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

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

**In Attendance:** -The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) and one member of the public.

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<b>400</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr S Christopher (Dorset Council)
<b>401</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct</b> There were no Declarations made under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting.
<b>402</b>	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2025, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record and were signed by the chairman
<b>403</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Finger Posts: The costs were being reduced by using the Bridport Foundry, who now had the pattern for the posts. CPRE (Dorset) would provide £200 per post, but required a before and after photograph. It was agreed to introduce a three-year programme of repairs. The Sadborow post would be the first finger post to be dealt with. The list of finger posts for renovation had been provided by Cllr Fox and Mr Beer. Mr Beer was thanked for all his hard work on this project.</li> <li>b) Speed Restrictions: The clerk reported that a very positive site meeting had been held with Officers from the Road Safety group on the 4<sup>th</sup> February. It was now understood that a 20mph speed limit could be introduced without the need to have a 30mph speed restriction between the 20mph limit and the national speed limit (60mph). There would be a need to have three surveys undertaken, the cost of which would be down to the parish council. Resolved to undertake</li> </ul>

	<p>the surveys. There would also be a need to obtain local feedback regarding the implementation of such a speed restriction. The matter would be an agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting in April.</p>												
<b>404</b>	<p><b>Council Surgery</b> No items had been raised by members of the public; however our police officer had mentioned about public nuisance incidents in the village, and urged people to report them to the police.</p>												
<b>405</b>	<p><b>Democratic Period</b> No items were raised</p>												
<b>406</b>	<p><b>Accounts for Payment</b> The following accounts were ratified:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 745 804 1122"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2"><b>Accounts for Ratification</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Hugo Fox (2 payments)</td> <td>44.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water3Business</td> <td>36.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC PAYE</td> <td>271.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Bright Fencing</td> <td>41.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>352.36</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Accounts for Ratification</b>		Hugo Fox (2 payments)	44.98	Water3Business	36.18	HMRC PAYE	271.20	John Bright Fencing	41.58	Total	352.36
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<b>407</b>	<p><b>Financial Update</b> The Financial Update was agreed. Financial Assets as of the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 was £24,401.49</p>												
<b>408</b>	<p><b>Playfield</b> The ROSPA report would be discussed at the next meeting as the heavy rain over the last few weeks had prevented a full inspection.</p>												
<b>409</b>	<p><b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> Agreed this meeting would be held at the Thorncombe Sports Club on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm</p>												
<b>410</b>	<p><b>Planning</b> No planning applications received</p>												
<b>411</b>	<p><b>Footpath W44/104.</b> Correspondence circulated from the Senior Definitive Map Technical Officer regarding the footpath by the playfield. She was suggesting this could be achieved by an Express Dedication in Common Law (EDCL). Once dedicated the route would be</p>												

	added to the Definitive Map.
<b>412</b>	<b>Urgent Items</b> Nil
<b>413</b>	<b>Closing of Meeting</b> The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm
<b>414</b>	<b>Next Meetings</b> <b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7pm</b>

Signed ----- Chairman

Date -----