

VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

**of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, held at 7.30 pm in Gussage All Saints
Village Hall on Tuesday 9th February 2016**

PRESENT

Cllr Mr D. Gill – Chairman

Cllr Mr J. Campbell – Vice Chairman

Cllr Mr S. Wathen, Cllr Mrs S. Gilchrist, 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 two members of the public

15/158. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies to report.

15/159. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Interest to report.

15/160. DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A VOTE ON AN AGENDA ITEM

There were no requests for dispensations.

15/161. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Robert McCarthy, Culpepper House, Gussage All Saints, Reported that in collaboration with Cllrs Mr & Mrs R. Hill, he had attended a meeting with the Highways Engineers to look at the problem of water run-off being directed into his front garden. In the past there was a drain that took the water through the garden at Walnut Tree Cottage and down to the river. This drain is now blocked by tree roots and it is not feasible to repair it. The Highways Engineers are considering re-profiling the camber of the road at the Amen Corner junction so that the run-off goes straight down Custard Hill thus avoiding the Gussage All Saints High Street altogether. The Chairman thanked Mr McCarthy and Cllrs Mr & Mrs R. Hill for the work they had done in sorting out this problem.

15/162. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON – Tuesday 12th January 2016

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th January 2016 (pages (1109 - 1112) having been approved, were adopted and signed as a true and correct record subject to the following amendment:

Minute No 15/151 (a iii), Flood Alleviation, Hinton Martell. In the third line of the minute replace “is” by “might be”.

15/163. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Minute 15/151(a)(i), Flood Alleviation, Witchampton.** It was reported that there has been no monitoring of the ditches and gullies cleared after last yea’s flooding. The flood warning signs have been picked up and training

- arranged for the volunteer wardens. It was noted that the junction at Holly Grove and Long Crichel Lane has not been swept
- b. **Minute 15/151(a)(ii), Flood Alleviation, Gussage All Saints.** As previously reported Cllr Mr R. Hill and Cllr Mrs P. Hill met with Pat Waterman to discuss the problem of water run –off at Culpepper Cottage. The Highway Engineers will look at the levels at the cross roads and may possibly put in an open drain to carry the water below the cross roads to join up with an exiting drain below the junction.
 - c. **Minute No 151(b), Witchampton Telephone Kiosk.** There was no information to report regarding the moving of the dog waste bin to the other side of the bus shelter..
 - d. **Minute No 15/151(c), Hinton Martell Notice board.** The new notice board should be in place later this month.

15/164. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

15/165. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

15/166. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **External Audit for Smaller Authorities:** The Parish Council considered the options set out by the SAAA (Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd) scheme for the Annual Audit. It was agreed that the lighter touch Annual Audit would require an improved system of internal audit. **It was unanimously resolved to opt out of the SAAA scheme and to set up an improved system of internal audit. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S. Gilchrist and seconded by Cllr Mrs M. Cook.**
- b. **Flood Alleviation:** See Matters Arising for updates and reports on how effective the drain clearing measures have been.
- c. **Gaunts Common Notice Board:** The Clerk reported that she had contacted Mrs Lisa Goodwin. Clerk to Holt Parish Council and got her agreement to go ahead with the refurbishment of the Gaunts Common notice board.
- d. **Website:** Photographs and descriptions have been received from Hinton Martell and Gussage All Saints. Cllr Ms D. White is preparing photographs and a video for Witchampton.
- e. **Dorset Bus Services:** The Clerk reported that she had replied to the consultation, stressing the value of a regular bus service to rural communities.
- f. **DAPTC Training 2016/2017.**

Date	Time	Course	Cost	Venue
Thursday 3 rd March	10 – 3.30	Annual Conference	£60	Kingston Maurward
Wednesday 13 th April	10 - 12	Essentials for Councillors	£65 for both sessions	Tarrant Keynston
Thursday 12 th May	10 – 12	Essentials for Councillors		Tarrant Keynston
Wednesday 8 th June	7pm – 9pm	Chairmanship	£35	Tarrant Keynston

- a. Cllr Mrs M. Cook will attend both seminars “Essentials for Councillors” and report back whether it was worth other Councillors attending later in the year.
- b. Cllr Ms D. White queried why the DAPTC seminars were so costly. The Parish Council pays over £400 annual subscription. It was suggested that a motion could be put forward for discussion at the next DAPTC Easter Area meeting

15/167. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Type
3/15/1302	The Old Post Office, Gaunts Common	Removal of existing defective false chimney stack, NHBC recommendation	HOU
3/16/1018	Oak Lodge, Gaunts Common	Erect a timber storage shed in front garden and new single storey front extension	HOU

Parish Council Comments on Planning Applications

- a. **Planning Application 3/15/1302/HOU, The Old Post Office, Gaunts Common:** Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION.
- b. **Planning Application 3/15/1018/HOU, Oak Lodge, Gaunts Common.** Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION

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

- a. 3/15/1125/FUL, White Farm Crichel Lane, Moor Crichel
- b. 3/15/1016/HOU & 3/15/1017/LBC, Long Crichel House, Long Crichel

15/169. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Consent for Tree Work: The Old Orchard, Hinton Martell. Fell Sycamore T2

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

	Details	Amount (£)	Cheque No:
1	K. Bradbury, Clerk's Salary December 2015	289.13	794
2	Inland Revenue PAYE December 2015	61.23	795
3	Mr C. G. Mills Club Bus Shelter July - Dec 2015	50.00	796
4	Rev S. Allen, H. Martell Fountain Electricity	20.00	797
	Total	420.36	

- b) It was noted that the Hinton Martell Fountain Electricity bill had been estimated and agreed with the new vicar. Cllr Mr S. Wathen has agreed to take quarterly meter readings and keep a record.

15/171. CORRESPONDENCE

Cranborne AONB: Annual Update

15/172. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a. **Cllr Mrs M. Cook:** Cllr Cook gave a short report on the subjects discussed at the DAPTC Eastern Area Committee meeting.
- b. **Cllr Mrs S. Gilchrist:** reported that a post and chain fence has been erected on the verge at the Lower Street junction. Mr Tom Smith owns the verge and is within his rights to put up a fence on his own property. Cllr Mrs S. Gilchrist has contacted the East Dorset District Council Conservation Officer to get her opinion.

- c. **Cllr Mr S. Wathen:** reported that the hedge along the road out of the village are very overgrown. Cllr Wathen will find out who owns the land.
- d. **Cllr Mr J. Campbell:**
 - i. reported that Dorset County Council has brought in another round of You and Yours grants
 - ii. reported that East Dorset District Council Planning Department is taking up to a month to process planning applications before they are published on the website.
- e. **Cllr Mr R. Hill:**
 - i. Cllr Hill questioned the cost of the projector for use with the new electronic planning system. East Dorset District Council should bear the cost as it has imposed the new system on the Parish and Town Councils without prior consultation.
 - ii. Stanbridge Pumping Station, the "SLOW" markings on the road and the central line are wearing out on this series of very sharp bends.
 - iii. Cllr Mr R. Hill and Cllr Mrs P. Hill will be absent for the May meeting.
- f. **Cllr Mr D. Gill:** Reported that the Register of Interests for Cllr Mr D. Gill, Cllr Mrs S. Gilchrist and Cllr Ms D. White have not been included under Vale of Allen on the East Dorset District Council website, although it does include a Colehill Parish Councillor. Cllr Gill has reported this to EDDC.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman