

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 11th January 2024, commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr's E Rowe (Chairman), F Bailey, A Cameron, J Gillingham, C Rabbetts , J Sewell and T Richards.

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

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| 518 | Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr's S Forsey, T Hurn, J Piper, R Wyatt and M Bowditch. These apologies were accepted |
| 519 | Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 16 th November 2023, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record. |
| 520 | Matters Arising Concerns regarding provision of grit bins. This was dealt with under highways. |
| 521 | Democratic Period No items brought forward |
| 522 | Accounts for Payment: The following payment was ratified: HMRC PAYE £254.40 |
| 523 | Financial Update: Financial Position as of the 5th January 2024 was £26,175.07. |
| 524 | Budget and Precept 2024/25 The clerk was thanked for preparing a draft budget, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Resolved that the budget for 2024/25 be set at £12,600; and that the precept demand from Dorset Council would be £12,600. The |

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| | D rate would be £38.81 (base 324.7), which would be an increase of 11p for the year. |
| 525 | Annual Financial Business Risk Assessment Members felt that they had done all in their power to ensure that the finances of the council were protected during the year; and therefore approved the assessment document that had been circulated. |
| 526 | Dorset Council Report A report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted |
| 527 | Planning There were no planning applications to be discussed at this meeting. |
| 528 | Planning Decisions Noted that an application for solar panels at the Bottle Inn had been approved |
| 529 | Planning Appeal Notification had been received of an appeal by Mr & Mrs Mears against a decision by Dorset Council to refuse the erection of three terrace cottages on the B3165 at Nutkins Hollow. The appeal would be determined by written representations. The closing date had now passed (3/1/24); but members had been circulated with the notice. |
| 530 | Highways and Rights of Way An application under the Highways Act of 1980 to divert part of a public path near to Brimley Mill was supported by the council. Agreed that an additional grit bin would be provided at Bramblehay. This would be taken from existing stock. Further agreed to purchase two additional grit bins in case they are required in the future. Agreed to contact Poundbury to request two waste bins, one for Stoke Abbott, and one for Pilsdon. Agreed to ask the parish Lengthsman to investigate a large puddle near to the bench at Pilsdon. |
| 531 | Dorset Association Parish and Town Councils No report |
| 532 | Marshwood Church/School |

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| | The Dorset councillor had provided a brief update in his report. There would appear to be some problems in how this set up would be managed. |
| 533 | Correspondence Correspondence circulated via email on a regular basis. |
| 534 | Items of Urgency There is a need to recruit candidates to stand for election to fill seats on the council from May this year. |
| 535 | Closing of Meeting The meeting was closed by the chairman at 7.45pm |
| 536 | Next Meeting Thursday 21 st March 2024 at 7pm |

Signature of Chairman -----

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