

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Stoke Abbott Village Hall on Wednesday 16th March 2016

Present: Cllr's M Bowditch (Chairman), A Cameron, C Rabbetts, F Bailey, T Richards, E Rowe, J Brown, R Warburton, R Wyatt, C Gray and J Gillingham

In Attendance: The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) , Cllr R Knox (Dorset County Council), Cllr J Sewell (West Dorset District Council) and six members of the public

Not in Attendance: Nil

083	Apologies An apology was received from Cllr A Edwards (business). Resolved to accept this apology.
084	Declaration of Interest under the Code of Conduct There were no Declarations of Interest made at this stage of the meeting.
085	Minutes The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 21 st January 2016 were adopted as a true record, and were signed by the chairman.
086	Matters Arising There were no matters arising
087	Police Report No report
088	Democratic Period A parishioner voiced her disquiet with the council in relation to the proposed cuts to bus services. She felt that the council had not given it the importance that it needed and reminded the meeting that some people do not have their own transport, and therefore rely on public transport to get about. She went on to say that she had observed Cllr A Cameron at the recent meeting held at Mosterton to discuss the withdrawal of bus services, but that he had not said anything. There would be a meeting at the Bottle Inn tomorrow to discuss what could be done if all bus services are withdrawn; and she hoped councillors would attend. There was an abandoned vehicle near the school. There were vehicles parking dangerously around the school and it was felt that the police should look into this.

089	<p>County and District Reports</p> <p>County A meeting had recently been held at Mosterton to discuss the possible withdrawal of rural bus services. The principle problem is that most bus users are free pass holders, therefore there is little or no income generated. It was agreed that the County Council could have been far more transparent regarding the withdrawal of bus services</p> <p>District: The option of having two Unitary councils for Dorset, one covering Bournemouth and Poole, the other covering the rest of Dorset seems to be gaining momentum, and would be a cost saver in the long term.</p>
090	<p>Accounts for Payment</p> <p>The following accounts were authorised for payment: Jo Widdecombe £1527.00, Tiverton Town Council £50.00, Viking £69.85, S Lee Garden Services £1380.00, Creeds the Printers £326.50, J Vanderwolfe £75.61 and Tiverton Tow Council £86.97.</p> <p>The Expenditure and Income V Budget for the period April 2015 to March 2016 was agreed.</p> <p>The Council felt that it had maintained good internal audit control during the financial year.</p>
091	<p>Planning</p> <p><i>WD/D/16/000075</i> Foxdown Farm, Marshwood. Change of use of existing farm to mixed use comprising farm and a children’s farm, café/education building and car park area. Whilst supporting the application in principle there are concerns regarding highway access to and from a very busy road. Concerns on how coaches would access and leave site.</p> <p><i>WD/CA/16/00081</i> 1 Manor Farm Cottage: Fell 1 Macrocarpa tree. Support</p> <p><i>WD/D/16/000147</i> Norway Cottage, Norway Lane, Stoke Abbot. Extension and alterations. Support.</p> <p><i>WD/D/16/000186</i> Jesmond, Norway Lane, Stoke Abbott. Erection of studio. Support.</p> <p><i>Delegated: WD/D/16/000093</i> Mabeys Cottage: Log cabin ancillary. accommodation. Support <i>The application had since been withdrawn.</i></p> <p><i>Determinations: WD/D/15/002341</i> Lane East of Bottle Inn: Outline for two detached dwellings. Refused.</p> <p><i>Neighbourhood Plan:</i> Sadly not many people had attended the recent public meetings regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. Some good points had however been raised.</p> <p>Tree in Stoke Abbott: The County Council Tree Officer had contacted the council regarding a tree in Stoke Abbott that they believed might be under the ownership of the parish council. The crown of the tree was dying off and it needed urgent attention. There was also a danger that branches would connect with overhead power cables. It was agreed to speak with Western Power.</p>
092	<p>Reports</p> <p>Highways: The road is subsiding in Blackney</p> <p>Housing: All the dwellings are now occupied</p> <p>Newsletter: Next newsletter being put together</p> <p>Broadband: Some progress is being made and a presentation will be made at the Annual Parish meeting next month</p> <p>Bus Services: There will be a meeting at the Bottle Inn tomorrow night to</p>

	explore alternative transport provision.
093	Items of Urgency No items
094	Date of Next Meeting Thursday 19 th May 2016 at Bettiscombe Village Hall 7.30pm