

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 17th November 2022, commencing at 7pm

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

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

388	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr A Edwards and T Richards ; and were accepted.
389	Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting
390	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 st July 2022 having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
391	Matters Arising There were no matters arising
392	Democratic Period No items as no members of the public present
393	Accounts for Payment: Resolved to ratify the following payments: S Lee (2 payments) £427.20, HMRC PAYE (2 payments) £381.80, RBL £25.00 and J Vanderwolfe £148.78.
394	Financial Update: The financial update was agreed. Financial assets as of 10/11/22 stood at £26,901.54.
395	Register Of Interests Electronic Forms

	<p>Councillors were reminded of the need to input the Register of Interests on line. Any changes can also be dealt with in this way.</p>
396	<p>Dorset Council Report</p> <p>A report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was duly noted. There was a question regarding development proposals which were close to the River Axe. Cllr Christopher stated that East Devon District Council were overseeing this for our part of the River Axe.</p>
397	<p>Highways and Rights of Way</p> <p>The Lengthsman had made two visits to the war memorial to ensure it was maintained in good order. He was also due to inspect the drains and gullies in preparation for the winter. The clerk requested that members checked their grit bins to ensure that we were prepared for any icy conditions.</p>
398	<p>Bottle Inn</p> <p>Dorset Council had confirmed that it would seem that the property was in the process of being sold and that the perspective new owners had stated that they would restore the building and operate it as a public house.</p> <p>Cllr Sewell read out a letter she had received stating that the exchange of contracts was imminent. The letter also thanked the council and local community for their support over this matter. There would however be a good deal of work to be undertaken before the premises could once again operate.</p>
399	<p>Jubilee Benches</p> <p>There is a need to ascertain the actual locations for each of the benches and obtain the permission from landowners to site the benches on their land. One of the benches could be sited on Little Giant Wood.</p>
400	<p>DAPTC Working with Dorset Council/ AGM</p> <p>DAPTC were working on a document that would provide a service level agreement between Dorset Council and the Dorset parish and town councils. The clerk had attended a zoom briefing on the matter. All felt it would be a good idea providing Dorset Council responded to requests. At present they seem very poor at answering correspondence. The clerk stated that he felt that there was a reasonable relationship between the town councils and Dorset Council, but that this did not seem to cascade down to parish council level.</p>
401	<p>Little Giant Wood</p> <p>The clerk stated that he had received a complaint from a member of the public that the wood was not being maintained in the correct manner. He had passed this complaint on to the chairman, who had then contacted that person. The</p>

	chairman stated that work was in hand and that regular working parties take place on the site. They were in the process of putting together a management plan for the site.
402	Stoke Abbott Litter Bin No response had been received from Dorset Council regarding this item. It had been suggested that Dorset Council should pay for the replacement and emptying of this bin, however, it had further been suggested that an additional bin be located at Pisdon, to which the parish council would be willing to pay for.
403	Lord Lieutenant A letter of thanks had been received from the Lord Lieutenant for the work undertake by officers during the pandemic.
404	Planning Applications P/Ful/2022/05868 Yew Tree Cottage Shave Cross: This application was withdrawn from the register on the 17th November. P/FUL/2022/06940 Gerrards Farm Access: Conversion of barn to dwelling and demolish an agricultural barn. Members agreed to support this application.
405	Co-option A Mr Tim Hern had applied for the casual vacancy on Bettiscombe Parish Council. All agreed to co-opt this gentleman on to the council.
406	Correspondence Nil
407	Closing of Meeting The meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.15pm
408	Next Meeting Thursday 19 th January 2023 at 7pm

Signature of Chairman -----

