

<b>VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL</b>
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<b>MINUTES</b>
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**of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, held at 7.30 pm in Witchampton Village Hall  
on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**PRESENT**

Cllr Mr D. Gill – Chairman

Cllr Mr J. Campbell – Vice Chairman

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

Cllr Mr R. Hill

Also present were the Parish Clerk Mrs K. Bradbury and Cllr Mr S. Butler

**15/173. APOLOGIES**

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

**15/174. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of Interest to report.

**15/175. DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A VOTE ON AN AGENDA ITEM**

There were no requests for dispensations.

**15/176. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**15/177. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 (pages (1113 - 1116) having been approved, were adopted and signed as a true and correct record.

**15/178. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a. **Minute 15/172(c), Hedge trimming, Hinton Martell:** It was reported that the hedge on the right hand side of the road leading to the village has been cut back.
- b. **Minute No 15/136(a), Fingerposts:** Cllr Mrs M. Cook reported that she had spoken to the Holt Parish Council Clerk regarding the sharing of costs of some fingerposts located on the parish boundaries. Holt appears to be using a plastic replacement for their damaged posts. Cllr Mrs Cook will make further investigations and report back to the next meeting of the Fingerposts Working Group. Fundraising lunches at Witchampton and at Gussage All Saints Village Halls raised £300 each towards the costs of refurbishments and £100 has also been received from the CPRE. Cllr Mr S. Wathen reported that he is submitting an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for further grants. It was also reported that the Vale of Allen fingerposts can be included on the insurance schedule. The Clerk requires a list of the fingerposts in the Vale of

Allen with an estimate of the replacement cost in case of accidental damage.  
**Refer to the next Parish Council Meeting to discuss the level of cover required.**

- c. **Minute No 15/163(d), Hinton Martell Notice Board:** Cllr Ms D. White reported that the Hinton Martell notice board should be in place in the next two weeks.
- d. **Minute No 15/166(k), Gaunts Common Notice Board:** the Clerk had twice emailed Mr Henry Giles regarding the refurbishment of the notice board, and was awaiting a response.

#### **15/179. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

- a. **Changes to Local Council Governance:** The County Council will be discussing the options available on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The options are: no change which involves a lot of duplication of effort and costs; a single unitary authority including the whole of Dorset. However East Dorset has opted out of the single unitary authority and appears to be in favour of a S.E. Dorset Unitary Authority which would include the boroughs of Christchurch, Bournemouth and Poole and East Dorset District Council. If the various authorities cannot agree, the Secretary of State can impose a solution, and the Government expects the Dorset Unitary Authority to be up and running by 2017 Joint administration of service provision makes sense as National Government is making further deep cuts in grants to Local Authorities. Dorset is expecting a £60m gap in funding by 2021.
- b. **District Council Planning:** The Core Strategy for Christchurch and East Dorset will gradually feed extra housing into the market over the next few years. There is a great need to build more starter homes. Rural areas in particular are short of land for building.
- c. **Ward Budgets:** The level of funding available for Ward Budgets will be decided in the new financial year i.e. after April. **Refer to the next meeting to draw up a list of projects.**
- d. **Electronic Planning:** the new electronic planning system does not seem to be working very well. It was put o the Councillor that as the new system was instigated by the District Council without any prior consultation with Parish and Town Councils, the smaller Parish Councils should not be expected to bear the cost of buying projectors and screens for displaying the digital planning applications. **The Clerk was requested to e-mail Cllr Butler on this point.**

#### **15/1180. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

#### **15/181. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. **Witchampton & Cricchel Play Association:** A request was received from the Play Association for the Parish Council to take on the Public Liability Insurance for the proposed play area. Last year the Clerk informed the Play Association that the Insurance Company would not insure an asset that did not belong to the Parish Council; furthermore, if the Parish Council was to provide cover for the Play Association it would set a precedent for other bodies to request similar help. The Clerk agreed to write to the Play Association once again.
- b. **East Dorset District Council – Reorganisation of Community Governance:** The official notification of the changes in ward boundaries as they affect the Vale Of Allen Group Parish Council were received and noted.
- c. **Changes to the Definitive Map:** As a result of the Reorganisation of Community Governance, the numbering of Public Rights of Way in the

affected areas has had to be updated. The Clerk will update the current maps for rights of way officers.

- d. **H.M. Queen Elizabeth II:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April, Her Majesty will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Some villages are considering ways to mark the occasion but there are no specific plans as yet.
- e. **Website:** Cllr Ms D. White has written a short description and made several short video clips of events in Witchampton which she will pass on to Mr M. Gracey.
- f. **Mobile Library Service:** The schedules for the Mobile Library Service have been revised. Hinton Martell and Gussage All Saints are no longer included on the itinerary. The Witchampton Service will continue on alternate Mondays at 3.30pm, outside the Witchampton and Crichel Club. It was noted that the mobile Library Service includes home visits for those confined to their homes and the Clerk was asked to publicize this in the Local Parish Magazines.
- g. **DAPTC Training Seminars:** The Clerk was requested to draft a motion to put before the DAPTC Eastern Area Committee suggesting that each Town and Parish Council be allocated at least one guaranteed place for the DAPTC AGM meeting.
- h. **DAPTC Training 2016/2017.**

Date	Time	Course	Cost	Venue
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	10 - 12	Essentials for Councillors	£65 for both sessions	Tarrant Keynston
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	10 – 12	Essentials for Councillors		Tarrant Keynston
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm – 9pm	Chairmanship	£35	Tarrant Keynston

#### **15/167. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Type
3/16/0010	Black Barn Farm, Chalbury Hill	Erection of new livestock shed	FUL
3/16/0011	Black Barn Farm, Chalbury Hill	Erection of new machinery store/workshop	FUL
3/16/1102	Black Barn Farm, Chalbury Hill	Erection of straw shed	FUL
2/2016/026 0	Field at Tarrant Hinton on South Eastern side of A354, South West of Turnpike Cottage	Variation of condition 3 of planning permission 2/2011/0554 to allow use of a temporary Gypsy caravan Site for a period of three weeks around the dates of the Great Dorset Steam Fair, for a further five years	DCC
3/16/0087	Portman Chase Lodge, Chalbury	Minor Material amendment application to vary plans condition 3 of application 3/11/0870/HOU to omit approved log store and replace with revised utility area and rear entrance. Extend roof to form covered area for bin storage	FUL

### **Parish Council Comments on Planning Applications**

- a. **Planning Application 3/16/0010/FUL, Black Barn Farm, Chalbury Hill.**  
Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION – however concern about the access track and exit on to Gore Pit Lane. The visibility splay at the junction needs improvement and the surface of the access track needs to be upgraded.
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- d. **Planning Application 2/2016/0260/DCC, Field at Tarrant Hinton on South Eastern side of A354, South West of Turnpike Cottage.** Planning Comment – SUPPORT – The temporary Gypsy caravan site has allowed the police to reduce camping on unauthorised sites during the Steam Fair and has enabled the police to monitor any unsocial behaviour within a more restricted location.
- e. **Planning Application 3/16/0087/FUL, Portman Chase Lodge, Chalbury.**  
Parish Council comments – NO OBJECTION

### **15/168. EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS**

There were no Planning Decisions to report.

### **15/169. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

- a. **Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2015:** Notification of the upgrading of Bridleway 10, Gussage All Saints (James Cross Lane) to a restricted Byway
- b. **Application for Tree Works, Millum House, Emley Lane, Hinton Martell:** CONSENT to fell T1 & t2 – Cypress and to fell T2 – Spruce.

### **15/170. 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

	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>	<b>Cheque No:</b>
1	K. Bradbury, Clerk's Salary February 2016	289.12	798
2	Inland Revenue PAYE February 2016	61.24	799
3	Mr C. Mee Treating Bus Shelters with preservative £180. Burial Ground Grass Feb 2016 £35. Bus Shelters Clean and cut grass £60	275.00	800
4	Bournemouth Water, H. Martell Fountain 2016/2017	70.20	801
	<b>Total</b>	695.56	

b) **Grants & Donations:**

- i. It was unanimously resolved to make a grant of £150 to Dial – a – Ride
- ii. It was unanimously resolved to make a grant of £50 to Witchampton Play Group

**15/171. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **Emergency Planning:** notification that East Dorset District Council has produced a template to draw up an emergency plan for the Vale of Allen area
- b. **Clerks and Councils Direct**

**15/172. MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

- a. **Cllr Mrs M. Cook:** reminded Councillors that they needed to decide on the dates for their Annual Parish Meetings.
- b. **Cllr Mr S. Wathen:**
  - i. **The drains at the bottom of Uppington Hill:** have not been done. Silt is continuing to accumulate.
  - ii. **Ashbury Cottages:** There is a track to the back of the cottages giving access for draining of septic tanks. There are four old garages on the track that have not been used for years and are very dilapidated. Residents are concerned about safety.
  - iii. **Dog Waste Bin:** there has been no progress on getting a dog waste bin for Hinton Martell.
- c. **Cllrs Mr & Mrs R. Hill:** Reported that the Save the Drovers Inn Group has completed the purchase of the Inn and work on refurbishment and hiring of a manager can go ahead. A working Group has been set up to make a start on the grounds.

**Meeting closed at 9.45 pm**

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman