

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 15th May 2014 commencing at 8.15pm.

Present: Cllr's R Bugler (Chairman), C Gray, A Cameron, T Richards, E Rowe, R Wyatt A Edwards, R Warburton, F Bailey, C Rabbetts and J Gillingham

In Attendance: The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr D Turner & Cllr R Knox (Dorset County Council), Cllr M Robinson & J Sewell (West Dorset District Council), one member of the press and four members of the public.

678	Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr R Bugler was elected as Chairman. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office; witnessed by the Proper Officer. Cllr M Bowditch was elected Vice chairman.
679	Apologies Apologies were received from Councillor Bowditch (away).
680	Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct There were no Declarations of interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting.
681	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 17 th April 2014, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record, having noted that the list of payments agreed at the meeting had not been recorded: They were S lee £312.00 (478), Axminster Conservative Club £3.59 (479) and Bridport Tourist Association £20.00 (480).
682	Matters Arising There were no items
683	Accounts for Year Ending 31st March 2014 The accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting, and it was resolved to adopt them, subject to audit.
684	Annual Governance Statement 2013/14 The Council resolved that it had taken all reasonable steps to identify risks and to provide a quality internal audit system throughout the year; and therefore resolved to adopt the Governance Statement for the period ending 31 st March 2014.
685	County and District Reports The County Council report had been given at the Annual Parish Meeting, which had preceded this meeting. Under the district report the point was made that the Section 106 allocation of homes system had been tightened so that only people with actual connections with a community or living in the county would be considered. The planning portal had been improved. Scrutiny were looking at how

	Section 106 planning agreements could be improved as the present time period taken is unacceptable. Cllr J Gillingham asked a question regarding bus services to the district council.
686	<p>Democratic Period</p> <p>A member of the public made some negative comments regarding the Beneath the Vale newsletter. In his opinion there were a number of inaccuracies in the publication. Cllr Cameron stated that he understood that there were a few error caused by time constraints in getting the edition published. The member of the public continued with criticism in relation to the minutes appertaining to the democratic period of the last meeting. He felt that the council had brush aside comments made by members of the public at the last meeting. He continued by stating that Mrs Hudson and Mrs Dike were willing to serve on the editorial board. He went into some details as to the experiences of these two ladies. He informed the meeting that the owner of the bottle had contacted him because he had perceived that he had written the article about this establishment in the last edition of the newsletter. The Chairman, whilst thanking the member for his comments, stated that in future members of the public would be asked to keep to a time limit when addressing the meeting.</p>
687	<p>Councillors to Outside Bodies</p> <p>Cllr M Bowditch would continue to be the representative for the Beaminster Group. There were no volunteers to represent the council on the CAB, Bridport Tourist Group or the</p>
688	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Accounts for payment: Resolved that the following accounts be paid: S Lee £192.00 (480), Came & Co £265.00 (481), Creeds £268.50 (482).</p> <p>b) Financial Update: The first payment of the precept, amounting to £4250 and the LCTS grant of £155.50 had been received. The bank balance as of the 28th April 2014 stood at £5950.64, with uncleared transactions of £120.00; providing a registered balance of £5830.64. HMRC had written to say there had been an overpayment of £309.60 for the year ending April 14; which will be credited to the next quarterly payment.</p>
689	<p>I. Planning: No applications</p> <p>II. Determinations</p> <p>WD/D/14/000756 Purcombe Farm, Pilsdon: Rebuild walls of agricultural building. Conditional Approval</p> <p>III Appeal: Willow Far. Appeal by Mr T W Gibbs against an enforcement notice issued by WDDC. The appeal was dismissed</p>
690	<p>Councillor and Officer Reports</p> <p>1. Highways: The Clerk emphasised the fact that the lengthsman needed to provide more information with invoices as to what works had been undertaken. Cllr A Edwards had arranged a meeting in Marshwood to discuss the possibility of a footpath in the village.</p> <p>2. Broadband: No information</p> <p>3. Affordable Homes: This had been discussed at the APM prior to this meeting</p> <p>4. Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr A Cameron was visiting neighbouring parishes to discuss with them the possibility of a joint neighbourhood plan.</p>

	<p>There would then be a joint meeting to discuss the way forward.</p> <p>5. Training: The clerk had circulated information regarding the wide range of training available to councillors and officers. He felt that it was important that councillors kept abreast of changes in legislation through attendance at training events.</p>
691	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) DAPTC Newsletter. Noted</p>
692	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 19th June to be held at Shave Cross 7.30pm (see note below regarding a change in venue)</p>

Diary of Future Meeting dates and locations

Date	Meeting	Location	Time
*19 th June	Council	Bettiscombe	7.30pm
17 th July	Council	Stoke Abbott	7.30pm
18 th September	Council	Shave Cross	7.30pm
16 th October	Council	Shave Cross	7.30pm
4 th December	Council	Shave Cross	7.30pm

- Note that due to the fact that there is a planning application for a change of use of Shave Cross, therefore it is felt to be better to hold this meeting at Bettiscombe.