UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on the 20th May 2010.

Present: Cllr's R Wyatt (Chairman), F Bailey, R Bugler, J McClellan, C Rabbetts, M Rowe, R Warburton and J Young.

In attendance: The Clerk, Cllr Knox (Dorset County Council and Cllr Sewell (West Dorset District Council).

274	Election of Chairman The chairman, Cllr R Wyatt, opened the meeting and invited nominations for the position of chairman for the ensuing civic year. Cllr J McClellan proposed Cllr R Wyatt. This was seconded by Cllr R Warburton. There were no other nominations, therefore Cllr R Wyatt was duly elected chairman for the ensuing year.
275	Declaration of Office Cllr R Wyatt read out and signed the Declaration of Office, which was witnessed by the Clerk to the Council.
276	Election of Vice-Chairman The chairman informed the meeting that whilst not present, Cllr Bowditch had indicated that he would be willing to take the position if it was offered to him. Cllr Rowe proposed Cllr Bowditch, seconded by Cllr Bugler. There were no other nominations, therefore Cllr Bowditch was duly elected Vice – Chairman.
277	Outside bodies Beaminster Group: Cllr M Bowditch Bridport Group: Cllr R Wyatt DAPTC: Mr J Vanderwolfe Parish Plan: Cllr's J Young & J McClellan.
278	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr's D Borradaile (meeting), M Bowditch (away), J Walther (business). Resolved that these apologies be accepted. Apologies were also received from Cllr Col Brierely O.B.E. (Dorset County Council) and Cllr Robinson (West Dorset District Council). Which were noted.

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279	Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 th March 2010 were adopted as a true record and duly signed by the chairman.
280	Matters Arising There were no matters arising.
281	County and District Councillors' Reports Cllr Knox informed the meeting that she had received numerous complaints regarding the cutting of hedges during the period when only safety cuts should be made. She promised to look into this issue and report back. The problem with who is responsible for doing remedial work to prevent future flooding in Stoke Abbot continues. One landowner
	being reluctant to take responsibility in case he then takes on a duty which, in his opinion, is not his. Further investigation will be made in the hope that this problem can be sorted as soon as possible.
	Cllr Robinson had provided a written report which was circulated to all councillors and is attached to the minutes.
	Cllr Sewell is concerned about the problems highlighted by Cllr Robinson in relation to the Affordable Homes project for Marshwood.
282	Accounts for Payment Accounts, as presented by the clerk, were resolved to be paid. A copy is attached to the minutes and was circulated to all councillors present.
283	Annual Accounts for year ending 31st March 2010 Resolved to adopt the accounts as circulated.
284	Annual Governance Statement The clerk went through the various statements as listed on the Governance Statement and the meeting resolved that, in its opinion, it had complied with all aspects of the requirements under the Financial Regulations.
285	Planning There were no planning applications for Upper Marshwood Vale, however the meeting noted two applications for the adjoining Char Valley Parish. 1/D/10/000636/Oaklands, Fishpond Bottom Road, Fishpond: Demolish agricultural barn and workshop and replace with new barn and workshop. No Comments. 1/D/10/000741 Paddock Farm, Paddocks Lane, Broadoak: Erect
	stable block and detached garage/car port. Change of use of part

of paddock area for horses. No comments. Determinations 1/D/10/000169 Middlebrook Farm, Card Mill Lane, Whitchurch 2 Agricultural buildings. Approved 1/D/10/000269 Penn View. Shave Cross Single storey extension and internal alterations. Approved 1/D/10/000343 Shave Cross Inn, Shave Cross Extend accommodation block to form residents lounge. Approved. Letter from Development Services stating that the application made in respect of Brimley Farm, Stoke Road, Stoke Abbott for 3 bay extension has been determined as being within General Permitted Development, therefore prior approval is not required. apart from being informed when the development is substantially completed. Noted. Supplementary Planning Obligations Guidelines: The document was circulated around the meeting for councillors to view, and was duly noted. 286 Parish Lengthsman Scheme The chairman updated the meeting in regards to this scheme. There had been a meeting between Char Valley and the chairman and clerk, together with the contractor on the 11th May. Following that meeting the scheme had commenced on Monday 15th May. The contractor has already undertaken work for both councils. There is a possibility of other councils buying into the scheme. The chairman asked that any problems are reported to him. He will normally issue the works orders on Monday mornings. 287 Items of Urgency: No items 288 Council Diary Agreed that the July, November, March and May meetings would be held at Bettiscombe; with the September and January meetings being held at Stoke Abbott. Noted that the May 2011 meeting date will be determined by the election date. The 2011 Annual Parish Meeting would be held at Bettiscombe, as it had been agreed to alternate this event each year. 289 Correspondence a) Bridport Local Area Partnership meeting would be held at Mountfield, Bridport on Thursday 27th May at 2.15pm b) The clerk had received a number of letters regarding a

	dispute between landowners over a fence. He emphasised that it would be unwise for this council to become involved in such a dispute. Agreed. c) Cards with telephone contact number for general services at Dorset County Council -01305 221000 were distributed. d) Letter from Highway Maintenance (passed to the clerk by our County Councillor) providing priorities of service due to cuts in budgets. Noted
290	Date of Next Meeting
	15 th July at Bettiscombe Village Hall @ 7.30pm.