

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Virtual Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th March 2021 commencing at 6pm

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

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

Non-Attendance: Cllr's T Brown, T Richards and R Wyatt

It was noted that the meeting would be recorded

209	Apologies No apologies had been received
210	Declarations of interest There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting.
211	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 th of February 2021 having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
212	Matters Arising Cllr J Gillingham reported that the replacement grit bin had now been fully replenished.
213	Democratic Period A parishioner had emailed the clerk about the state of roads in the area. This will be investigated. The parishioner had also made comments regarding the proposed car park by the future community shop. This was noted.
214	Accounts for Payment: Resolved to ratify the following payment: Morelock

	Signs £2,994.00, Dorset Council £856.80, J Vanderwolfe £66.00 and HMRC PAYE £190.80
215	Financial Update: Financial assets as of 17 th March stood at £10,544.02. The was a question regarding why the expenditure amounts for the traffic camera were less than the accounts for payment amounts. The clerk explained that the accounts for payment includes Vat, but the expenditure does not, as this can be reclaimed. The end of the year totals has also been adjusted to reflect the fact that the financial year end on the 31 st March. The report was adopted.
216	Annual Business Assurance Review Members agreed that it had done all within its power to ensure that risks to the council were kept to an absolute minimum, and felt that the present measures in place were adequate and that no further actions were required.
217	Marshwood Speed Camera Project Cllr A Edwards informed the meeting that the camera would be installed next Wednesday. One volunteer would be trained, who would then train others. There was a need for volunteers to come forward to assist with the moving of the camera every six weeks. The clerk was thanked for dealing with the signing of the agreement with Dorset Council
218	Dorset Council Report The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was accepted. In addition to his written report Cllr Christopher mentioned control of litter and highway verges. Cllr J Sewell spoke regarding several farming issues in the Vale.
219	Planning Applications No planning applications had been presented for comment
220	Highways and Rights of Way A diversion of a right of way in Stoke Abbott was accepted. This is near to the church.
221	BAVLAP Report BAVLAP has made comments on the Local Plan
222	Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils Various circulars had been forwarded to members

223	<p>Beneath the Vale</p> <p>Latest issue was sent out about a month late due to computer and other problems. There is a new junior reporter on the team.</p>
224	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Correspondence had been circulated</p>
225	<p>Items of Urgency:</p> <p>The clerk informed members that as Cllr Brown had made no communication with the council for more than six months under Section 85 of the Local Government Act of 1972, he was no longer a member of this authority; therefore, Dorset Council will have to be informed that we have a vacancy. The Position will be advertised, and if 10 people call for a poll, then an election will take place; otherwise, the vacancy will be filled by co-option.</p>
226	<p>Closing of Meeting</p> <p>The clerk explained that the Government had permitted virtual meetings for a period of 12 months in 2020. That agreement will cease from the 6th May 2021. That is being challenged in the courts at the moment, so I will let you know how that is resolved as soon as possible. PS: The court case takes place before the end of April, but NALC had suggested that parish and town councils would be wise to have their Annual Meeting before the 7th May so that it can take place virtually. The Upper Marshwood Vale Annual Council Meeting will therefore be on the 6th May at 6pm</p>
227	<p>Next Meeting: Thursday 6th May 6pm (Zoom)</p>

Signature of Chairman