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*Minutes of a special meeting held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 17th October 2018 at Upwey and Broadway Memorial Hall,
Victoria Avenue, Weymouth DT3 5NG*

1. PRESENT & APOLOGIES:

Present: Chair – Ms Jenny Webster. Vice Chair – Mr Charles Norman. Councillors: Mr Raymond Williams, Mrs Yvonne Doble, Mr Graham Brant, Mr Alec Walters, Mr Roger Holehouse, Ms Suzanne McSevney

Clerk to the Parish Council: Andrew Harrison. **Apologies:** Mr Derek Read

Members of the public: Mr Bernard Cox

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.

2.1. There were no declarations.

3. REFERENCE TO STANDING ORDERS. The Clerk informed the council that under section 29 of the standing orders, planning applications deemed to be major could be referred to the whole council at a special meeting, notice of which would be three clear days.

4. PLANNING MATTERS

4.1. **WD/D/18/001942** - Construction of slurry lagoon (Full), WHITCOMBE BARN FARM, WHITCOMBE DOWN ROAD, WHITCOMBE, DORCHESTER, DT2 8NL

The Clerk outlined the planning application as it stood, and discussions and email conversations that had taken place up to the date of the meeting. Cllr Brant noted that the lack of contact from the planning officer, despite repeated attempts by the Clerk to contact him, was unprofessional.

Some discussion of different aspects of the application followed. The Clerk read out some of the responses from other consultees. It was noted that the Environment Agency, despite being a statutory consultee, had not responded to date. Mr Cox, the applicant was present at the meeting and was able to answer a number of questions from the council.

The council agreed that the remaining areas of concern were (i) the integrity of local boreholes and the Empool extraction point for drinking water, (ii) conflicting traffic movements on the A352 at Whitcombe and (iii) that use of the lagoon, if approved, be tied to the holding. The Clerk undertook to respond to the planning consultation, and to email a copy of the response to councillors.

5. MATTERS OF INTEREST, INFORMATION OR OTHER BUSINESS

5.1. Cllr Holehouse informed councillors of details that had been published in the local press regarding changes proposed by the shadow Dorset council to the election recharging arrangements. The Clerk outlined the proposed changes to councillors, and undertook to raise the matter with Mr Ireland and Mr Freeman ahead of further discussion at the next meeting.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21st November 2018

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

<p><u>LOCATION FOR NEXT MEETING:</u> UPWEY AND BROADWAY MEMORIAL HALL, VICTORIA AVENUE, WEYMOUTH DT3 5NG</p>
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