

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council: John Vanderwolfe FILCM Chartered MCIPD

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st November 2019 commencing at 7.30pm at Bettiscombe Village Hall

Present: Cllrs M Bowditch (Chairman), F Bailey, T Brown, A Cameron, A Edwards, C Rabbetts, J Piper, R Wyatt and J Sewell

In attendance: The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe) and two members of the public

062	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr's T Richards, E Rowe and S Christopher. Agreed to accept these apologies. Please add Cllr Gillingham to this list.
063	Declarations of interest There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting.
064	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 th September, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record.
065	Matters Arising No matters arising
066	Democratic Period Concerns once again raised over the excessive noise from dogs at the Templemans Ash Kennels. Clerk would ask Cllr Christopher for an update on this matter as it was causing distress to residents.
067	Accounts for Payment

	The following accounts were agreed for payment: J Vanderwolfe £118.30, RBL £25.00, Dorset Planning £2576.73, Websafe Solutions £159.99, Dorset Council £337.43, Creeds £310.00 Salaries £372.12, HMRC £371. 60, DAPTC £65.00, S Lee Garden Service £65.00.
068	Financial Update The financial update had been circulated prior to the meeting and was agreed. The bank reconciliation dated the 19 th November 2019 showed a balance of £15,079.75; with no uncashed transactions.
069	Budget and Precept Members examined the draft budget proposal which had been prepared by the clerk, and circulated prior to the meeting. Resolved that the budget for 2020/21 be set at £13, 174 and that the precept demand from Dorset Council be £12,120. This is the same precept amount as last year. It was generally felt that there were sufficient reserves to keep the precept at the same amount for the next year. Cllr Sewell abstained from voting.
070	Dorset Council Report Cllr Christopher was unable to attend as our meeting conflicted with a meeting of Dorset Council that he had to attend. He had sent a brief written report, which had been circulated; and was noted. Cllr Sewell stated that Dorset Councillors had a PowerPoint presentation which was to be sent to each council. The clerk would request a copy from Cllr Christopher, and then distribute it to all members.
071	Planning Applications There was a Tree in a Conservation area application in respect of Anchor House, Stoke Abbot. This was to fell 1 Oak tree and replace it with a Standard Ash Tree. The reason for the request was given as excessive shading and that the tree was a low amenity value specimen. Councillors were concerned about this application, and it was agreed that the chairman would visit the site and report back to the clerk. In addition the applicant wished to reduce a Macrocarpa tree by 2m to maintain shape, cut back an Ash tree that was very close to the house, and reduce two other Ash trees
072	Delegated Authority Applications WD/D/19/002188 Purcombe Farm. Change of use and conversion Support
073	Determinations

	<p>001810 & 002183 Lamberts Castle: Hardstanding and welcome board. Approved</p> <p>001120 Marshwood Post Office: Extension. Approved</p> <p>002099 1 Brooklyn Cottage, Stoke Abbot: French doors. Approved</p> <p>001959 Court Orchard Farm, Stoke Abbot: Garden room: Approved</p>
074	<p>Highways</p> <p>No progress had been made in getting the road sweeper to visit Stoke Abbot. Clerk to ask Cllr Christopher to please arrange this. The warning lines beside the Marshwood school had still not been put in place.</p> <p>It was felt that it would be useful to have a walk around the parishes with the local highway officer in the spring. Clerk would ask Cllr Christopher to arrange this.</p> <p>The Parish Lengthsman had contacted the clerk to ask if he was required to carry out drain work during the winter. The clerk had requested that he carry out essential works to prevent flooding.</p> <p>Concerns remained about the plans for diversions during incidents on the major roads. A meeting had been held, chaired by Oliver Letwin MP. This meeting had been very useful, but more work was necessary to put the emergency plan into operation.</p>
075	<p>Shave Cross Noticeboard</p> <p>Clerk had received a report to say that the noticeboard was in a poor state of repair. He questioned as to whether the facility was worth retaining if the noticeboard needed replacing. Agreed that it would be inspected and the state of it reported back to the clerk.</p>
076	<p>Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils Report</p> <p>Cllr Sewell reported that the meeting clashed with this evening's meeting, therefore she was unable to attend it. A report of that meeting would be circulated in due course.</p>
077	<p>BAVLAP Report</p>

	<p>Cllr Sewell requested that each parish within the boundaries of the area covered by this group contributes £100 to help the organisation. Resolved that this be paid once the Bacs details are received.</p>
078	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>The plan would shortly be examined by the independent examiner. Concerns had been raised about the future of the Bottle Inn. It was understood that the owner had appointed a tenant to run the pub, and that it would re-open shortly. It was agreed to place this on the agenda of the January meeting</p>
079	<p>Climate Change Emergency</p> <p>Agreed that parish councils should get together to see if recycling arrangements for items that do not fall under the present recycling arrangements could be put into place</p>
080	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 16th January 2020 at 7.30pm</p>

Items for the next Agenda:

- **Bottle Inn**
- **DAPTC and BAVLAP reports**
- **Climate Change and recycling**

Signature of Chairman

Date