

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 17th March 2022

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

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J Vanderwolfe and Cllr S Christopher (Dorset Council).

Non Attendance: Cllr Richards

330	Apologies An apology had been received from Cllr Bailey due to sickness. This apology was accepted
331	Declarations of interest There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting.
332	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 20 th January 2022 having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
333	Matters Arising A question was asked about the Stoke Abbott bin survey. An officer had visited the village and had stated that she felt that the present provision was adequate, however it was possible that someone might wish to sponsor an additional bin. A question was asked about what the council was intending to do to mark the Platinum Jubilee. There was a suggestion that benches could be offered to the four parishes and that trees could be planted. This item would be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.
334	Democratic Period No items
335	Accounts for Payment: Resolved to ratify the following payments: J

	Vanderwolfe £71.20, Bettiscombe Hall £75.00 & Steve Lee £360.00.
336	Financial Update: The financial update and bank reconciliation figure as of the 14 th March 2022 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and was accepted.
337	Business Risk Assessment A document had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was agreed that the council was doing all within its powers to mitigate risks.
338	Marshwood Speed Device Project It was understood that the survey which had been undertaken had produced such poor quality data that it was required to be redone again in the near future.
339	Dorset Council Report A report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Cllr Christopher was concerned at the increasing amount of fly tipping that was appearing within the area. Concerns were expressed of some areas still not having Broadband connections after the recent storms. Concerns at rising costs, especially to the farming community.
340	Planning Applications and Appeal P/Ful/2021/03349 Lodge House Farm, Bettiscombe: Conversion and conversion of former milking barn to dwelling. Members supported this application. P/NMA/2022/00832 Amenment to application 20/001759, Pilsdon Manor alteration to roofline and amended materials> Members supported this application. <i>Note that this application was refused by the planning authority on the 23rd March.</i>
341	Highways and Rights of Way The clerk asked if Dorset Council had investigated further the idea of parish and town councils taking over some highway and rights of way issues. It was suggested the Portfolio holder for highways visited one of our meetings to discuss this further Some works had been undertaken by the parish Lengthsman since the last meeting.
342	Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC) Training sessions were available and Cllr Hudston was on a course regarding carbon
343	Bottle Inn There was a need to provide a location map in order to make the application for

	<p>consideration as a Community Asset. The council has a map contract but the codes are known by the Neighbourhood Planning team.</p> <p>Agreed that the clerk would write to Mrs Brooks via the solicitors asking what her intentions were for the site.</p>
344	<p>Climate and Ecology Working Party</p> <p>Cllr Hudston presented the meeting with the draft Climate and Ecological Policy. Cllr Hudston went through the policy and explained the various categories of it. The clerk suggested a number of small amendments, which were accepted. The meeting voted to accept the policy, but with Cllr Piper asking for his name to be recorded as not being in favour of it. It was suggested that a simple tick-box form be provided to enable members to check that planning applications were in line with the policy.</p>
345	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Nil</p>
346	<p>Items of Urgency</p> <p>Nil</p>
347	<p>Closing of Meeting</p> <p>The meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.20pm</p>
348	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 19th May at 7pm; followed by the Annual Council Meeting.</p>

Signature of Chairman -----