

## UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 commencing at 7.30pm at Bettiscombe Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr's M Bowditch (chairman), F Bailey, A Cameron, A Edwards, C Rabbetts, T Richards, E Rowe, R Warburton and R Wyatt

**In attendance:** The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr M Roberts and Cllr Sewell from West Dorset District Council, one member of the press and four members of the public.

**Non Attendance:** Cllr R Knox

<b>256</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllr T Brown (sick), Cllr C Gray (away) and Cllr J Gillingham (sick) . Resolved to accept these apologies. An apology had also been received from County Councillor D Turner
<b>257</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> No Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct were made
<b>258</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 were adopted as a true record
<b>259</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> There were no matters arising
<b>260</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b> A parishioner spoke against the planning application at the Old Farmhouse, Marshwood which was on the agenda to be discussed later in the meeting. He felt that the proposed extension in height would create a glare and would interrupt his light
<b>261</b>	<b>County and District Council Reports</b>

	Still awaiting a decision from the Secretary of State regarding the move to a Unitary Authority. Christchurch council were now the only authority who had not agreed to the unitary option
<b>262</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment:</b> Following accounts agreed for Payment :  Axminster Printing Co Ltd £42.00, J Vanderwolfe £161.05, S Lee Garden Services £1310.40.
<b>263</b>	<b>Financial Update</b>  The Financial update was agreed. Clerk stated that he was still concerned about the cash flow up to the end of the financial year. He would be applying for a vat refund of £1,000 which would assist matters and there are some payments for advertising in the magazine to be collected. He was going to ask HMRC about whether we should be fully vat registered because of the advertising receipts which were termed under Vat rules as business transactions. If agreed Vat would be added to advertisement invoices.
<b>264</b>	<b>Planning</b>  <b>WD/D/17/002844 Old Farmhouse, Marshwood:</b> Remove existing roof of garage to rear of property and replace with new roof. Install new sliding door to front elevation. The committee examined the plans and agreed that following the comments made by a neighbour during the democratic period that a site meeting would take place. This was arranged for Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January at 10am subject to the permission of the landowner being obtained. Power of decision given to the site group to make a decision.  <i>The site meeting took place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at Old Farmhouse, Marshwood. Having inspected the site and its proximity to the neighbour's property it was agreed to support the application.</i>
<b>265</b>	<b>Determinations</b>  <b>WD/D/17/002482 Hillside Cottage, Rose and Crown Crossroads:</b> two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. The application has been approved.
<b>266</b>	<b>Highways and Rights of Way</b>  Resolved that the Lengthsman could not undertake future work on the highway until he had the necessary certification (chapter 8). There were still concerns that there was no audit process in place regarding his work.

	<p>There was a need in the future to prioritise work so that we do not incur large bills. It was however noted that he had dealt with a number of flooding issues in the vale.</p>
<b>267</b>	<p><b>Newsletter</b></p> <p>The winter edition would shortly be published. An interview was planned with the Rt Hon Sir Oliver Letwin MP.</p>
<b>268</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>Little progress could be made until it was known whether we had obtained a grant towards it cost.</p>
<b>269</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Letter from Cllr Carolyn Peak, a member of Char Valley Parish Council asking for support against the proposed Chideock Bypass. It was understood that the newsletter team would be meeting shortly with the Rt Hon Sir Oliver Letwin MP to discuss this matter, therefore we would wait until that meeting before deciding on any action.</p> <p>There would be a discussion on the proposed Unitary Authority at the next BLAP meeting, which was scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> January at 4.15pm. The chairman agreed to attend.</p>
<b>270</b>	<p><b>Items of Urgency</b></p> <p>No items</p>
<b>271</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm</p>