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Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st October 2024 at the Thorncombe Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's M Stead (Chairman), A Hiscock, P Basham and J Fox

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

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097	Apologies for Absence Cllr's W Luty-Wells and J Higgs, the later having been called out to an emergency First Responders.
098	Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct No declarations, under the Code of Conduct were made at this stage of the meeting.
099	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on the 3 rd September 2024, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record and were signed by the chairman
100	Matters Arising from the Minutes No matters brought forward for this section
101	Council Surgery No issues reported
102	Democratic Period Some concerns from a parishioner regarding water flowing over from a field. This is the responsibility of the landowner; whom she should contact.
103	Accounts for Payment The following accounts were ratified: Hugo Fox £23.99, James Hardware 326.97, Multicell £58.08, Dial a Gras Cut £380.00 and BDO (Audit) £378.00.

104	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>The financial sheet showing budget against income and expenditure was agreed. Agreed that one outstanding debt should now be escalated to the claims court.</p> <p>Financial Assets as 25th September 2024 were £18,319.39</p>
105	<p>External Audit</p> <p>There had been a very positive report from the External Auditor. Two boxes on the form, which were not applicable to this council, had been ticked in the wrong place and the auditor noted that at present the council does not have a dedicated council email address. The clerk stated that whilst this is good practice, it is not mandatory at this time. The report was adopted.</p>
106	<p>Dorset Councillor Report</p> <p>Cllr Christopher informed the meeting that few meetings had taken place since the elections in May. A Devolution Deal was being looked at with other councils, under the banner of the Heart of Wessex. Concerns were expressed about the condition of the road near to Lamberts Castle. Cllr Christopher requested an email on the matter.</p>
107	<p>Community Shop</p> <p>A new chairman has been elected.</p>
108	<p>Allotments</p> <p>No issues</p>
109	<p>Playfield</p> <p>The clerk produced a brochure which advertised a number of no dogs permitted and pick up your dog mess plastic signs.</p>
110	<p>Rights of Way</p> <p>Draft letter to be sent to a landowner requesting attention to a right of way.</p>
111	<p>Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils</p> <p>No report</p>
112	<p>Police and Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>No issues</p>

113	Highways Both the High Street and Fore Street drains are full of mud. Item to be placed on Highway Portal
114	Planning P/LBC/2024/05151 Glebe House, Chard Road: Internal alterations. Support.
115	Grants Agreed that grants would be dealt with at the December meeting and that the clerk would put a small article in the parish magazine.
116	Training Some possible dates for training would be circulated.
117	Closing of Meeting The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm
118	Next Meeting Tuesday 5 th November 2025 at 7.30pm

Signed Chairman

Date