

UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th July 2019 commencing at 7.30pm at Bettiscombe Village Hall

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

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

026	Apologies Apologies were receive from Cllr A Edwards and our Dorset Councillor, Cllr S Christopher.
027	Declarations of interest There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct made at this stage of the meeting.
028	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on the 16 th May 2019 were adopted as a true record with two alterations. In minute 004 Bettiscombe should read Pilsdon and Cllr Pippier should read Cllr Piper. The chairman then signed the minutes
029	Matters Arising No matters arising
030	Dorset Council Report <i>This is the report received from Cllr Christopher which was circulated prior to the meeting</i> Attended meetings with Highways to discuss flooding issues within the Vale. Highways to take action. Responded to concerns from residents re highways matters generally.

	<p>I have been appointed to the Dorset Council Economic Development Executive Advisory Panel.</p> <p>I have been invited to attend events with Dorset Highways and Trading Standards.</p> <p>Held discussions with officers re the cutting of verges, following the comments of concerned residents. The officers spoke of the “ logistical exercise “ of cutting 5,000 miles of Highway whilst trying to achieve positive improvements to benefit wildflowers on the highway verge.</p> <p>A meeting was held with the Head teacher of a local school in the ward and had discussions re the issues that he faces in a rural community.</p> <p>I spent a day out with local Marshwood Vale Farmers and heard of their concerns and successes.</p> <p>I welcome the result of a recent fly tipping prosecution, the offender was found guilty and is awaiting sentencing.</p> <p>As chair of planning, the application for a school, 500 houses, a care home and a hotel in Littlemoor near Weymouth was passed, in accordance with the officers recommendation at the July Planning Committee meeting.</p> <p>Made enquiries of Dorset Council re section of road where there was a record of accidents and requested that highways both urgently look at the roads in those areas and also confirm the regularity of checking road surfaces</p>
<p>031</p>	<p>Police Report</p> <p>No report received</p>
<p>032</p>	<p>Democratic Period</p> <p>A member of the public was concerned about the application for change of use of the former Marshwood Post Office stating that it would impose over their property and would be most intrusive. They were against the idea of a two storey development. They went on to state that the plans showed three windows which would directly overlook their property.</p> <p>A complaint was made about the state of the roads in Stoke Abbott that need a good sweep. Cllr Sewell would investigate this and ask our Dorset Councillor to action.</p>

<p>033</p>	<p>Accounts for Payment</p> <p>The following accounts were agreed for payment</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 414 826 804"> <tr> <td>S Lea</td> <td>1098.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marshwood PCC</td> <td>25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Axminster Printing</td> <td>269.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Groundwork UK</td> <td>1981.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC PAYE</td> <td>371.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Creeds</td> <td>350.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One.com</td> <td>41.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dorset Planning Consultancy</td> <td>2576.74</td> </tr> </table>	S Lea	1098.00	Marshwood PCC	25.00	Axminster Printing	269.55	Groundwork UK	1981.54	HMRC PAYE	371.20	Creeds	350.00	One.com	41.94	Dorset Planning Consultancy	2576.74
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<p>034</p>	<p>Financial Update</p> <p>The financial report was adopted. There was a question regarding earmarked funds, which was explained by the clerk. The clerk explained that an additional grant for the Neighbourhood Plan was scheduled to be paid in to our account on the 19th July.</p>																
<p>035</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Mr Summers, the chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan had sent out to all councillors a number of documents relating to the Neighbourhood Plan, which with the permission of this council would now be forwarded to Dorset Council. Dorset Council would arrange for the independent Inspector to be appointed; which hopefully would then lead to the public referendum being held possibly in early 2020. The chairman of the council thanked Mr Summers and his team for all their hard work. Mr Summers stated that they would not have been able to have done this task without the help and support of their consultant.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr A Cameron and seconded by Cllr Rowe that this Council adopts the Submission Draft Neighbourhood Plan and authorises that it be submitted to Dorset Council. To also authorise that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group be authorised to liaise with Dorset Council regarding any changes necessary and the appointment of the Independent Examiner. The motion was unanimously carried.</p>																
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	<p>WD/D/19/001120 Marshwood Post Office & Stores: Change of use from store and post office to residential dwelling with new extension to include carer's accommodation. Concerns were raised about the size of the proposal and that the extension should be subservient to the main property. Further concerns expressed that a two storey property would be over development and that the present design would be detrimental to the privacy of neighbours. Agreed that the council were not against the change of use aspect of the application.</p> <p>Whilst supporting the proposed change of use the council is unable to support the application for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposal would dominate the area as it is proposed to be a two storey building 2. The proposal would be over double the present footprint and it is felt would be over development 3. There are concerns that the proposal would be intrusive to neighbours and that the proposal, if accepted, would overlook their property to the extent that it would interfere with their privacy. <p>The motion was passed with Cllr T Richards requesting that his name be recorded as being in favour of the application.</p>
<p>037</p>	<p>Determinations</p> <p>WD/D/19/000652/3 Lady Haye, Village Street, Stoke Abbott: Replace conservatory roof. Approved.</p> <p>WD/D/19/000370 Middebrook Farm: Agricultural building. Approved</p>
<p>038</p>	<p>Highways and Rights of Way</p> <p>The road near Blackney Cottage has sunken and needs attention. Chairman agreed to report this. Point made that all road defects should be reported via the Dorset Highway reporting system.</p> <p>A complaint had been received about the condition of the bridleway at Nash Lane. Clerk had requested a report on the condition of this route so that it could be forwarded to the ROW section.</p> <p>A complaint had been received regarding the cutting of verges that had destroyed wild flowers. Cllr Christopher was looking into this matter. It is understood that there is a new verge cutter that collects the grass rather</p>

	<p>than leaving it on site.</p> <p>Concerns regarding the speedwatch operation. It was stated that a person had appeared from the hedge and had nearly been run over. The clerk would contact Cllr Edwards regarding this. Cllr Edwards had forwarded the latest figures for speedwatch which had been circulated to all members.</p>
039	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>A copy of a letter sent to Cllr Christopher had been dealt with under the previous item.</p>
040	<p>Items of Urgency</p> <p>Nil</p>
041	<p>Motion to move into Private session</p> <p>Moved that the next item be deal with in private under the Local Government (Meetings) Act 1960 and that the public and the press be excluded because of the sensitive nature of the business to be discussed. The motion was carried</p>
042	<p>Beneath the Vale</p> <p>Recent articles were discussed and actions were agreed which were to the agreement of all parties concerned.</p>
043	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 19th September at 7.30pm</p>

Items for the next Agenda:

- **Trust Fund**
- **DAPTC and BAVLAP reports**
- **Climate Change**

Signature of Chairman -----

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