

## UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of a Virtual Council Meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 commencing at 6pm

**Present:** Cllrs M Bowditch (Chairman), A Cameron, J Sewell, A Edwards, J Gillingham, C Rabbetts, J Piper, E Rowe and F Bailey

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

**Non-Attendance:** T Richards

It was noted that the meeting would be recorded

<b>228</b>	<b>Election of Chairman</b>  Cllr M Bowditch was re-elected as chairman for the ensuing year
<b>229</b>	<b>Election of Vice-chairman</b>  Cllr E Rowe was elected as Vice-chairman for the ensuing year.
<b>230</b>	<b>Appointment to Outside Bodies</b>  <b>BAVLAP:</b> Cllr J Sewell  DAPTC: Cllr J Sewell  WATAG; Cllr A Cameron  BLAP: Vacant
<b>231</b>	<b>Apologies</b>  Cllr R Wyatt had forwarded an apology to the chairman, which was accepted . An apology was also received from councillor Rabbetts.
<b>232</b>	<b>Declarations of interest</b>  There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting.
<b>233</b>	<b>Minutes</b>

	The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
<b>234</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> There were no matters arising
<b>235</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b> There were no questions from members of the public present at the meeting .
<b>236</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment:</b> Resolved to ratify the following payments: Came & Co (Insurance) £584.06 and Parish On Line £72.00
<b>237</b>	<b>Financial Update:</b> The financial update had been circulated prior to the meeting and was adopted. The financial assets of the Council stood at £16,641.74 as of the 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2021.
<b>238</b>	<b>Annual Governance Statement 2020/21</b> The Annual Governance Statement was agreed
<b>239</b>	<b>Annual Accounting Statement 2020/21</b> The Annual Accounting Statement had been circulated prior to the meeting; ad was agreed.
<b>240</b>	<b>Certificate of Exemption –AGAR 2020/21</b> The meeting agreed that as both income and expenditure had been below the ceiling limit of £25k the Certificate of Exemption would be issued to the External Audit body.
<b>241</b>	<b>Internal Auditor’s Report</b> Mr Dennis Knowles had completed the audit, a copy of his report having been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. He had not raised any issues. Agreed to adopt his report.
<b>242</b>	<b>Co-option of Councillor to fill Casual Vacancy Bettiscombe</b> The clerk informed the meeting that following notification to Dorset Council there had not been a call for a poll, therefore Dorset Council had instructed the clerk to fill the vacancy as a casual vacancy. There had only been one application received within the timeframe, that being Sara Hudston. Whilst Ms Hudston did not live in the parish she was eligible

	<p>under the three mile from the parish boundary rule. Ms Hudston was co-opted onto the council.</p>
<b>243</b>	<p><b>Marshwood Speed Device Project</b></p> <p>The clerk thanked Cllr Edwards for sending him the data of speeds through the village, some of which were most alarming. The device would be moved this week to a different position</p>
<b>244</b>	<p><b>Dorset Council Report</b></p> <p>Extracts from Cllr Christopher's report are published below.</p> <p>I understand from Councillor Ray Bryan portfolio holder for Highways that 'the system of procurement has been followed in respect of Norway Lane'.</p> <p>I further understand from Councillor Ray Bryan that 'a suitably trained and competent contractor was appointed from an existing Dorset Council labour framework . This was an appropriate route to market in the context of the specialist plant required and the unique risks presented by this situation'.</p> <p>With respect to premises within the Dorset Council Marshwood Vale Ward I report as follows in respect of dog matters.</p> <p>With respect to the property I understand that Dorset Council Officers (the animal and dog control team ) attended with other agencies.</p> <p>I further understand that some of the dogs were found to be so aggressive, a risk of danger was posed to workers and visitors on site.</p> <p>There is also risk of dog escape and a potential danger to members of the public.</p> <p>As a consequence , I understand the person believed to be the owner, is required to reduce the number of dogs on the site and the remaining dogs that will be kept on the premises will be non-aggressive dogs.</p> <p>Dorset Council takes health, safety and welfare of workers in the County of Dorset very seriously.</p> <p>I further confirm that Dorset Council has served a prohibition notice in respect of staff working with dangerous dogs and that the owner has been required to take appropriate actions in respect of infestations on site</p> <p>.</p> <p>I now turn to the support from HM Government for the bus sector. This involves the Corvid 19 Bus Service Support Grant (CBSSG) Restart.</p> <p>It is interesting to read in HM Governments communication Bus Back Better that there is a declared belief that and I quote ' Local collaboration is a key tenet of emergency funding .As a condition of receiving CBSSG , The Department of Transport can ask operators to demonstrate on request that consultations on service levels have taken place and that reasonable requests from Local Transport Authorities for service changes have been considered in good faith</p> <p>The Department for Transport can deny or recover CBSSG payments from operators who have not engaged adequately with Local Transport Authorities</p> <p>By the end of June 2021 Dorset Council, in order to have access to CBSSG is required to commit to entering into Enhanced Partnerships</p>

	<p>By the end of October 2021 Dorset Council is required to have developed and agreed a Bus Services Improvement Fund</p> <p>Clearly there is a lot for Councillor Ray Bryan, the portfolio holder for Highways Travel and Environment to think about.</p> <p>Turning to farming, which is at the core of economic activity in so much of the Marshwood Vale Ward, farming has always been a dangerous industry.</p> <p>Approximately one person a week dies in an accident on farms in this country despite countless campaigns to raise awareness of dangers whether to farmers and farm workers or walkers.</p> <p>Farmers and farming organisations together with the Health and Safety Executive and charities have publicised the risks , yet still people die on farms through accidents. No councillor should give up working towards farm safety. With respect to walkers there are risks associated with large livestock and large farm machinery.</p> <p>Of course farming has changed with some farmers keeping their cattle indoors more than others . It is always helpful when farmers can have the chance to explain what they are doing to arrive at common sense solutions so that farming is safer.</p> <p>One of the most famous farming commentators recently described the situation in a national magazine for those who work in or enter a farm environment, your friends and family and I quote ‘may just have a concern about you because you are not young and nimble enough anymore to climb a ladder or jump a gate if the bull turns nasty ‘ This may be seen by some as helpful advice!</p> <p>After recent disturbing local events re attacks on sheep within the Marshwood Vale Ward I was interested and indeed saddened to read that more than two thirds of UK sheep farmers have experienced an increase in attacks on their flocks by dogs in the past year according to a new survey</p> <p>The National Sheep Association(NSA) said the findings of its survey added further weight to evidence that an increase in dog ownership during the coronavirus lockdown may be driving the rise in attacks</p> <p>The NSA chief executive Phil Stocker noted that there was still much work to do to educate the dog owning public about the need to keep their pets under control- and preferably on a lead in the countryside ,especially near livestock.</p> <p>Last Friday the National Sheep Association launched #Leadon a two week campaign that aims to encourage dog owners to be responsible and act as an example to others by keeping their pets on leads in the presence of livestock</p> <p>Sheep farmers across the UK will be posting their experience on Facebook and Twitter about the devastating effect a dog attack on their flocks can have for all parties</p>
245	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <p>WD/D/20/002988 Lower Park Farm. Whitchurch. Erection of a dwelling. It was noted that this was a reclassification of a planning application which the council had recently supported. Support.</p> <p>The following application had been received after the posting of the original agenda, however, an amended agenda had been circulated to accommodate this item. P/Ful/2021/00544 Colmer Stud, Mutton Street, Hawkmoor Hill, Marshwood. Erect 4 dwellings and one retail unit. Form</p>

	new access road and parking area. Members were concerned that the specifications on this application did not conform to the now adopted Upper Marshwood Vale Neighbourhood Plan, therefore it was unable to support this application in its present form. The houses had more bedrooms than had been specified in the plan, and the specification of the community shop was not in line with the Neighbourhood plan
<b>246</b>	<b>Highways and Rights of Way</b>
<b>247</b>	<b>BAVLAP Report</b>
<b>248</b>	<b>Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils</b> Various circulars had been forwarded to members
<b>249</b>	<b>Beneath the Vale</b>
<b>250</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> Correspondence had been circulated
<b>251</b>	<b>Items of Urgency:</b>
<b>252</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b> Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July at Bettiscombe Village Hall 7pm

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