

## UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 commencing at 7.30pm at Bettiscombe Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs M Bowditch (Chairman), T Brown, A Cameron, J Gillingham, C Rabbetts, E Rowe, T Richards and J Sewell

**In attendance:** The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr S Christopher (Dorset Council) and six members of the public

<b>044</b>	<b>Apologies</b>  Apologies were received from Cllr's F Bailey (work), A Edwards (family), R Wyatt (business) and J Piper (away). Resolved to accept these apologies
<b>045</b>	<b>Declarations of interest</b>  There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting.
<b>046</b>	<b>Minutes</b>  The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2019, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record.
<b>047</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>  No matters arising
<b>048</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b>  A parishioner from Stoke Abbott spoke against a planning application for alterations to Woodlands Cottage in Stoke Abbott. His property, which is adjacent to Woodlands Cottage is higher, and therefore he felt that the impact of the proposed additional windows would be intrusive to his privacy, and would indeed be unacceptable. He noted that the property had listed status and that the proposal would not be in keeping. He stated that he had spoken to the applicant and understood that another amended

	<p>plan would be submitted. The chairman informed the gentleman that the Council would only be able to deal with the plans that had already been submitted to the planning authority.</p> <p>A parishioner spoke about the Bridport Extinction Rebellion Global Climate Strike which would take place in Bridport tomorrow (20th September). She stated that more people were becoming aware of the situation and were noting the extreme weather changes being experienced. There would also be a meeting tomorrow at 7pm at the Bridport Chapel. She stated that we would need to look at how we manage farming, stating that experts were stating that there may only be another 40 harvests left. There were issues over rural transport, with more cuts listed in the new timetable. She concluded by stating that we were entering uncharted territory and hope that councillors would vote to support a climate emergency situation later in the meeting</p>								
<p><b>049</b></p>	<p><b>Accounts for Payment</b></p> <p>The following accounts were agreed for payment</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 1014 823 1216"> <tr> <td>Dorset Planning</td> <td>858.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Axminster Printing</td> <td>24.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries</td> <td>557.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>1440.29</td> </tr> </table>	Dorset Planning	858.91	Axminster Printing	24.00	Salaries	557.38	Total	1440.29
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<p><b>050</b></p>	<p><b>Financial Update</b></p> <p>The financial report had been circulated prior to the meeting together with the bank reconciliation figures. The Neighbourhood Grant of £6636 had been received. The financial assets stood at £11,709.95. Members informed the clerk that they found the new format of the financial update easier to understand. The report was accepted.</p>								
<p><b>051</b></p>	<p><b>Dorset Council Report</b></p> <p>Cllr Christopher stated that the previous administration had been a conservative majority, but now they are in the minority. He felt it was good working with the Liberals, greens and independents. Planning had been involved with some very large applications at Crossways and Littlemore. There are concerns about the cost of looking after children, which can vary from £3,000 to £8,000 a week. This naturally puts a strain on the finances and my result in items like car parking charges going up in the future. A proposal to demolish the former Weymouth and Portland Council offices was refused. There are great concerns about environmental issues. He</p>								

	<p>then spoke about enforcement and how It applies to everyone. The clerk questioned him on a letter he had forwarded regarding a local animal sanctuary. He replied that he was having discussions with officers about this issue. Cllr Gillingham stated that she was confused as to what in particular was being enforced. There was then a general discussion regarding the perceived problems at this property. He stated that the dog warden does visit the site and felt that the Dorset Waste Partnership could also be involved. Cllr Brown wanted a slow sign painted on the road near to Horsemill Cross and Cllr Gillingham reported that a gritbin was missing from Batts Lane. Comments were also made that the markings promised by the Marshwood School in January were still not in place.</p>
<p><b>052</b></p>	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. <b>Woodlands Cottage WD/D/19/001902/3:</b> Remove modern porch, takedown and remove south end wall and insert new windows. <i>Would be intrusive to adjacent properties and would result in significant loss of privacy by the proposed clear glass additional windows. Would not be in line with the Listed Building status of the property by its design and appearance. Understood that an application to modify the application may be made. Unable to support</i></li> <li>II. <b>Brooklyn Cottages, Stoke Abbott WD/D/19/002099:</b> Installation of French doors to side elevation. <i>Would not have adverse effect on property. Council supports.</i></li> <li>III. <b>Court Orchard Farm, Stoke Abbott WD/D/19/001959:</b> Erection of a garden room. The proposal would be in keeping with the dwelling and is of a good design. Council supports.</li> </ul>
<p><b>053</b></p>	<p><b>Delegated Authority Applications</b></p> <p><b>WD/D/19/001810 Lamberts Castle:</b> Hard surfacing and new sign. Would improve the location. Support</p> <p>WD/D/19/001672 Bomerhayes, Shave Cross: Remove condition 5. No evidence produced that property has been marketed at a value in line with the AOC. Previous applications in the area have been required to contact all farms within the area to ascertain if they require accommodation for a farm worker, or might expect to require such accommodation in the future. Local Plan clearly states that a removal of this condition shall only</p>

	be permitted if it can be demonstrated that such a condition has outlived its usefulness. Council cannot support this application
<b>054</b>	<p><b>Determinations</b></p> <p><b>WD/D/19/000605 21 Stoke Water House, Beaminster:</b> Replace conservatory and install a replacement door. Approved 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019.</p>
<b>055</b>	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>It was felt that this item had been dealt with adequately within the Dorset Councillors item</p>
<b>056</b>	<p><b>Trust Funds</b></p> <p>Members discussed the value of having a separate trust fund possibly sponsored by someone. The clerk provided examples of funds in Hawkchurch and Tiverton that had been set up by the wealthy of the parishes several hundred years ago. Those funds were registered with the Charities Commission and could only be used for the specific objectives that had been set. A legal document would need to be established with nominated trustees. Agreed that a suitable article would appear in the next edition of Beneath the Vale.</p>
<b>057</b>	<p><b>Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils Report</b></p> <p>The association had met on the 5<sup>th</sup> September where it was noted that Dorset Council and a number of town and parish councils had declared a climate emergency. It was suggested that DAPTC could assist in getting this initiative going across the whole of Dorset and encourage more recycling. It was noted that Drimpton has a recycling initiative based at their village hall, collecting materials that cannot at present be kerbside recycled.</p> <p>The proposed Dorset Council workshops with town and parish councils were discussed and it was decided to ask that more than one councillor from each of the councils should be permitted to attend. Reports for the meeting were received from Chideock, Loders, Char Valley, Burton Bradstock, Corscombe, Lyme Regis, Charmouth, Litton Cheney, Broadwindsor, Upper Marshwood Vale and Beaminster. The full minutes will be available on line after being approved at the next meeting.</p>
<b>058</b>	<p><b>BAVLAP Report</b></p> <p>Cllr Sewell is now the interim chairman of this group following the sad death of Rosemary Beeney, who had been its chair from 2008 until 2017. Cllr Sewell had produced a detailed report, the highlights of which were as</p>

	<p>follows: Concerns about the amount of litter being thrown out of car windows. This was of great concern to farmers with a dry summer as lit cigarettes are of course a fire hazard. BAVLAP has a community 6 speed watch initiatives, with parking and speeding being of great concern. Problems with overcrowding on school buses because a double decker cannot be used because of overgrown trees. The Saturday bus is still running linking Bridport with Crewkerne via Beaminster. This is run by volunteers. Thorncombe have raised sufficient funds to keep their bus services running.</p> <p>Concerns about the drug problems under the heading of Country Lines. Drug use is seen to be on the increase In the rural areas because it is more difficult to track down and police.</p> <p>A great deal of work is going on in villages in the area under the Dementia Friendly banner. The Thorncombe First Responders scheme continues to thrive, but numbers of volunteers in Broadwindsor are very low.</p> <p>There is a planning application for 15 houses under the Community Land Trust scheme in Drimpton. In Bedminster there is outline permission for 60 houses, 35% of which will be affordable. Citizens Advice hold an outreach service as their nearest office is in Bridport. Poverty Action Group is a scheme hoping to be set up in Bridport to help with crisis payments in an emergency situation. There is a suggestion that a recycle or repair café could be set up in either Beaminster or somewhere locally. There are concerns about future funding for the group with the suggestion that each parish council provides a grant of £100 in the next financial year.</p>
<p><b>059</b></p>	<p><b>Climate Change Emergency</b></p> <p>Members agreed that Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council would declare a climate emergency and would take steps where ever possible to reverse the climate change situation. A discussion took place resulting in a number of ideas being put forward including solar panels on village halls, electric charging points and joining up with other parishes on recycling schemes. Better uses could be made of public transport including those school buses in between school diagrams.</p>
<p><b>060</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Letter from Dorset Council informing us that under the provisions of Section 91 of the Localism Act 2011 the Shave Cross Inn would be removed from the asset of Community Value list as its five year registration was up.</p>

	A letter from a lady complaining about a dog kennel on the edge of the parish boundary had been dealt with in an earlier item.
<b>043</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b> Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm

**Items for the next Agenda:**

- **Budget**
- **DAPTC and BAVLAP reports**

**Signature of Chairman** .....

**Date** .....