

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Present:** Cllr's M Bowditch (Chairman), A Cameron, C Rabbetts, A Edwards, T Brown and J Gillingham.

**In attendance:** The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr D Turner (Dorset County Council), Cllr J Sewell and Cllr M Roberts (West Dorset District Council), two members of the public and one member of the press.

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| <b>127</b> | <b>Apologies</b><br>Cllr F Bailey (work), Cllr C Gray (away), Cllr T Richards (away), Cllr R Wyatt (sick), E Rowe and R Warburton (away). Resolved to accept these apologies.   |
| <b>128</b> | <b>Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct</b><br>There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of conduct at this stage of the ,meeting   |
| <b>129</b> | <b>Minutes</b><br>The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2016 were adopted as a true record; and were signed by the chairman  |
| <b>130</b> | <b>Matters Arising</b><br>There were no matters arising   |
| <b>131</b> | <b>Police Report</b><br>No report received  |
| <b>132</b> | <b>County and District Councillors' Reports</b><br>The principle councils were still looking into the Unitary options. There would be a series of briefing meetings held throughout the district to provide town and parish councils with information ad to enable them to ask questions. |
| <b>133</b> | <b>Democratic Period</b>  |

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|            | <p>It was understood that the appeal against the decision by the planning authority not to permit a dwelling near to the Bottle Inn had been rejected by the planning officer and the owners had been instructed not to lock the gate pending the official placing of the path onto the Definitive Map. A parishioner spoke about the work being undertaken to restore highway fingerposts in the parishes. It was hoped that the parish council would budget for a contribution towards replacing the fingerposts in the next financial year.</p> <p>The parishioner then updated the meeting regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. The steering group had met with the website designer and the site will soon be operational</p> |
| <b>134</b> | <p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a) <b>Accounts for payment:</b> The following accounts were agreed to be paid: Creeds £27.18, J Widdecombe £282.40, BDO Stog Hayward £120.00, S Lee Garden Services £96.00, Websafe Solutions £244.80, Stoke Abbott Hall £45.00 and DAPTC £209.06.</p> <p>b) <b>External Auditor's Report:</b> The auditor have provided a no qualified audit. Resolved to adopt the report and to note that the audit was now concluded and the notices duly displayed.</p> <p>c) <b>Financial Update:</b> The financial update was agreed.</p>   |
| <b>135</b> | <p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>a) WD/D/16/000730 Bridge Farm, Cards Mill Lane, Whitchurch: change of use from dairy farm land to camp and glamping. Support</p> <p>b) WD/CA/16/00290 Sunnyside Cottage, Stoke Abbott: Fell 1 Aspen. No objection</p> <p>c) WD/A/16/00285 Old Rectory, Stoke Abbott: Fell 1 Aspen tree. No objection</p>  |
| <b>136</b> | <p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>This item had been covered in the democratic period</p>   |
| <b>137</b> | <p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>Some works had been undertaken by the lengthsman.</p>   |
| <b>138</b> | <p><b>Newsletter</b></p>  |

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|            | <p>Sara Hudston informed the meeting that the mailing list had been updated. The Autumn edition of the magazine was at the printers and would be distributed shortly. The front page story would be about the work being undertaken to restore roadside finger posts. A facebook page was now available.</p> |
| <b>139</b> | <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>No correspondence as documents had been forwarded to councillors via email as they were received by the clerk.</p>   |
| <b>140</b> | <p><b>Next Meeting:</b> Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at Bettiscombe 7.30pm</p>  |