

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Wednesday 17th May 2023, commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllrs J Sewell (Acting chairman), M Bowditch (arrived late), T Hurn, A Cameron, J Gillingham, C Rabbetts, J Piper, R Wyatt (arrived late)

In attendance: The Clerk, Mr J Vanderwolfe and one member of the public

As Cllr Bowditch was not present at the commencement of the meeting the meeting was opened by Cllr J Sewell.

448	Election of Chairman Cllr E Rowe was proposed as chairman by Cllr A Cameron, and seconded by Cllr J Sewell. There were no other applications. It was noted that Cllr Rowe had indicated that he would accept the position if it were offered to him. He would sign his Declaration of Office at the next meeting Cllr Bowditch was later thanked for his services to the council as chairman over a number of years.
449	Election of Vice-Chairman Cllr A Cameron was elected as vice-chairman having been proposed by Cllr J Gillingham and seconded by Cllr J Sewell
450	Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting
451	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr's E Rowe (away), T Richards (sickness) and F Bailey (work). Resolved to accept these apologies. An apology was also received from Cllr S Christopher (Dorset Council)
452	Minutes

	The minutes of the meeting held on the 16 th March 2023, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record. An addendum to the minutes, which had been agreed, was later removed on the request of the Dorset Monitoring Officer.
453	Matters Arising . No items brought forward
454	Annual Governance Statement The Annual Governance Statement was approved
455	Accounting Statement The Annual Accounting Statement was approved
456	Certificate of Exemption The Council resolved that as both income and expenditure for the year was under the £25k ceiling limit an exemption from an external audit would be applied for.
457	Accounts for Payment: J Vanderwolfe £19.30 and Bettiscombe Hall £70.00. Payments ratified.
458	Financial Update: Members were circulated with a list of all payments and receipts for the pas financial year which was agreed by members and signed by the chairman The financial assets of the council on the 1 st May 2023 were £23,581.49
459	Dorset Council Report Cllr S Christopher had forwarded a report to members prior to the meeting, for which he was thanked.
460	Democratic Period The owner of the Bottle Inn provided the meeting with an update on the refurbishment work and plans to reopen the pub. She stated that she hoped that the pub would be able to reopen by the end of the summer. .
461	Highways and Rights of Way Cllr's Gillingham and Rabbetts were given power to report back to the clerk regarding the request for a footpath diversion.

	A payment of £100 was agreed to be made for work done in the finger posts
462	Dorset Association Parish and Town Councils The next meeting is scheduled for the 22 nd May.
463	Other Reports Nil
464	Planning Applications P/LBC/2023/02559 Stoke Knapp Farm: Refurbishment and alterations. It was agreed that councillors would let the clerk know by Monday any views on this application.
465	Correspondence The planning officer dealing with Colmer Stud had contacted the clerk regarding the Section 106 obligation that the landowner would provide a car park surface, which would then become the property of the parish council. It was noted that this had been agreed by the Neighbourhood Plan working group. Members agreed to this in principle and asked for the clerk to ensure that the legal agreement was satisfactory for the protection of the council.
466	Closing of Meeting The meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.20pm
467	Next Meeting Thursday 20th July 2023 at 7pm

Signature of Chairman -----

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