

## UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 commencing at 7.30pm at Bettiscombe Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs M Bowditch (Chairman), E Rowe T Brown, A Cameron, A Edwards, J Gillingham R Wyatt, T Richards, F Bailey and R Warburton.

**In attendance:** The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr J Sewell and Cllr M Roberts (West Dorset District Council).

**Non Attendance:** Cllr C Gay and R Knox

<b>392</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllr C Rabbetts. Apologies also received From Cllr D Turner (Dorset County Council)
<b>393</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> No Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct were made
<b>394</b>	<b>Minutes</b> The minutes of the meeting held on the 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2019 were adopted as a true record, having previously been circulated; and were signed by the chairman. There were two alterations, namely to delete the word annual from the header and change Four Acres to Four Ashes in minute 386.
<b>395</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b> There were no matters arising
<b>396</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b> No items
<b>397</b>	<b>Marshwood Speed Restriction</b> The Speed Indicator Device (SID) has been in position and the first report

	generated. There has been a 4% decrease in speed since SID has been in place although many people are travelling at over 30mph.
<b>398</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment</b>  A list of accounts for payment was circulated. The clerk expressed concerns that the Neighbourhood Plan was over budget.
<b>399</b>	<b>Budget V Actual Financial Update/Bank Reconciliation</b>  Members were provided with an update regarding payments and receipts v budget and the bank reconciliation.
<b>400</b>	<b>Annual Business Risk Assessment</b>  Members agreed that the present risk assessment measures in place were adequate for the risks involved.
<b>401</b>	<b>County and District Matters</b>  We are in the final weeks of the present principle councils with work in progress ready for the new Unitary Authority from the 1 <sup>st</sup> April. Six budgets had to be amalgamated into the one, a task that was made more difficult by having different finance systems in place. Cllr Roberts informed the meeting that as he was standing for a different area in the elections this would be his last meeting with us. The chairman thanked him for his assistance. Cllr Sewell remained concerned about the speed problems in Marshwood and also spoke of the difficulties with the Child Care budgets.
<b>402</b>	<b>Police Report</b>  No report.
<b>403</b>	<b>Planning Applications</b>  WD/D/00080 & 81 Bettiscombe Manor: Reinstatement of 3 window openings and replacement of front gate. Support.  WD/D/18/000642 1 Brooklyn Cottages: Reduce sycamore height to 10ft. No objections  WD/D/18/002964 The Croft, Stoke Road, Stoke Abbott: Change of use from agricultural to garden, install PV array and change annex to ancillary residential and holiday let. Support  Due to the WDDC website being down plans could not be extracted for

	WD/D/19/000448 Prime Coppice, Whitchurch for an extension. Members to report back.
<b>404</b>	<b>Delegated Planning Applications</b>  Nil
<b>405</b>	<b>Determinations</b>  WD/D/18/002838 Wild Swans: Extension: Approved.
<b>406</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>  An update report had been circulated by the project manager.
<b>407</b>	<b>Highways and Rights of Ways</b>  Some works had been undertaken by the Lengthsman during the bad weather period.
<b>408</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>  All correspondence had been circulated via email. The clerk reminded members that the form for applying to be a councillor for the next term of office had to be downloaded from the Dorset website. Completed application forms needed to be taken to Dorchester Office and an appointment needed to be booked. The closing date for applications is 4pm on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> April. We are now in the Purdah period until after the elections on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> May.
<b>409</b>	<b>Items of Urgency</b>  No items
<b>410</b>	<b>Closing of Meeting</b>  The meeting closed at 8.15pm
<b>411</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>  Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May. Annual Council Meeting at 7.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Signed** -----

**Date** -----