

VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

**of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, held at 7.30 pm in Gussage All Saints
Village Hall on Tuesday 30TH May 2017**

PRESENT

Cllr Mr J. Campbell - Chairman

Cllr Mr S. Wathen – Vice Chairman

**Cllr Mr D. Gill, Cllr Mrs S. Gilchrist, Cllr Mrs M. Cook, Cllr Ms D. White, Cllr Mrs P. Hill,
Cllr Mr R. Hill**

Also present was the Parish Clerk Mrs K. Bradbury

17/19. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, County Councillor Mr S. Butler and District Councillor Mr S. Tong.

17/20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest to report.

17/21. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING

There were no requests for dispensations to report.

17/22. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

**17/23. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON –
Tuesday 2nd May 2017**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 (pages (1193 - 1199) were approved, but could not be adopted and signed because the minute of the Public Participation Session had been omitted. **Refer to the next Parish Council meeting.**

17/24. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **3/17/0832/FUL, Southfield, Mead Lane, Gussage All Saints:** this planning application for an agricultural Barn has been refused on the grounds of its position within the AONB. Members were confused as they thought that agricultural barns were considered to be permitted development. The Clerk was requested to contact Ms J. Lynch to outline the problems that have been arising over the changes in planning procedures.
- b. **Overgrown Hedge, Uppington Hill:** The hedge is still overgrown and householders have not taken steps to cut them back. The Clerk was requested to follow up with Mr Pat waterman and to contact the bus company.

17/25: COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report this month.

17/26. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report this month.

17/27. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **Burial Ground:** Following discussions with Rev Suzie Allen, it was reported that as the burial ground extension was gifted to the Parish Council, the Parish Council should take over the management of the burial ground from the church. This will involve extra working time for the clerk but it is impossible to judge how many extra hours will be necessary to begin with. **It was resolved to approve an increase of four hours per month; a course of training for the Clerk to carry out these duties and the purchase of the required stationery.**
- b. **Affordable Housing:** There was a comprehensive discussion of the necessity for affordable housing and the type of housing that might be required in the Vale of Allen. It was agreed to go ahead with a Housing Needs Survey in the Vale of Allen provided that the Parish Council could have an input into the type of questions that would be included in the questionnaire. The Clerk was asked to invite Bryony Stevens to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss possibilities.
- c. **Manswood Play Area:** It was considered that the rules governing any arrangement with the residents of The Buildings to cut the grass on a regular basis would have to be clearly set out in a letter to all the residents. **It was resolved to approve and accept the offer by residents of The Buildings to cut the Manswood Play Area grass for a trial period of 1year.**
- d. **Annual Parish Meetings:**
1. **Gussage All Saints:** The question of dog fouling was raised. Gussage All Saints is a popular area for dog walkers using the bridleways and footpaths. Residents have contacted the dog warden who has put up some signs.
 2. **Hinton Martell:**
 - i. 20mph speed limit for the village – Contact Mr P. Waterman.
 - ii. School Bus Route: requests for a change of route that avoids Uppington Hill have been ignored. Contact Bus company.
 - iii. Bus Shelter: A questionnaire to canvass opinion is being distributed to all residents.
 - iv. Hinton Parva Noticeboard: a letter to all residents to decide on a suitable location.
 - v. Fingerpost at Horseshoe Common: there are sufficient funds to go ahead with the refurbishment.
 3. **Witchampton & Crichel:**
 - i. Rest & Be Thankful Seat: a request for donations will be included in the next issue of the free Gardener magazine.
 - ii. Fingerposts: Holt Parish has replaced its fingerposts using plastic letters and numbers. Holt has kindly donated their old die-cast letters and numbers to be used by the Vale of Allen. This should help to reduce some of the costs of the refurbishment.

e. DAPTC Training

Date	Time	Course	Venue	Cost
Saturday 27 th May	10 am – Noon	Essentials for Councillors (part 1)	Tarrant Keynston Village Hall	£65 for both sessions

Saturday 24 th June	10 am – Noon	Essentials for Councillors (part 2)	Tarrant Keynston Village Hall	See above
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17/28. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Type
3/17/0962	High Lea Farm, Witchampton Lane, Hinton Martell	Re-location of digestate storage lagoon following permission granted 3/13/0781	FUL

Parish Council comments on Planning Applications

- a. **Planning Application 3/17/0962, High Lea Farm, Witchampton Lane, Hinton Martell.** Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION. Does not need to be considered by the Planning Committee. It was noted that the Parish Council comment was sent to the planning department well within the statutory deadline but the decision notice was posted on the 15th May 2017. Another problem to be reported to Ms J. Lynch.

17/29. EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Decision
3/17/0594/ HOU	4 Primrose Hill, Witchampton	Two storey rear extension and single storey side extension. Re-submission of 3/16/1887/HOU	Permit
3/17/0832/ FUL	Southfield, Gussage All Saints	Erection of agricultural Barn	Refuse

17/30. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

- a. **3/17/1193/TCA, Bobbin Holme, Emley Lane, Hinton Martell.** Request to fell T1 & T2 Lawson Cypress. The response to this item missed the deadline but the Parish Council opinion was - No Objection.
- b. **3/16/1406/FUL, Southfield, Mead Lane, Gussage All Saints.** Notification of an appeal against the non-determination by East Dorset District Council. Deadline for representations is 26th June 2017.

17/31. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a **Authorisation and payment of Cheques:** The cheques having been approved were signed by Cllr Mrs S. Gilchrist and Cllr Mr R. Hill

	Details	Amount (£)	Cheque No:
1	Mr M.J. Gracey Parish Council Website	500	874
2	Life Education Wessex (St Johns School)	100.00	875
3	Cllr Mrs M. Cook - Photocopying for Annual Parish Meeting	8.00	876
	Came & Co Annual Insurance Premium 2017/187	711.38	877
4	C.T. Mee Burial Ground Grass, May 2017, Bus Shelters, R&BT Seat May and Manswood Seat Grass and annual maintenance	184.00	878
	Total	1503.38	

b Confirmation was received that the first half of the Precept - £6,850 – has been received from East Dorset District Council.

17/32. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Cranborne AONB:** Newsletter – distributed to all members
- b. **DCC Highways:** Temporary 40mph speed limit on the A354, Tarrant Hinton to Handley Cross Roundabout. From 24th May to 27th May for resurfacing.
- c. **Dorset Wildlife Trust:** An information leaflet regarding the change of approach to managing verges and verge cutting.
- d. **DAPTC Extraordinary Chief Executive’s Circular:** Timetable for submitting motions for the DAPTC AGM
- e. **Clerks and Councils Direct:** May 2017 Issue
- f. **Great Dorset Steam Fair:** Complementary Tickets and 2 for 1 vouchers to be shared out between the Parishes. These could be raffled to raise funds for your local charity.
- g. **Blandford Town Council:** Notification that Councillor Mrs Esme Butler has passed away. She was major of Blandford four times and worked tirelessly for her community. If you knew her you may want to send condolences to Blandford Town Council (Mrs Linda Scott-Giles is the Town Clerk).

17/33. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a. **Cllr R. Hill:** It was reported that letters and numbers for the past at Mead Lane are being produced and that the Cranborne AONB has given a grant of £1360 towards the refurbishment. Other wards may wish to apply.
- b. **Cllr P. Hill**
 - i. The road markings at the Stanbridge pumping station have not been attended to and there is debris on the road.
 - ii. Road markings at Amen Corner/Bowerswain junction are faint and difficult to see especially at night.
 - iii. The bridleway/Roman Road (Sovell Down) where it crosses the C2 near Thickthorn Cross junction needs a “SLOW” marking or an advance warning sign of horse riders crossing.
- c. **Cllr D. Gill:** Local residents are avoiding Uppington Hill at school bus times as it has become too risky. The road is not wide enough to allow vehicles to pass and bus drivers refuse to back up their vehicles.
- d. **Cllr M. Cook:** The Domain address for the Parish Council website is very difficult to find. The Clerk was requested to contact Mr M. Gracey to try and change it.
- e. **Cllr S. Wathen:** Mr Wathen handed in the invoice for the annual maintenance of the Hinton Martell Fountain.

Meeting closed at 9.18 pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....