UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th March 2018 commencing at 7.30pm at Bettiscombe Village Hall

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

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

Non Attendance: Cllr C Gray, Cllr M Roberts, Cllr R Knox.

272	Apologies
	Apologies were received from Cllr's A Edwards (family) and E Rowe (work). Resolved to accept these apologies. An apology was noted from Cllr J Sewell (West Dorset District Council
273	Declarations of Interest
	No Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct were made
274	Minutes
	The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 th January 2018 were adopted as a true record
275	Matters Arising
	There were no matters arising
276	Democratic Period
	There were no items raised in this session
277	County and District Council Reports
	The Secretary of State had now agreed the Unitary Authority. It will be called Dorset Council and will have 82 elected members. He also confirmed that WDDC are still looking for areas of land for development.

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278	Accounts for Payment: Following accounts agreed for Payment :
	Creeds £327.00, J Vanderwolfe £322.10 (2 months), S Lee £835.20,
	Bettiscombe Hall £125.00, Websafe Ltd £84.00, J Vanderwolfe £389.45.
279	Financial Update
	The financial update was distributed and agreed. The Vat refund and Neighbourhood Plan grant had now been received. The clerk stated that he was awaiting the decision of HMRC as to whether they felt that the Council should be fully Vat registered.
280	Internal Control
	Members had examined the internal controls of the council and considered they were adequate
281	Planning
	WD/D/18/000104 Old Chapel Yard, Marshwood: Erect semi-detached garage. Support
	WD/D/18/000362 Annandale, Village Street, Stoke Abbott: Erection of raised timber decked terrace with wire balustrades, alteration to external door & window. Support
	WD/D/18/000321 Cowdea Farm, Bettiscombe: Demolition of existing farmhouse and replacement with a new built farmhouse: Support
	WD/D/17/003011 Tardly, North Bowood: Erection of two storey and single storey extension and installation of PV solar panels: This application was dealt with under delegation and was supported.
	WD/D/17/003009 Lower Park Farm: Removal of old farm building and erection of detached timber framed garage/store room. This application was dealt with under delegation and was supported
282	Determinations
	Holdscroft Lodge: Demolition and replacement of existing dwelling and renovation of ancillary building: Approved
	Lower Park Farm: Removal of old farm building and erection of detached timber garage/store room: Approved
	1 Hillview, Marshwood: Conservatory: Approved
283	Highways and Rights of Way

	It was agreed that a new process needed to be put in place to ensure that work undertaken by the lengthsman is prioritised and monitored. Cllr's Bowditch and Wyatt would liaise on a monthly basis with the lengthsman. Concerns about the large amount of mud on Pilsdon and Back Lane from contractor. Cllr Gillingham to report via highways website and copy in Cllr Turner.
284	Annual Parish Meeting
	Agreed that this would take place on Thursday 17 th May at 7.30pm. The Council meeting would follow the Annual Parish Meeting. It was further agreed that the Highways Officer would be invited to attend the meeting.
285	Newsletter
	The next edition is underway and would soon be going to the printers.
286	Neighbourhood Plan
	This will now move forward following receipt of funds. Funds have to be used by end of March. Any unspent funds will have to be returned, but can be applied for again.
287	Devolution of Assets Questionnaire
	Members went through this questionnaire which will be sent on-line by the clerk.
288	BLAP Meeting
	The chairman had attended this meeting, in which the questionnaire dealt with in the previous item was discussed. He stated that he had found the interaction from the other parishes useful and will attend further meetings if possible
289	Chideock Bypass
	There would not appear to be any financial plans from the Government for this by-pass. Members noted that the Axminster by-pass had recently been agreed and work should commence in 2020.
290	Marshwood Speedwatch

293	Next Meeting:
292	No items
291	Correspondence No items
	It was confirmed that Cllr Edwards was leading on this. Some new signs had been placed on the road near the school. The County Council were looking at the possibility of having a new entrance in the school wall and possibly a new footpath. It was also understood that Martin Underhill, the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner was going to visit the site to view for himself the speeding problems in the village.