UPPER MARSHWOOD VALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Council Meeting held at Bettiscombe Village Hall on Thursday 19th January 2023 , commencing at 7pm

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

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

The Chairman, Cllr M Bowditch welcomed Cllr T Hurn to his first council meeting. The clerk informed the meeting that Cllr Hurn had signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

409	Apologies
	Apologies received from Cllr's A Edwards and C Rabbetts.
410	Declarations of Interest
	There were no Declarations of Interest under the Code of Conduct at this stage of the meeting
411	Minutes
	The minutes of the meeting held on the 17 th November 2022 having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true record.
412	Matters Arising
	The clerk had received a telephone call from a young lady who was unable to get out of her road because of the ice on the road. He had called out our Lengthsman, who had responded with great speed. The lady had sent an email thanking the council for its prompt attention.
	Correspondence received stating that the Bottle Inn exchange of contracts should happen very soon,
413	Accounts for Payment: Resolved to ratify the following payments: CPRE
	£36.00, HMRC PAYE £240.20, Society Council Clerks £100 and Bridport

	CAB £100.00	
414	Financial Update:	
	The financial update was agreed. Bank reconciliation as at 2/1/23 was £26,011.76	
415	Budget and Precept 2023/24 Resolved that the budget for 2023/24 be set at £12,407 and that the precept demand remains at £12,306. The D rate charge for the parish contribution would be £38.70 for the year.	
416	Dorset Council Report Cllr S Christopher had forwarded a report to members prior to the meeting, for which he was thanked. He was very concerned at the growing amount of cases of poverty around the Vale. The council was looking to double the rates on second homes, although, if implemented this would not come into effect until 2024/25.	
417	Democratic Period	
	A parishioners spoke regarding a project for a holiday accommodation which had not yet been submitted to the planning team.	
	Concerns expressed that no response had been received regarding a right of way near the Bottle Inn even though the enquiry had been made back in 2019.	
	Members of the public spoke against the planning application for Nutkins Hollow, stating it was not in line with the Neighbourhood Plan and the development was in an isolated area of the village. It had not been listed as an exemption site on the West Dorset Local Plan.	
418	Highways and Rights of Way	
	Lengthsman would be asked to examine gullies to prevent flooding.	
419	Jubilee Benches	
	Agreed to go ahead with the purchase of four benches. Benches to be delivered to Cllr Gillingham.	
420	DAPTC	
	No update	
421	Marshwood Speed Report	
	Mrs Goulding was now dealing with the speed indicator system and would provide data to the council in the future. She felt that speeds were still fairly high through the village.	
422	Little Giant Wood	

	No update
423	Planning Applications
	P/CLP/2023/00072 willow Farm: Certificate of Lawful use: Noted
	P/FUL/2022/07874/Hillview Farm, Marshwood: Replacement dwelling and new garage. Members supported this application.
	P/FUL/2022/07578 Nutkins Hollow, Mutton Street: Erection of row of terraced cottages to create three dwellings. Members debated this application for some time, and although accepting it was development within a non-sustainable community it felt that there was a need for this sort of housing. They asked if a S106 condition regarding use by local people could be added.
424	Correspondence
	Nil
425	Closing of Meeting
	The meeting was closed by the chairman at 8.50pm
426	Next Meeting
	Thursday 16 th March 2023 at 7pm.

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