

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 15th July commencing at

Present: Cllrs E Rowe (Chairman), A Cameron, J Sewell, A Edwards, C Rabbetts, E Bailey, J Piper and S Hudston.

In attendance: The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe

253	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr J Gillingham, Cllr R Wyatt and Cllr T Richards and Cllr M Bowditch
254	Declarations of interest There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting.
255	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 th May 2021 having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
256	Matters Arising There were no matters arising
257	Democratic Period A lady had contacted the clerk complaining about the large amount of dog waste near to the kennels. It was understood that this matter was being dealt with by Dorset Council and Cllr Christopher would be requested to provide an update on the situation
258	Accounts for Payment: Resolved to ratify the following payments: Creeds £598, Parish On Line £72 and Dorset APTC £234.07.
259	Financial Update: The financial update had been circulated prior to the meeting and was adopted. The financial assets of the Council stood at

	£14,644.33 as of the 13 th July 2021
260	<p>Marshwood Speed Device Project</p> <p>The German manufacture of the speed device have assured us that the latest version is very accurate. There will shortly be an official survey of speed problems at Marshwood.</p>
261	<p>Dorset Council</p> <p>No report received</p>
262	<p>Planning</p> <p>P/Ful/201/01364 Wild Swans, Mutton Street: Demolish existing dwelling and erect replacement dwelling. The meeting supported the application</p>
263	<p>Highways and Rights of Way</p> <p>Concerns had be raised at the poor condition of some bridleways in the area, which means that horse riders are experiencing difficulties navigating the rote. It was agreed that a full survey would be undertaken, and that if possible our parish Lengthsman would undertake some work.</p>
264	<p>Motion by Cllr S Hudston <i>That this council supports the AONB/River Car Project</i></p> <p>Cllr Hudston provided members with a booklet which fully explained this project. She explained that Charmouth, Broadwindsor and Chideock had already stated that they would support this scheme. She went on to explain that our support is required to enable further funds to be made available to this project. A film, made by Ian Rees of Dorset AONB is available and there is a questionnaire that can be completed. Members agreed that this was a very worthwhile project and agreed to fully support it.</p>
265	<p>Code of Conduct</p> <p>The clerk explained that Dorset Council had recently adopted the new Code of Conduct. This code, whilst longer, was easier to understand, and gave examples of various aspects to help members to complete the Register of interest in the correct way, and to ensure, as far as possible, that members kept to the code. Dorset would shortly introduce a digital Register of Interest which can be updated at any time by members. The meeting resolved to adopt the Dorset Code</p>
266	Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils

	Various circulars had been forwarded to members
267	<p>Beneath the Vale</p> <p>The next edition was being prepared which would include an article on the precept and finances of the council and some feedback regarding Dorset Council</p>
268	<p>Car Park Charges</p> <p>The meeting felt that local people who are unable to use public transport because it either does not exist, or if it does, is too infrequent, are penalised because they have to use their car to either go to work or visit shops, doctors and dentist. They felt that the proposed huge increase was very unfair and proved that Dorset Council was somewhat out of touch with the community</p>
250	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Correspondence had been circulated</p>
251	<p>Items of Urgency:</p> <p>There was a general feeling of disillusionment with Dorset Council. Whilst some time ago there had been meetings about working more closely with parish and town councils this had really come to nothing. Whilst it was appreciated that restrictions imposed by Covid-19 had not helped the situation, it was felt that far more could be done by Dorset Council to improve this situation, and members did not feel that much notice was taken of the views of either parish or town councils.</p>
252	Next Meeting: Thursday 16 th September 2020 at 7pm

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