

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council: John Vanderwolfe FILCM Chartered MCIPD

5 Halletts Way, Axminster, EX13 5NB 01297 34444 johnvw@tiscali.co.uk

Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 16th November 2023, commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr's E Rowe (Chairman), T Hurn, A Cameron, S Forsey, C Rabbetts and F Bailey.

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

504	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr's M Bowditch (sick), J Piper (sick) and J Sewell (away). No apologies received from Cllr's J Gillingham, T Richards or R Wyatt.
505	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 st September 2023, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record.
506	Matters Arising The chairman welcomed Cllr S Forsey to her first meeting of the council
507	Democratic Period A parishioner informed the meeting that a meeting recently took place at the Marshwood Parish Church in conjunction with the school. The proposal, he stated, was for the school to seek special funding to enable repairs to be undertaken on the church building. It was understood that the building would then be operated by the school rather than the PCC. He felt that there was a need to create a committee to deal with the funding application, and requested that members of this council be part of that. The clerk reminded the meeting that prior notice should have been received on this and that it could not be dealt with under the democratic period; but could, if the council permitted, be dealt with under items of urgency as there was no financial implications to this council.

508	Accounts for Payment: The following payment was ratified: S Lee £172.80, RBL £27.50, Thorncombe PC £500.00, J Vanderwolfe £141.40, Fly Software £5.99.
509	Financial Update: Members examined the income and expenditure account and were satisfied with it. The financial assets as of 1 st November 2023 were £27,770.18. Noted that a salary increase had now been approved effective from the 1 st April 2023. All staff rates would increase by £1 per hour.
510	Dorset Council Report A report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted
511	Planning P/HOU/2023/02797 Apple Tree Cottage, Stoke Abbott for refurbishment works was supported P/CLE/2023/04853 Greenacres, Mutton Street for retention of a converted railway carriage and small garden. Noted that this was a certificate of lawfulness. No objections were offered. P/FUL/2023/06395 & P/LBC/2023/06396 Bottle Inn, Marshwood. Solar Panels. Support
512	Highways and Rights of Way Work had taken place at the War Memorial Garden to prepare it for Remembrance Day. It was suggested that the Coronation bench would be better placed in the Churchyard than the War Memorial Garden as previously agreed. Agreed, subject to the written permission of the PCC that this take place. It was understood that whilst the church would be operated by the school the churchyard would remain under control of the PCC. The clerk asked if the churchyard was opened or closed; and was informed it was open.
513	Dorset Association Parish and Town Councils No report
514	Items or Urgency

	Agreed that Cllr's Cameron and Piper would be the council's representatives on the Community Use Group for the Church/School.
515	Correspondence Correspondence circulated via email on a regular basis.
516	Closing of Meeting The meeting was closed by the chairman at 7.50pm
517	Next Meeting It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on the 11 th January 2024 rather than a week later. This would be the budget/precept meeting. Members noted that this meeting would deal with the budget and precept demand for 2024/25.

Signature of Chairman -----

Date -----