

**UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024, commencing at 7pm**

**Present:** Cllr’s E Rowe (Chairman), F Bailey, J Gillingham, C Rabbetts , J Sewell , S Forsey, J Piper and T Hurn

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

<b>537</b>	<b>Apologies</b>  Apologies were received from Cllr’s Cameron and Bowditch. Post meeting apologies received from Cllr’s Wyatt and Bowditch.
<b>538</b>	<b>Minutes</b>  The minutes of the meeting held on the 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024, having been previously circulated, were adopted as a true record.
<b>539</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>  Land Trust AGM 21 <sup>st</sup> April at Blackdown Village Hall.
<b>540</b>	<b>Democratic Period</b>  The owner of Templeman’s Ash spoke to the meeting regarding her planning application stating that it was retrospective.  A resident spoke about the poor state of roads in the Pilsdon area.  A parishioner asked what action the council takes if planning conditions are not complied with. A photograph was produced in which they stated that a large barn had not been screened  A parishioner made the point that the roads in the area had been designed for horses and carts rather than the modern farm machinery that uses them today. As a result of this the road surfaces and verges are being damaged.

<b>541</b>	<b>Accounts for Payment:</b> The following payment was ratified: HMRC PAYE £224.20, Society Clerks £100.00, Glasdons £630.82, Bettiscombe Hall £120.00, James Briggs £267.48 & J Vanderwolfe £85.58
<b>542</b>	<b>Financial Update:</b>  <b>Members examined the financial update and approved it. The financial assets as at 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were £23,936.54</b>
<b>543</b>	<b>Dorset Council Report</b> A report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted
<b>544</b>	<b>Planning</b>  P/FUL/2024/01161 Green Acres, Marshwood: Retention of railway carriage as holiday accommodation: <b>Members voted to support this application.</b>  P/FUL/2024/01161 3 Templeman’s Ash, Pilsdon: Extend existing animal rescue centre and erect six new buildings and construct new track: <b>Members agreed to defer a decision regarding this application until they had undertaken a site visit. Cllr Rowe had declared a pecuniary interest in this application and left the hall whilst the application was being discussed.</b>  An application for Cutty Stubs had been received after the posting of the agenda. P/Ful/2024/00942. <b>Members agreed to a site visit.</b>  <b>P/VOC/2024/01333 North of Broadwindsor Road :</b> Outline for 100 dwellings . <b>This is only for a change regarding highway access.</b>
<b>545</b>	<b>Elections May 2024</b>  The clerk explained that there would be an election of parish councillors on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> May. He outlined the procedure and stated that he was willing to discuss this further with anyone interested in putting their names forward for one of the four parishes in the Upper Marshwood Vale group.
<b>546</b>	<b>Dorset Association Parish and Town Councils</b>  No report
<b>547</b>	<b>Marshwood Church/School</b>  A meeting has been arranged for the 25 <sup>th</sup> March. The Parochial Church Council wish to see the building used more by the community including the school. They have suggested asking the community how the building could be used

	more. There was a suggestion that the parish council could assist with the cost of mowing the Churchyard. The clerk stated that a formal written request would need to be made so that it could be considered by the new council who would take office in May. It was confirmed that there were no plans at present to close the churchyard.
<b>548</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> Correspondence circulated via email on a regular basis.
<b>549</b>	<b>Items of Urgency</b> .Nil
<b>550</b>	<b>Closing of Meeting</b> The meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.10pm
<b>551</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b> Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7pm. The meeting will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Signature of Chairman** -----

**Date** -----