

## UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 commencing at 7.30pm at Bettiscombe Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr's E Rowe (Chairman), T Brown, A Cameron, C Gray, J Gillingham, R Warburton , C Rabbetts and F Bailey

**In attendance:** The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr M Roberts, Cllr J Sewell and Cllr D Turner plus four members of the public.

**Absent:** Cllr T Richards and R Wyatt

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| <b>172</b> | <b>Election of Chairman</b><br><br>Cllr M Bowditch was proposed by Cllr C Rabbets and seconded by Cllr C Gray. There being no other nominations Cllr Bowditch was duly elected. |
| <b>173</b> | <b>Election of Vice Chairman</b><br><br>Cllr Rowe was proposed by Cllr Cameron and seconded by Cllr Gray. There were no other nominations, therefore Cllr Rowe was duly elected |
| <b>174</b> | <b>Outside Bodies</b><br><br><b>Beaminster Area Group:</b> Cllr M Bowditch<br><br>Tourism: Cllr C Rabbets<br><br>Rights of Way: Cllr's Rabbetts and Gray                        |
| <b>175</b> | <b>Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct</b><br><br>There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of conduct at this stage of the meeting                  |
| <b>176</b> | <b>Minutes</b>  |

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|            | The minutes of the meeting held on the 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2017 were adopted as a true record with one alteration. Under Finance the payment to S Lee should read £374.40 not £474.40.  |
| <b>177</b> | <b>Matters Arising</b><br><br>There were no matters arising   |
| <b>178</b> | <b>Apologies</b><br><br>Apologies received from M Bowditch (away) and A Edwards (family). Resolved to accept these apologies. An apology was noted from Cllr R Knox.  |
| <b>179</b> | <b>Democratic Period</b><br><br>The meeting was informed that Super Broadband would be available in the area from the end of this month. As far as the Neighbourhood Plan was concerned 400 questionnaires had been sent out; and so far 100 had been returned. Questionnaires could still be sent in.                                  |
| <b>180</b> | <b>Accounts for Payment</b><br><br>S Lee £1152.00, HMRC £315.20, S Lee £1440.00, Bettiscombe Hall £105.00, Creeds the Printers £4210.49.<br><br>It was noted that there had been a salary increase for 2016 and 2017 but that the clerk had experienced difficulties changing the standing order, however this had now been dealt with. |
| <b>181</b> | <b>Financial Update</b><br><br>The meeting agreed the financial update which had been circulated<br><br>A list of all payments and receipts for the past financial year was circulated.   |
| <b>182</b> | <b>Annual Governance Statement</b><br><br>The meeting resolved to adopt the Annual Governance Statement. The clerk stated that the Council should have reviewed its internal audit system at the March meeting, which had been cancelled. It was agreed that the Council was satisfied with the measures in place                       |
| <b>183</b> | <b>Accounting Statements 2016/17</b><br><br>The meeting resolved to adopt the Financial accounts for the year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017 subject to audit.  |
| <b>184</b> | <b>Planning</b>   |

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|            | <p>a. <b>WD/D/17/000891 Cowden Farm, Bettiscombe:</b> Extension to Southern end of existing farmhouse: Support</p> <p>b. <b>WD/D/17/001114 Greenacres, Marshwood:</b> Proposed single storey extension to replace existing store: Support</p> <p>c. <b>WD/D/17/001132 Golden Cap View, Harmshay, Marshwood:</b> Erect bungalow for agricultural worker without compliance of Condition B of planning approval 1/W/75/000358 Agricultural tie . Support</p> <p>d. <b>WD/D/17/000643 Stoke Abbott Fruit Farm:</b> Extension. Support</p> <p>e. <b>WD/D/17/000583 Land East Woods Lane:</b> Two storage sheds and polytunnel. Certificate of Lawfulness. Support</p> |
| <b>185</b> | <p><b>Highways and Rights of Way</b></p> <p>Some works had been undertaken on highways by Lengthsman. Agreed some form of audit of works undertaken should be put into place in the future. Some concerns that expenditure on highways was high.</p>  |
| <b>186</b> | <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Nil</p>   |
| <b>187</b> | <p><b>Items of Urgency</b></p> <p>There were no items</p>   |
| <b>188</b> | <p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017, Bettiscombe Village Hall 7.30pm</p>  |