

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 16th September 2021

Present: Cllrs M Bowditch (Chairman), J Sewell, E Rowe, J Gillingham, T Richards, S Hudston, J Piper and F Bailey

In attendance: Cllr S Christopher (Dorset Council).

272	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr A Edwards, Cllr A Cameron, Cllr R Wyatt and Cllr C Rabbetts. The clerk was unfortunately having to isolate after having a Covid-19 test.
273	Declarations of interest There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting.
274	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 15 th Jul 2021 having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
275	Matters Arising There were no matters arising
276	Democratic Period No items
277	Accounts for Payment: Resolved to ratify the following payments: Creeds £587.00, Websafe Solutions £192.48, HMRC PAYE £127.40.
278	Financial Update: The financial update had been circulated prior to the

	meeting and was adopted.
279	<p>Marshwood Speed Device Project</p> <p>The system continues to be a good deterrent as vehicles slow down when their speed is indicated.</p>
280	<p>Dorset Council Report Dorset Council Prior to the meeting councillors were circulated with a long report. Some of the items that were relevant to our parish are noted below.</p> <p>Cllr Christopher stated that he continued to raise concerns regarding the condition of the Bottle Inn, which is a listed building. He also referred to a dog kennels where there had been repeated concerns over noise and other environmental issues. He went on to say that he would be speaking with our local MP regarding Kept Animals Legislation</p> <p>The Environment Agency has issued guidance on manure spreading and there has been a great deal of commentary in the press about the poor quality of rivers, and many town and parish councils are discussing river pollution. Farmers will still be permitted to spread slurry or manure in the autumn if there is no pollution risk.</p> <p>Cllr Gillingham asked Cllr Christopher who the author of the report was and was informed that it was an officer of Dorset Council who specialises in dogs. The Environmental Health officer had also been involved in the complaints about this property, which had included reports of dark smoke from bonfires. As a result of this complaint the owner has been given advice on the management of waste and a plan has been put in place for the removal on a weekly basis of faeces, bedding and unwanted food.</p>
281	<p>Planning</p> <p>P/LBC/2021/01809: Manor Cottage, Marshwood. Remove existing storage building/sun room and replace with new block storage building/sun room. Replace clear plastic roof with Roman tiles. The meeting supported this application</p>
282	<p>Highways and Rights of Way</p> <p>Cllr Richards stated that the road that runs along Lambert's Castle required some reinforcement. Cllr Hudston had looked into complaints from a local horse rider about to bridleways and reported that appropriate action had been taken by the landowners concerned.</p>
283	<p>Bottle Inn</p> <p>The Planning Enforcement Officer and a Conservation and Design Officer</p>

	<p>had visited the previous week. The Conservation Officer had also attended the site in August. The Planning Enforcement Officer had reported that the site is generally in a poor condition and there was an additional broken window noted in the extension to the main building since the August visit. The planning enforcement officer is seeking evidence of the actual ownership of the property, as to date certain ownership claims have not been Verified. Cllr Sewell stated that possibly the property needed to be listed as a Community Asset with the right for the community to bid to purchase it. It was therefore agreed that we would ask the clerk to forward the necessary documentation so that the Bottle Inn could be put forward for registration if applicable at the next meeting.</p>
284	<p>Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils</p> <p>Various circulars had been forwarded to members</p>
285	<p>Beneath the Vale</p> <p>The latest edition of this publication had recently been published and distributed</p>
286	<p>Climate and Ecology</p> <p>Cllr S Hudston circulated a copy of Char Valley Parish Councils Climate Action plan which she asked everyone to examine with the idea of putting our version of this document together for approval at the November meeting.</p>
287	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The clerk had circulated an email from a parishioner who was complaining about the road surface around Marshwood and the poor state of the Bottle Inn. The clerk had replied to this complaint and had passed it on to our Dorset Councillor. This was noted.</p>
288	<p>Items of Urgency:</p> <p>No items</p>
289	<p>Next Meeting: Thursday 18th November 2020 at 7pm</p>

Signature of Chairman -----

