

## UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023, commencing at 7pm

**Present:** Cllr's E Rowe (Chairman), T Hurn, A Cameron, C Rabbetts, J Piper and J Sewell

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

<b>468</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllr's R Wyatt and M Bowditch due to mobility issues and J Gillingham (hospital).
<b>469</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2023, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record.
<b>470</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> The proposed footpath diversion had been inspected by Cllr's Gillingham and Rabbetts , who had no problems with it. The clerk had therefore informed the applicant that we would support the application.
<b>471</b>	<b>Casual Vacancy</b> The clerk reported that no poll had been called for under the Local Government At, 1972; therefore the council was now able to co-opt an eligible person to fill the vacant position. A notice would be displayed on notice boards and on the website.
<b>472</b>	<b>Internal Auditor's Report</b> The report by Mr D Knowles, our Internal Auditor was noted. There were no points of weakness or action.
<b>473</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment:</b> The following payments were ratified: Parish on Line £72.00, Arthur Gallagher Insurance £252.34, S Lee £57.60, DAPTC £234.77, HMRC £209.80

	It was noted that the DAPTC amount was incorrectly listed on the financial update list.
<b>474</b>	<b>Financial Update:</b>  <b>Members examined the income and expenditure account and were satisfied with it. The financial assets as of the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were £22,787.58</b>
<b>475</b>	<b>Dorset Council Report</b> Cllr S Christopher had forwarded a report to members prior to the meeting, for which he was thanked.
<b>476</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b>  The Chairman of the Marshwood Shop Committee requested that the Section 106 document be amended to include a retail unit incorporating a small meeting room and toilet facilities. He also stated that talks would recommence regarding the possible community shop once the S106 agreement had been issued by Dorset Council.  A meeting, attended by some 80 people, had been called by the Vicar of Marshwood Church to discuss the future of the church. The church has rising costs but a very small congregation. The premises are used by the adjacent school for a number of activities. Members noted that the Local Government Act, 1972, does not permit councils to provide funding for the upkeep of church buildings.
<b>477</b>	<b>Colmer Stud S106 Agreement</b>  Members were in agreement with the addendum to the Section 106 document proposed by the chairman of the Marshwood Shop Committee.
<b>478</b>	<b>Highways and Rights of Way</b>  Concerns had been expressed about the poor state of vegetation in the War Memorial Garden. This would be inspected and any necessary action taken through the clerk  A location was being looked at for the Coronation Bench for Stoke Abbott, with the possibility of the church giving permission for it to be sited there. Arrangement in hand for the Pilsdon location and the Marshwood Location.
<b>479</b>	<b>Dorset Association Parish and Town Councils</b>  No report
<b>480</b>	<b>Other Reports</b>

	Cllr J Sewell distributed information about a food bank operating from Broadwindsor and wondered if a similar project could be operated in this area in the future
<b>481</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>  Molly Bawn, Stoke Abbott (P/TRL/2023/03984) Fell one Holly tree in a Conservation Area. No objection
<b>482</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>  Correspondence circulated via email on a regular basis.
<b>483</b>	<b>Closing of Meeting</b>  The meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.05pm
<b>484</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b> Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2023 at 7pm.

**Signature of Chairman** -----

**Date** -----