

## UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, commencing at 7.30pm**

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

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

**Non Attendance:** Cllr Richards and Cllr R Wyatt

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| <b>349</b> | <b>Election of Chairman</b><br><br>Cllr M Bowditch had indicated by email that he was willing to stand as chairman if members wished him to continue in that position. It was proposed and seconded that he be elected as chairman, with no other candidates being nominated. |
| <b>350</b> | <b>Election of Vice-Chairman</b><br><br>Cllr E Rowe was elected as Vice-chairman.   |
| <b>351</b> | <b>Apologies</b><br><br>Apologies were received from Cllr M Bowditch (away) and Cllr S Hudston (away). Resolved to accept these apologies.  |
| <b>352</b> | <b>Declarations of interest</b><br><br>There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting.  |
| <b>353</b> | <b>Minutes</b><br><br>The minutes of the meeting held on the 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.   |
| <b>354</b> | <b>Matters Arising</b>  |

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|            | <p>The clerk stated that he had received an email from a lady stating that she was negotiating to reopen the Bottle Inn. Since then a banner has appeared stating at the entrance to the public house informing everyone that the pub would reopen. There is also some evidence of works taking place on the building. He felt that the council should be seen to be supporting this lady in her endeavours to reopen the pub, and that an application to register the property as a Community Asset might not be received positively by her if she is going to re-establish the pub. He also felt that Dorset Council would view the possibility of the pub reopening as the best possible outcome. All agreed that this was the best action, but we would reserve the right to seek registration at a later date if nothing came of the plans to reopen the pub.</p> |
| <b>355</b> | <p><b>Annual Governance Statement</b></p> <p>Members had been circulated with this document prior to the meeting and agreed that they had done all within their power to enable them to answer the questions with a positive yes response.</p>   |
| <b>356</b> | <p><b>Accounting Statement</b></p> <p>The Accounts statement, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, was agreed.</p>  |
| <b>357</b> | <p><b>Certificate of Exemption AGAR 2021/22</b></p> <p>Members resolved that as both income and expenditure throughout the financial year had been below the £25k ceiling limit that a Certificate of Exemption be sent to the External Auditor.</p>   |
| <b>358</b> | <p><b>Democratic Period</b></p> <p>No items</p>  |
| <b>359</b> | <p><b>Accounts for Payment:</b> Resolved to ratify the following payments: HMRC PAYE £204.00, S Lee £522.00, Creeds £628.00, Gallagher Insurance £248.45 and Dorset Parish &amp; Town Councils £224.02.</p>  |
| <b>360</b> | <p><b>Financial Update:</b></p> <p>The financial updated had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that the Earmarked Reserves General Fund should read £14,208 and that the total should read £19,135.</p>   |
| <b>361</b> | <p><b>Dorset Council Report</b></p> <p>A report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.</p>  |

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| <b>362</b> | <p><b>Planning Applications and Appeal</b></p> <p>P/HOU/2022/0786 Landscape, Mutton Street for two single storey extension and porch. Members resolved to support this application.</p> <p>An application to demolish a dwelling and replace it in Marshwood was found to have been withdrawn from the register</p>  |
| <b>363</b> | <p><b>Highways and Rights of Way</b></p> <p>Parish Lengthsman had undertaken a number of jobs within the parishes recently.</p>  |
| <b>364</b> | <p><b>Beneath the Vale</b></p> <p>Cllr A Cameron stated that he felt that he had given sufficient notice of his intention to retire as editor of the magazine, however, to date no one had come forward to take over this position. The chairman thanked Cllr Cameron for all his hard work and efforts that he had put into keeping the magazine going. A discussion then took place on possible ways of finding someone willing to take on this position. Sadly, it would seem, without a new editor it was unlikely that the magazine would continue.</p> |
| <b>365</b> | <p><b>Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC)</b></p> <p>Various correspondence had been circulated and a meeting was due to take place shortly</p>   |
| <b>366</b> | <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Nil</p>  |
| <b>367</b> | <p><b>Jubilee Commemorations</b></p> <p>Agreed that benches would be placed in Stoke Abbott, Bettiscombe and Marshwood to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Design of these benches to be agreed at the next meeting.</p> <p>A member of the school PTA had contacted the clerk regarding the possibility of providing commemorative mugs for the school children. Agreed that providing the PTA were willing to order the mugs the council would pay up to £500 towards the cost.</p>   |
| <b>368</b> | <p><b>Closing of Meeting</b></p> <p>The meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.40pm</p>   |
| <b>369</b> | <p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>   |

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|  | Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July at 7pm at Bettiscombe Village Hall. |
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**Signature of Chairman** -----