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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 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 and three members' of the public.

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<b>906</b>	<b>Apologies</b> No apologies for absence received.
<b>907</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct</b> No Declarations of Interest, under the Thorncombe Parish Council Code of Conduct, were made at this stage of the meeting.
<b>908</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024, having been previously distributed; were agreed as a true record; and were then signed by the chairman.
<b>909</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Minutes</b> Cllr D Marsh informed the meeting that unfortunately he had been unable to attend the transport meeting last month.
<b>910</b>	<b>Surgery</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Problems with drainage in the driveway of Glebe House</li> <li>● Several complaints about the state of highways in the area. Residents advised to always report these matters on the Highways portal</li> <li>● Question of opening times of the mobile post office during bank holidays</li> </ul> Next Surgery to be on Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. Cllr Basham would preside.
<b>911</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b> No items brought forward

<b>912</b>	<b>Planning</b> No planning applications to be dealt with
<b>913</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment</b> Resolved to ratify the following payments: J Vanderwolfe £76.50, FLY Software £7.19, Hugo Fox £23.99 and HMRC PAYE £251.60
<b>914</b>	<b>Financial Update</b> The financial update had been circulated prior to the meeting and was agreed. The financial assets as of the 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 were £23,615.68
<b>915</b>	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> Resolved that this would be held at the Social Club on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024. A buffet would be provided. It was hoped to secure a speaker to speak on highways.
<b>916</b>	<b>Highways Meeting</b> Concerns over state of highways. Items must be reported on portal
<b>917</b>	<b>Modification order Footpath 48</b> The modification order was noted
<b>918</b>	<b>Diversion of Footpath 93</b> Upon the recommendations of our Honorary Footpath Warden members supported the diversion which would take the path away from the farm
<b>919</b>	<b>Bridleway 60</b> Pre-application consultation from owner of Bere Chapel House for a part diversion of bridleway 60. Honorary Footpath Warden was supportive of the proposal, and members agreed to support his recommendations.
<b>920</b>	<b>Dorset Councillor's Report</b> Cllr Christopher had circulated his report prior to the meeting which was duly noted. Cllr Christopher stated that Dorset Council had been voted the 5 <sup>th</sup> best unitary authority in the country. He made mention of the elections to be held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024. Flooding being looked at by the Dorset Council Flooding Engineer on the 20 <sup>th</sup> March at 10am.
<b>921</b>	<b>Bus Services</b> Loadings somewhat down, possibly due to adverse weather conditions recently
<b>922</b>	<b>Community Shop</b> December had been a good trading month, whilst January and February are traditionally poor. Still waiting accountants report for end of year, however it was hoped that a small profit would be shown. There is a need for more people to come forward to serve on the committee.

<b>923</b>	<b>Playfield</b> Delay in installation of the see-saw due to bad weather and access problems. Old see-saw had been removed. There will be a clean-up day on Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March from 9am.
<b>924</b>	<b>Police and Neighbourhood Watch</b> A barn had been broken into and a trailer stolen. A number of garages in Marshwood had been broken into.
<b>926</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> Relevant correspondence is emailed out as required.
<b>927</b>	<b>Elections May 2024</b> An information evening will be held at the social club on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March commencing at 7.30pm
<b>928</b>	<b>Closing of Meeting</b> The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35pm
<b>929</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b> Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024  The Annual Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 due to the impending elections

Signed ----- Chairman

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