## **UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL**

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## Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 , commencing at 7pm

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

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

427	Apologies
	Apologies for the following councillors were received after the meeting: Cllr J Gillingham and Cllr T Hurn
428	Resignation
	Cllr A Edwards had sent in her resignation as a member of the council due to health and family problems. Resolved that a vote of thanks be sent to her for her sterling work on the council over a number of years
429	Declarations of Interest
	There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting
430	Minutes
	The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2023, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
431	Matters Arising
	Glasdon had confirmed the order for the four benches. A fully coloured plaque would appear on the benches commemorating the coronation of King Charles III on the 6 <sup>th</sup> May. A commemorative plaque would also acknowledge that the benches had been presented by Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council.
432	Accounts for Payment: Resolved to ratify the following payments: J Vanderwolfe £89.20, Website Solutions £37.50, HMRC PAYE £480.40 and

	Gladsdon £6912.00.
433	Financial Update:
	The financial update was agreed. Bank reconciliation as of 14th March 2023 was £24,410.49.
435	Annual Business Risk Assessment  Members agreed that they had done all in their power to ensure the assets of the council had been protected during the financial year.
436	<b>Dorset Council Report</b> Cllr S Christopher had forwarded a report to members prior to the meeting, for which he was thanked.
437	Democratic Period
	The Neighbourhood team had met and reviewed the draft Dorset Plan and also the National Policy Framework. It was understood that the recommendations was that Neighbourhood Plans be reviewed every five years, rather than two years. It was considered that our Neighbourhood Plan should be reviewed in the middle of 2024.
	The Neighbourhood Plan team hoped that the council would now support the Colmer Stud site in Mutton Street as they felt that it was now in line with the Neighbourhood Plan
	The new owners of the Bottle Inn had discovered some wallpaper dating back to 1940
	The applicant for the various Pilsdon Diary planning applications explained why this was required.
	A resident was concerned about the large number of blocked drains in Norway Lane. It was understood that the work was beyond our parish Lengthsman, and would therefore need to be passed to Dorset Council.
	A resident was concerned about excessive speeding through Stoke Abbott. The present speed limit through the village is actually the National Speed limit of 60mph. The chairman would seek the opinion of other Stoke Abbott residents on this matter.
438	Highways and Rights of Way
	Members examined the proposed diversion routes footpaths W32/16 and W32/17. There would seem to be some confusion in respect of the actual definitive route of this path, therefore it was agreed that a site meeting would be arranged in the near future
	The Definitive Map Technical Officer had written to the council stating that following a change to Bridleway 76 9Marshwood W32/76) there was a need to

	issue an amendment to the Definitive Statement. This was noted
440	Jubilee Benches
	Benches would arrive shortly
441	Marshwood Speed Report
	The latest speeding data had recently been circulated. Agreed that a new battery be purchased for the speed indicator system.
442	Other Reports
	Nil
443	Planning Applications
	P/FUl/2021/00544 Colmer Stud, Mutton Street: 4 dwellings and one retail unit. Members supported the amended plan as it complies with the Neighbourhood Plan. Need to ensure car park is screened from the road.
	P//CLE/2023/00792 Merrywood, Manshay Lane: Certificate of Lawfulness for mobile home in use for more than 10 years. Noted
	P/FUL/2023/00796/97,98.99.801,802 Pilsdon Dairy, Bettiscombe: Roof over manure store and covering of cattle loading yard. Support
444	Determinations
	It was noted that the Nutkins applications, that had been dealt with at the previous meeting had been refused, Some members felt that the reasons for refusal were out of date.
445	Correspondence
	Nil
446	Closing of Meeting
	The meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.20pm
447	Next Meeting
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7pm. This will be the Annual Council meeting.

Signat	ure of Chairman
Date	