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Dear Councillor Arnold

Thank you for your email of the 19<sup>th</sup> May.

I was not at the meeting you refer to. I have spoken to independent people who were present. The article reflected the feelings of the Marshwood people present at the meeting. There was no intention of causing offence.

In re reading the article I can find no mention of the Thorncombe Parish Council.

I am truly sorry that you thought that this was casting aspersions on your council. I am assured that no such thing was intended.

On behalf of the Upper Marshwood Parish council I apologise for the concern caused to you and your council.

I hope that my apology will restore neighbourly relations between our councils. Yours sincerely

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