer. Agreed this item would be placed on the April agenda</p> <p>Cllr Christopher was asked to try and arrange for a member of the road safety team to attend the annual parish meeting next month.</p>  |
| <b>425</b> | <p><b>Playfield</b></p> <p>Annual cleanup day would be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April</p>  |
| <b>426</b> | <p><b>Other Council Reports</b></p> <p>No reports</p>  |

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| <b>427</b> | <p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>Manor Farm, Holditch P/FUL/2026/01181/82 Roofing over silage clamp</p> <p><b>Support</b></p> <p>Glebe House, Thorncombe P/LBC/2026/01111 Internal works</p> <p><b>Support</b></p> |
| <b>428</b> | <p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>A number of road traffic notices had been circulated</p>  |
| <b>429</b> | <p><b>Urgent Items</b></p> <p>Nil</p>   |
| <b>430</b> | <p><b>Closing of Meeting</b></p> <p>The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8pm</p>   |
| <b>431</b> | <p><b>Next Meetings</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7pm</b></p> <p><i>Annual Parish Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Thorncombe Sports Club 7pm</i></p>                                 |

Signed ----- Chairman

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