

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 20th January 2022

Present: Cllrs M Bowditch (Chairman), J Sewell, A Edwards, A Cameron, C Rabbetts, T Richards, S Hudston, and F Bailey

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

Non Attendance: Cllr R Wyatt

310	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr E Rowe (Sickness), Cllr J Piper (family) and Cllr J Gillingham (work). Resolved that these apologies be accepted
311	Declarations of interest There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting.
312	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 th November 2021 having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
313	Matters Arising The clerk informed the meeting that the Dorset Council officer responsible for waste bins would be visiting Stoke Abbott on the 8 th February to investigate the litter bin problem, and would report back. The Clerk had forwarded members with a briefing by Dorset Council regarding the proposed improvements to bus services in Dorset following the Government policy to improve us of buses. Dorset Council were awaiting an announcement from the Government on the amount of funding to be received. A public consultation would commence next week.
314	Democratic Period

	No items
315	Accounts for Payment: Resolved to ratify the following payments: S Lee £828.00, HMRC PAYE £191.00, Creeds £600.00 and Royal British Legion £25.00
316	Financial Update: The financial update and bank reconciliation figure as of the 14 th January 2022 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and was accepted.
317	Budget and Precept Demand Prior to the meeting the clerk had circulated a draft budget for members to examine. He explained that due to an increase in the number of D rate council tax it would be possible to increase the precept from £12,120 to £12,306 without actually increasing the D rate annual payment. Resolved that the budget for the year commencing 1st April 2022 be set at £12,406 and that the Precept Demand from Dorset Council be set at £12,306. The D rate contribution would remain at £38.70 per year, but the £186 increase in the precept amount would show an increase of 1.53%.
318	Marshwood Speed Device Project Cllr A Edwards informed the meeting that there had still not been any data provided following the traffic survey undertaken last year.
319	Dorset Council Report Cllr Christopher had submitted a written report prior to the meeting which included about the Dorset Council Farms Estates, Covid-19 update, the work being undertaken on the Dorset Local Plan and information about the Queen's Jubilee in June.
320	Planning Applications and Appeal P/LBC/2021/03698 Horsehill Cottage, Horsehill Lane, Stoke Abbott: Change of use of redundant Mill building to tourist accommodation. Support of this application as good use of redundant building P/HOU/2021/05172, Lakes, Lower House Farm Entrance, Bettiscome to Marshwood Cross; Demolition of existing garage, utility and store, refurbishment of existing bungalow and erection of new extension. Support , in line with Local Plan and will be an improvement P/FUL/2021/05766 Purcombe Farm Access Road, Whitchurch: Change of use of agricultural land to campsite to provide 18 pitches and change of use of agricultural buildings to provide associated facilities. Support

	<p>Appeal</p> <p>Notification of an appeal by Mr G Hart (WD/D/20/001139) against a decision by Dorset Council to refuse planning permission for the demolition of front garden wall to provide vehicle access and parking. The appeal will be determined by written representations which must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by the 24th February 2022.</p>
321	<p>Highways and Rights of Way</p> <p>A number of highway works had been carried out by the Parish Lengthsman. Whilst there had been some flooding problems on the highway it was felt that his work had reduced these problems within the four parishes.</p> <p>The Rights of Way section would be contacted to obtain a selection of footpath and bridleway waymarks to assist in the navigation of routes, with the aim of stopping users walking away from the definitive routes.</p>
322	<p>Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC)</p> <p>A meeting was scheduled for Friday 21st January</p>
323	<p>Queen's Jubilee</p> <p>The clerk asked if the council wished to arrange any events for this special occasion. It was agreed that it would be left to local people to arrange such events</p>
324	<p>Climate and Ecology</p> <p>Cllr S Hudston informed the meeting that the working party had met during the month and had looked at the Char Valley scheme. It was generally felt that it would be better to have a number of small achievable aims rather than have large aims that might take a long time to achieve. One idea was the formation of a community garden in which people could share produce.</p>
325	<p>Beneath the Vale</p> <p>Cllr A Cameron informed the meeting that to date no one had come forward to take over the position of editor. He reminded the meeting that the next edition of the magazine would be his last as he would retire.</p>
326	<p>Bottle Inn</p> <p>Cllr S Hudston asked what progress had been made on the registering of this property as Community Asset. The clerk responded by stating that there were a great deal of details that needed to be filled in on the application, including ownership of the property. He had circulated the form to members some time ago but had not received it back. It was hoped that Cllr Sewell, who had left the</p>

	meeting prior to this item on the agenda might be able to assist with this detail.
327	Correspondence Nil
328	Items of Urgency Nil
329	Next Meeting: Thursday 17 th March 2022 at 7pm

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