

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2020 commencing at 7.30pm at Bettiscombe Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Bowditch (Chairman), T Brown, A Cameron, A Edwards, J Gillingham, C Rabbetts, T Richards, E Rowe, J Piper, R Wyatt and J Sewell

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

081	Apologies An apology had been received from Cllr F Bailey due to sickness. Agreed to accept this apology.
082	Declarations of interest There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting.
083	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 st November 2019 having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record.
084	Matters Arising The noticeboard at Shave Cross had been repaired. Dorset Council would not replace the missing gritbin at Pilsdon. Resolved that two bins be purchased. Cllr Gillingham agreed for the bins to be sent to her home. She would store one bin and have the other fixed in the same position as the missing one. The council noted that further enforcement had taken place in relation to Willow Farm and that this had resulted in court action.

	Road Sweeper had been arranged for Stoke Abbott.
085	Democratic Period No items raised
086	Accounts for Payment The following accounts were agreed for payment: S Lee £504, Dorset Planning 31717.82, HMRC £371.60, SLCC £50, S Lee £3960, Salaries £557.38
087	Financial Update The financial update had been circulated prior to the meeting and was agreed. The bank reconciliation dated the 9 th January 2020 gave a balance of £11,457.95. The precept demand of £12,120, whilst not being an increase from 2019/20 would see an annual D rate increase of 49p to £38.21 due to the band D equivalent figure decreasing by 321.3 to 317.2.
088	Neighbourhood Plan Website Resolved to operate both websites for a further year and then review the situation
089	Dorset Council Report Cllr Christopher informed the meeting that he had been at the audit meeting today. Cllr Sewell informed him that there had been a number of cases of duplicate payments being made and also a payment being made to the wrong account. Cllr Christopher asked her to forward the details and he would investigate it. He then informed the meeting that he had spoken to the environmental department about our concerns regarding the kennels. He stated that there were to be changes in the way such establishments are licensed in the future. At present Dorset Council are looking at their budgets for 2020/21. It is highly likely that there will be a substantial increase in council tax from April.
090	Annual Inspection of Highways Concerns were expressed about the perceived poor quality of work undertaken in relation to drain cleaning in the Pilsdon area. It was agreed that councillors would prepare a list of works within their parish for the March meeting. A meeting would then be organised with our Dorset Councillor and highway officer.

091	Planning Applications Nil
092	Determinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anchor House, Stoke Abbott. Tree works. No objections • Woodlands Cottage, Stoke Abbott> Alterations: Approved • Bridge Farm, Whitchurch. Access road. No prior approval required.
093	Highways The Lengthsman had carried a number of works in the parish since the last meeting
094	Bottle Inn Agreed that the council should ask Dorset Council to consider registering this Inn as a Community Asset. It was noted that the premises are now open.
095	Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils Report The report of this meeting had not yet been circulated
096	BAVLAP Report No meeting had taken place
097	Neighbourhood Plan The referendum for the neighbourhood Plan will take place on the 13 th February with voting taking place in Bettiscombe and Stoke Abbott.
089	Climate Change Emergency Broadwindsor are collecting crisp packets for re-cycling.
090	Correspondence Amended Definitive Map issued following the agreed diversion of Bridleway 30. Stoke Abbott at Laverstock and the extinguishment order; which has the effect of extinguishing part of Footpath 36, Stoke Abbott. Copies of these documents were circulated; and were duly noted.
091	Items of Urgency

	Cllr A Cameron provided the meeting with information about an unauthorised rave that had taken place at Lamberts Castle.
092	Closing of Meeting There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm
093	Next Meeting Thursday 19 th March 2020 at 7.30pm

Items for the next Agenda:

- **Bottle Inn- Community Asset**
- **Defect reports for each parish to be prepared by members ready for annual highways walkabout**
- **DAPTC and BAVLAP reports**
- **Climate Change and recycling**

Signature of Chairman -----

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