UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council: John Vanderwolfe FILCM Chartered MCIPD

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2017 2017 commencing at 7.30pm at Bettiscombe Village Hall

Present: Cllr's M Bowditch (chairman), F Bailey, T Brown, A Cameron, C Rabbetts, T Richards, J Gillingham and E Rowe

In attendance: The Clerk (Mr J Vanderwolfe), Cllr D Turner (Dorset County Council) and four members of the public.

Non Attendance: Cllr's R Wyatt

243	Apologies			
	Apologies were received from Cllr's A Edwards (work), C Gray (away).			
	Resolved to accept these apologies.			
244	Declarations of Interest			
	No Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct were made			
245	Minutes			
	The Minutes of the meeting held on the 16 th November 2017 were			
	adopted as a true record			
246	Matters Arising			
	There were no matters arising			
247	Democratic Period			
	Cllr Turner informed the meeting that East Dorset and Purbeck had now			
	agreed to the Unitary proposals. It was understood that Christchurch			
	were still unhappy with going in with Poole and Bournemouth.			
248	Accounts for Payment: Following accounts agreed for Payment:			
	S Lee Garden Services Invoice 3248 £345.60, J Vanderwolfe £295.05 and			
	£161.05.			

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249	Financial Update
	Members were provided with an updated income and expenditure sheet which was agreed. The bank reconciliation dated the 4 th December 2017 was also agreed. Concerns that funds were going to be low for the rest of the financial year. Hopefully a grant will be obtained for the Neighbourhood Plan which will restore some of the funds. Concerns that works undertaken by the Lengthsman need to be monitored more closely. There were also concerns that He may not have an up to date Chapter 8 certificate. Further reports that he does not always put warning signs up when working on the highway which is a legal requirement. The clerk would write to him on this matter
250	Budget and Precept for 2018/19
	Members went through the draft budget prepared by the clerk. It was agreed that if the present Lengthsman work was to continue there was a need to increase the precept contribution. The reserves also needed to be topped up. The clerk also explained that most parishes were also making a pensions contribution. WDDC were also refusing to pass on the LCTS Grant to town and parish councils in the next financial year.
	Resolved that the budget for 2018/19 be set at £12,900 and that the precept demand from WDDC be £12,000. The D rate would be £38.27; an annual increase of £7.80.
251	Planning
	WD/D/17/002644 Holdscroft Lodge, Marshwood: Demolition and replacement of existing building. Renovation of three ancillary buildings and re-positioning of vehicular access and parking. Whilst supporting the principle of the proposed renovation works the Council feels that the proposed replacement dwelling is not in keeping with the area. In particular members do not like the proposed design of the roof. The Council has no objections to the renovation of the three ancillary buildings.
	WD/D/17/002585 I Hillview, Marshwood: Erection of conservatory: Support
	WD/D/17/002482 Hillside Cottage, Rose and Crown Crossroads: Erection of a two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension: Support
252	Determinations

	WD/D/17/002080 Marshwood Manor: Change of use: Approved			
253	Correspondence			
	None			
254	Items of Urgency			
	No items			
255	Next Meeting:			
	Thursday 18 th January 2018 at 7.30pm			

Expenditure	Budget	Expect	2018
Salaries	3240	3252	3382
Insurance	300	280	300
Lenghsman	4000	4000	5000
Office Allowance	120	120	120
Room Hire	120	120	120
Subscriptions	280	280	298
Stationery	60	100	80
Post and Telephone	30	20	30
Training	100	0	100
Website	250	100	100
Newsletter	1100	1000	1000
Audit	100	135	0
Travel Costs	130	130	120
Fingerposts	300	0	200
Grants	100	100	50
Reserves	0	0	2000
	10230	9637	12900
Income	Budget		
LCTS Grant	78	78	0
Precept	9502	9502	12000
Advertising	650	432	600
Vat refund	0	450	300
	<u>10230</u>	10462	12900
Taxbase	311.8		313.5
D Rate	30.47		38.27
Last year	29.76		30.47
Difference	0.71		7.80
Percentage increase	2.40%		25.60%