

## UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting of Upper Marshwood Vale held in the Village Hall, Bettiscombe, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllr's R Wyatt (Chairman), R Bugler, J Everington, J McClellan, C Rabbetts, R Warburton and J Young.

**In Attendance:** The Clerk, Cllr Robinson (WDDC) and one member of the public.

<b>182</b>	<b>Election of Chairman</b> Cllr R Wyatt was proposed by Cllr J Everington and seconded by Cllr R Warburton. There being no other nominations the proposal was voted on; and Cllr R Wyatt was duly elected chairman for the ensuing year.
<b>183</b>	<b>Declaration of Office</b> Cllr R Wyatt read out and signed the Declaration of Office, witnessed by the Clerk.
<b>184</b>	<b>Election of Vice-Chairman</b> Cllr M Bowditch was proposed by Cllr J McClellan and seconded by Cllr R Warburton. There being no other nominations the proposal was voted on; and Cllr M Bowditch duly elected for the ensuing year.
<b>185</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies had been received from Cllr's D Borradaile (meeting), M Bowditch (work) and M Rowe (work). Resolved that these apologise be accepted.
<b>186</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2009 were approved as a true record; and duly signed by the chairman.  The minutes of the planning committee meeting held on the 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2009 were adopted as a true record; and duly signed by the chairman.

187	<p><b>Democratic Period</b></p> <p>The meeting was informed that the head teacher of Marshwood School would be retiring in July. The school would be pleased to receive information from past pupils regarding their memories of school life.</p>
188	<p><b>County and District Council Reports</b></p> <p>Cllr Robinson informed the meeting that Robert Aspray, the Rural Housing Development Officer, was keen to undertake a housing needs survey in the area. He was pleased to see that this was an agenda item for later in the meeting.</p>
189	<p><b>Financial Accounts for Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009</b></p> <p>Resolved that the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 be adopted</p>
190	<p><b>Annual Governance Statement</b></p> <p>The chairman went through the questions relating to this statement and it was resolved that the council felt that it had complied with the requirements and the meeting resolved to answer yes to the applicable questions.</p>
191	<p><b>Appointment of Internal Auditor</b></p> <p>It was resolved to appoint Mr Hollaway of Jeffs Way, Axminster as the Internal Auditor.</p>
192	<p><b>Finances</b></p> <p>Resolved that the following accounts be paid: DAPTC £177.93, Insurance £298.57, Village Plan expenses £9.81, Salaries £315.12 and clerk's expenses £36.40.</p>
193	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>The clerk explained that the only planning applications for the area were for Waterhouse Farm. The council had dealt with this application before, however, it had been withdrawn and another application submitted. No comments had been received prior to the closing date of the 16<sup>th</sup> May, therefore the clerk had sent in a response of 'recommend support'. Agreed to support this action. The application numbers were 1/D/09/000585/LBC and 1/D/09/000554.</p> <p>All other planning applications were in respect of other parishes and this council was being consulted on an adjoining parish basis</p> <p>Netherbury 1/D/09/000597 Ash Tree Cottage, Whitecross. Extension.</p> <p>Beaminster 1/D/09/000455 Barrowfield, Broadwindsor Road, Beaminster. Vary condition</p>

	<p>Thorncombe 1/D/09/000545 Hill View Farm, Marshwood. Install wind turbine.</p> <p>Agreed that the council had no comments to make regarding any of the above applications.</p> <p><b>Determinations</b>  1/D/09/000298/Full Gales Cottage, Stoke Abbot. Porch  1/D/09/000290/LBC Gales Cottage, Stoke Abbot. Porch  The above applications had been approved</p> <p>Planning Applications Withdrawn  1/D/08/000342 Frodsham Motors, Morcombelake. Change of use. <i>This was a Char Valley Application.</i></p> <p>1/D/08/002380 Prime Copse, Marshwood. Replacement dwelling</p>
<b>194</b>	<p><b>Affordable Housing</b>  After some debate it was resolved that the council would support the Affordable Housing survey. Agreed that the shop would be the focal point and that, if possible, the delivery of the survey be done in conjunction with flyers being distributed regarding the parish plan.</p>
<b>195</b>	<p><b>Parish Councils (Power to Promote Well-Being)</b>  Resolved that this council works towards obtaining this power and that a training session be held as soon as possible. The clerk to ask DAPTC if they could attend the planning meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> June if possible. It was noted that 80% of the council needed to attend the training.</p>
<b>196</b>	<p><b>Items of Urgency:</b> No items</p>
<b>197</b>	<p><b>Parish Plan</b>  Cllr J McClellan provided the meeting with an update. The steering group continues to meet monthly. It is hope to send a flyer out to all residents in the very near future which will explain what the aims and objectives of the parish plan are. The chairman thanked him for his report.</p>
<b>198</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Copy of letter sent to Dorset Police HQ by Richard Stubbs regarding the parish council's request for a 30mph speed restriction at Marshwood.</li> <li>b) Copy of letter sent to David Cornelouse from Dorset County Council informing him that a grant of £2,355 had been awarded for the parish plan.</li> <li>c) Confirmation from WDDC that the first half of the precept had been paid into the council's account</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) Letter from DCC regarding the changes to right's of way numbers in the parishes.</li> <li>e) BLAP- Views requested on Sustainable Communities Act by 29<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>f) West Dorset Area Partnership- various workshops being held in June and July</li> <li>g) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of National Volunteer's Week luncheon at Bridport United Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> June</li> <li>h) BLAP Chairman's Annual report</li> <li>i) Funding for Community Groups through Section 106 funding. Applications by 30<sup>th</sup> June.</li> </ul>
<b>199</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting</b>  The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at <b><u>Stoke Abbott Village Hall</u></b></p> <p>A planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at Shave Cross. This may include a training session.</p> <p><i>PS: Unfortunately DAPTC were unable to provide the training on the 18<sup>th</sup> June but will attend our meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> July.</i></p>