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| VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL |
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**of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, held at 7.30.pm in Gussage All Saints
Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd June 2015**

PRESENT

Cllr Mr D. Gill – Chairman

Cllr Mr J. Campbell – Vice-Chairman

Cllr Mr S. Wathen, Cllr Mrs M. Cook, Cllr Ms D. White, Cllr Mrs P. Hill, Cllr Mr R. Hill

Also present were the Parish Clerk Mrs K. Bradbury, County Councillor Mr S. Butler, and two members of the public.

15/023. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, Cllr Mrs S. Gilchrist and District Councillor Mr S.S. Tong

15/024. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Mrs M. Cook read out and signed her declaration of acceptance of office of Councillor for the Witchampton Ward in the presence of the Parish Clerk.

15/025. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest to report.

15/026. DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A VOTE ON AN AGENDA ITEM

All council members were granted dispensations to vote upon matters relating to the budget and the setting of the precept until May 2019.

15/027. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

**15/028. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON –
Tuesday 12th May 2015**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2015 (pages (1065 - 1071) having been approved, were adopted and signed as a true and correct record subject to the following amendments:

- a. **Date of the Meeting:** The date of the meeting was 12th May 2015
- b. **Finance Working Group:** the Finance working group was approved for the year 2015/2016

15/029. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Minute No 15/022(a), Blind Summit, Gussage All Saints:** There was nothing to report.
- b. **Minute No 15/022(b), Telephone Kiosk, Hinton Martell:** There was nothing to report
- c. **Minute No 14/130(a) Witchampton Bus Shelter Roof:** The Clerk had received two quotes for re-roofing the Witchampton bus shelter and would

send out requests for additional quotes. No work could be carried out in this financial year as it had not been included in the budget.

15/030. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- a. **Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP):** In the first year of operation the DWP was overspent by £2.7 million which the County Council will have to find. A review of the operation revealed a lack of oversight on the budget expenditure and a 36point plan has been adopted to turn things around. A new team has been bought in to run the operation with a view to improving efficiency and expenditure control.
- b. **Grass and Verge Cutting:** the grass and verge cutting operation has been brought back in house. Budget cuts have meant a reduction in the number of cuts during the season except at junctions where safety is a priority.
- c. **Road Maintenance:** Pot holes continue to be a problem but the flood alleviation measures around Witchampton and Manswood have been finished. It was reported that there is a very large pothole at the junction where the road to Hinton Parva turns off from the Cranborne road.
- d. **East Dorset District Council:** The number of District Councillors has been reduced to 29 and the governance of the District Council has changed from a committee to a cabinet system. Cllr Mr S. Tong will be the Lead Member for growth and Mr S. Butler for Performance. The next major challenge for the District Council will be the move to a new headquarters at the Allendale Centre in Wimborne.

15/031. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **Land at Witchampton Village Hall and "The Drone":** The Council discussed a proposal by Crichel Estate to "gift" the land to the rear of the Witchampton Village Hall and along the footpath known as the Drone to the Parish Council. The area outlined behind the village hall appeared to include about half of the tarmac car park as well as the steep grass bank bordering the car park. The costs of maintaining the land would be too great for the Parish Council's resources. **It was resolved unanimously that the Parish Council should decline the gift of the land behind the Witchampton Village Hall and including the footpath known as the "Drone".** Proposed by Cllr Mrs M. Cook, seconded by Cllr Ms D. White.
- b. **Witchampton & Crichel Play Association:** An update on progress in setting up the play area in Witchampton was received. The Clerk reported once again that it was not possible to include the proposed play park on it's public liability insurance unless the Council either owned or had a maintenance contract for the land
- c. **Electoral Review of Dorset County Council Wards:** The Boundary Commission has put forward draft proposals for the review of the ward boundaries in Dorset. The Council decided not to make any comments as the proposed changes would not affect the Vale of Allen
- d. **Dorset Police:** A warning was issued that Councillor's must register their pecuniary interests within 28 days of the election. Failure to do so could result in prosecution.
- e. **Dorset County Council – Forward Together:** An invitation to attend a discussion on ways of working together with the County Council was received. The meeting to be held on Tuesday 23rd June 2015, 5pm – 7pm in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Dorchester. Cllr Mr D. Gill and Cllr Mr S. Wathen to attend.
- f. **East Dorset District Council:** An invitation to attend a Planning Training Session on Wednesday 10th June 2015, at 6.00pm East Dorset District

Council Offices, Furzehill was received. All the Councillors wished to attend and the Parish Clerk was requested to make the booking.

- g. No 1, The buildings, Manswood:** A request was received for permission for guests attending a garden party. Permission was granted.

h. DAPTC Training Seminars:

| Date | Time | Course | Cost | Venue |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--|------|-----------------------------------|
| Thurs 25 th June | 6.30 – 9.00pm | New Councillors and code of Conduct | £30 | Horton & Chalbury Village Hall |
| Tuesday 14 th July | 7.00 – 9.00pm | Chairmanship | £30 | Tarrant Keynston Village Hall |
| Wed 16 th September | 10.00am – 4.00pm | Clerks seminar | £50 | Kingston Maurward |

15/032. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

| Application No: | Location | Proposal | Type |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---|------|
| 3/15/0412 & 3/15/0432 | Millum, Hinton Martell | To demolish the existing dwelling and replace with a new dwelling as the enclosed drawing indicates | FUL |

Parish Council comments on Planning Applications

- a. Planning Application 3/15/0412 & 3/15/0432, Millum, Hinton Martell;**
Parish Council comment SUPPORT – for the following planning reasons;
- i. The replacement dwelling is a great improvement on the existing bungalow.
 - ii. The Parish Council was pleased with the detailed plans for improving biodiversity on the site
 - iii. Comments need only be reported to Committee if the officer's recommendation is at variance to the above.

15/033. EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

| Application No: | Location | Proposal | Decision |
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| 3/15/0315/HOU | Buckholme, Gussage All Saints | Fill in existing driveway and move entrance to property to centre of frontage to highway | Permit |
| 3/15/0312/FUL | Cowleaze, Hinton Martell | Erect dwelling and garage/store | Permit |
| 3/14/0751/HOU | Farm View, Gussage All Saints | Non material amendment to Planning Application to install additional roof light windows to front elevation | Non Material therefore Accepted |

15/034. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

- a. Application for Tree Works, The Old House, Gussage All Saints:**
Reduce the height of the Yew and other surrounding trees to the right of the property to allow clearance for telephone and Electricity cables. The District Council had no objection.
- b. Application for Tree Works, Stocks Barn, Lower Street, Witchampton:** To fell Eucalyptus standing on the boundary between Stocks Barn and Abbey farmhouse: The District Council had no objection.

- c. **Application for Tree Works, Mount Pleasant, Witchampton:** To remove Norway Spruce along the boundary of the plantation to allow more space for adjacent Beech trees and allow more light into the Mount Peasant Garden. The District Council had no objection.

15/035. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

| | Details | Amount (£) | Cheque No: |
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| 1 | C.T. Mee Burial Ground & R&BT Seat April 2015 | 142.00 | 755 |
| | Total | 142.00 | |

- b **Hinton Martell Fountain Maintenance:** Invoices for maintenance and for materials were received from Mr McKay.

- c **Hinton Martell Fountain Electricity:** Cllr Mr S. Wathen submitted the meter reading for the fountain taken on 1st June 2015.

15/036. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence to report.

15/037. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a. **Parish Council Website:** Cllr Ms D. White suggested that Mr Chris Booth be contacted to speak to the Parish Council about setting up a Parish Council website.
- b. **Witchampton & Crichel Annual Parish Meeting:** to be held at the Witchampton Village Hall on 3rd June 2015.
- c. **Hinton Martell Annual Parish Meeting:** to be held at the Hinton Martell Village Hall on 9th June 2015.

Meeting closed at 8.49 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman