

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 21st July 2022, commencing at 7pm

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

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

370	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr R Wyatt and Cllr A Edwards; which were both accepted.
371	Resignation Cllr Hudston has resigned from the council because she has moved away from the parish. The clerk will inform Dorset Council, who will issue the statutory casual vacancy notice for the parish of Bettiscombe.
372	Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting
373	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 th May2022 having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
374	Matters Arising The school had been provided with mugs and medals to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. <i>Since the meeting the children of the school have sent a picture of the mugs and medals with a thank you card</i>
375	Democratic Period No items

376	<p>Accounts for Payment: Resolved to ratify the following payments: Parish On-line £72.00, Acord Academy Trust £424.84 and Websafe £192.48</p>
377	<p>Financial Update:</p> <p>Agreed that the council would become members of CPRE</p> <p>Agreed to set aside an initial £200 for repairs to road signs. Clerk to check on liability insurance if parish council repairs Dorset Council property. The traffic camera budget to be reduced by £200 to accommodate this.</p> <p>Financial Assets as at the 7th July 2022 were £22,640.98.</p>
378	<p>Jubilee Benches</p> <p>It was resolved that four Stanford seats and benches would be purchased , including plaques to commemorating HM the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. The total cost will be £4850.16 plus Vat. It was agreed that the benches would be delivered to Cllr Gillingham and that the actual locations will be agreed later. Resolved that funding would come from the CIL earmarked funds.</p>
379	<p>Dorset Council Report</p> <p>A report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted. In addition to his report Cllr Christopher poke about second and holiday homes, and the fact that Dorset Council is looking into this as far as council tax is concerned.</p>
380	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>P/HOU/2022/03562 P/LBC/2022/03563: Manor Cottage, Marshwood: Demolish timber outbuilding matching listed building.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed of the poor condition of the Bottle Inn. Whilst some works had started it would appear they have ceased and the sign indicating that the public house would shortly reopen has been removed. It was understood that a PVC door had been installed at the rear of the building. Cllr Christopher informed the meeting that both the Conservation Officer and the Enforcement Officer were aware of the situation. It was agreed that the clerk would write to Dorset Council asking them to take urgent action before the property deteriorated any further.</p>
381	<p>Highways and Rights of Way</p> <p>The clerk was arranging for the area around the war memorial to be cut back. He was also arranging for a monumental mason to inspect the war memorial and issue a condition report.</p> <p>Request that the litter bin at Stoke Abbott be replaced. It was felt that this should be emptied by the Dorset Council at their cost. Agreed that the permission would be requested to tidy up the area around Templeman’s Ash</p>

	<p>and ask Dorset Council to place a litter bin there. The emptying of this bin to be paid for by the parish council.</p> <p>Cllr Edwards had forwarded an email to the clerk in which she stated that new road markings are being placed within the 30mph limit in Marshwood to highlight the reduced speed restriction. The enforcement team spent 90 minutes in the village on the 18th July and recorded 50 offences.</p>
382	<p>BAVLAP</p> <p>This organisation has been wound up and the remaining funds distributed between Bridport Citizen’s Advice and Beaminster Food Bank.</p>
383	<p>Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC)</p> <p>Various newsletters circulated</p>
384	<p>Beaminster Citizen Advice</p> <p>Cllr Bowditch had attended the virtual AGM and stated that he had found it very interesting. They had dealt with 3700 clients in the financial year.</p>
385	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Nil</p>
386	<p>Closing of Meeting</p> <p>The meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.30pm</p>
387	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 15th September 2022 at Bettiscombe Hall 7pm</p>

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