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of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, held at 7.30 pm in Hinton Martell Village Hall on Tuesday 12th July 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 County Councillor Mr S. Butler and two members of the public

In the absence of the Clerk, notes were taken by Cllr Mr S. Wathen

16/38. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Clerk Mrs Lisa Goodwin and District Councillor Mr S. S. Tong

16/39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GRANTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of Interest to report OR Requests for Dispensations.

16/40. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Applicant presented current plans for alterations and extensions to Honeysuckle Cottage, Moor Cichel, Ref: 3/16/0849. With previous plans having been refused, it was explained how the new plans addressed issues of concern such as footprint, styling and visual appearance. It is estimated a 50% increase in the footprint and stated this was significantly below the maximum permitted at the site. Applicant thanked the Parish Council for its time and left the meeting.

16/41. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON – Wednesday 25th May 2016 (pages 1126 – 1131)

With six minor corrections the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th 2016 (pages (1126 - 1131) having been approved, were adopted and signed as a true and correct record.

16/42. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **16/21:** Clerk is checking status of Mr T. May as Play Area safety Rep and confirming bank signatories as Cllr D. Gill and Cllr D. white.
- b. **16/26:** Cllr S. Wathen reported his meeting with local carpenter Mark Goodwin concerning refurbishment of the Gaunts Common noticeboard. Mark has supplied quotations for three levels of repair or replacement. The quotes were viewed favourably. Cllr D. Gill stated a requirement for two or more comparative quotes from other carpenters. Cllr S. Wathen to pursue these. Cllr D. Gil informed the council that there was an allocated budget of £500 for noticeboards but this was to include provision for both Gaunts Common and Hinton Parva. Costa for the noticeboard at Gaunts Common are likely to be

shared with Holt Parish. Final considerations and decisions concerning the above will be an agenda item on the next VofA Parish Council Meeting.

16/43. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

County Councillor Mr S. Butler presented updates:

- a. **Current status of Negotiations for Dorset Authority Reorganisation.**
Dorset's Leaders and Chief Executives have stopped working on the idea of a Combined Authority and are currently concentrating on plans for a less complicated Unitary Authority. A unitary authority would reduce the numbers of Chief Executives and councillors – perhaps saving in the region of £20m per annum. There is to be a briefing on the 20th July to establish details after which factual information will be published for consultation. A final Decision is scheduled for January 2017. No change is a possibility. A Unitary authority might be made up of two components – Bournemouth/Poole and Dorset or Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch and “rural” Dorset. Actual boundaries are likely to remain unchanged. One effect of these consultations is that next year's election of County Councillors may be delayed.
- b. **Dorset Waste Partnership:** In order to reduce expenditure DWP have created new rounds – rationalising and extending existing routes. Villages will have already experienced these changes. Please report any problems.
- c. **East Dorset District Council:** EDDC has saved £400K over the last financial year – mostly through staffing efficiencies. The money saved is to be spent on capital items, (e.g. a “facelift” for Ferndown Town Centre.)
- d. **Ward Budgets:** There is no County Council Division Budget this year. Cllr Mr S. Butler will not have a budget to offer. District Councillor Mr S. Tong will have a reduced budget of £2000 to be split three ways with the Vale of Allen, Sixpenny Handley & Pentridge and Gussage St Michael. Applications will need to be submitted directly to Cllr S. Tong any time prior to September when spending will be identified and allocations made. Copies of applications must be sent to Parish Councils. Councillors please inform your parishes. Additionally Cllr S. Tong requires reports/updates explaining how last year's grants have been used. Cllr D. Gill will contact Cllr S. Tong to determine the required format for these reports.

16/44. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

DAPTC courses were reviewed. The Clerk will reserve a place for a representative on the Councillor's Seminar on Saturday 8th October 2016.

16/45. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

| Application No: | Location | Proposal | Type |
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| 3/16/0849 | Honeysuckle Cottage, Moor Crichel | Demolish rear extension and side porch. Erect two storey extension to rear of property. | HOU |
| 3/16/0009 | Black Barn Farm, Chalbury Lane, Horton | Construction of an essential agricultural workers dwelling (Exit/Access only) | FUL |
| 3/15/0973 | Cowleaze Cottages, Hinton Martell | Erect 2 new detached dwellings (demolition of existing dwelling and annexe) | FUL |
| 3/16/2735 | The Hollow, Bowerswain, Gussage All Saints | Erection of stable blocks | FUL |

Parish Council Comments on Planning Applications

- a. **Planning Application 3/16/0849/HOU, Honeysuckle Cottage, Hinton Martell.** Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION. Cllr J. Campbell will send the decision directly to the planning officer.
- b. **Planning Application 3/16/0009/FUK, Black Barn Farm, Chalbury Lane, Horton.** No comments
- c. **Planning Application 3/15/0973, Cowleaze Cottages, Hinton Martell.** Deferred to next meeting on 2nd August 2016.#
- d. **Planning Application 3/16/2735, The Hollow, Bowerswain, Gussage All Saints.** He planning application at Bowerswain, Gussage All Saints could not be viewed – apparently due to a system fault. Despite several attempts, Cllr R. Hill was unable to access details on the dorsetforyou website. Closing date for comments has expired. The Council therefore recorded **Unable to comment.**
- e. Cllr D. Gill will contact the senior planning officer to report the many difficulties currently experienced with access to and notification of planning matters. Currently our clerk is not informed of new planning requests. Parish Councils are statutory consultees and the current system is not fulfilling this obligation. The Clerk to contact planning to inform of these problems and to request prior and clear notification of any forthcoming planning for council consideration.

16/46. EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no Planning Decisions to report.

16/47. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

None

16/48. AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON CRICHEL ESTATE

The Chairman will arrange a meeting with Savills to discuss the proposal for affordable housing on the Crichel Estate. (DG/MC/SG/JC/DW)

16/49. TO CONSIDER 20mph SPEED LIMIT FORHINTON MARTELL

The above was discussed. There were no objections to the idea. Cllr S. Wathen shared information provided by our acting clerk, Mrs L. Goodwin. Cllr Mr S. Wathen will gain evidence of support via e-mail and information by a questionnaire to residents of Hinton Martell. Item will be included on agenda of next meeting when next actions will be decided.

16/50. TO DISCUSS WITCHAMPTON CEMETERY FEES AND REGULATIONS

Cllr Mr S. Wathen shared information provided by the Clerk, Mrs I. Goodwin. Cllr D. white suggested that Witchampton Burial costs should reflect charges made by the church, i.e. currently £274. Cllr D. White and Cllr M. Cook suggested that Fees for non-parishioners should be four times this amount. It was decided that a summary of Burial Ground Fees – similar to that provided by Holt Parish Council – will be produced. This would provide clear information for parishioners and non-parishioners. Cllr D. White will produce this summary. The above suggestions were carried with all in favour.

16/51. TO CONSIDER REPORT FROM FINGERPOST WORKING GROUP

Cllr J. Campbell reported the group met last 13th June 2016. The group resolved to apply for ward budgets sometime in August. Cllr Campbell originally intended to produce a letter template but the group members will now apply individually.

16/52. TO CONSIDER REPORT ON THE DAPTC AREA EAST MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY 2016

Cllr M. Cook and Cllr D. White attended the above meeting. When it is completed Cllr M. Cook will e-mail a report to councillors. However Cllr Cook shared concerns over the huge cuts to be made in services provided by DCC Highways. Such substantial cuts have huge implications for rural areas and the council was very concerned about the number of services to be removed and the resultant responsibilities on parishes to provide, acquire and fund alternatives. It seems that DCC will support and advise but not fund a wide range of highway maintenance procedures, (see the dorsetforyou website for a list of removed services.) Most of existing “minibanks” will also be removed. More information can be found on the Dorset Highways “Working Together” website sections.

16/53. FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following items were approved for payment:

| | Details | Amount (£) | Cheque No: |
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| 1 | K. Bradbury, Clerk's Salary March 2016 | 289.13 | 814 |
| 2 | HMRC PAYE March 2016 | 61.23 | 815 |
| 3 | Blandford Spraying Ltd – G.A.S. Fingerpost | 360.90 | 816 |
| 4 | C.T. Mee – Grass cutting April/May/June | 383.50 | 817 |
| 5 | DAPTC Annual Subscription | 413.06 | 818 |
| | Total | 1507.82 | |

- a. The Parish Council agreed to adopt and abide by The Practitioners Guide to proper Practices on Governance and Accountability. This was proposed by Cllr D. Gill and seconded by Cllr P. Hill and agreed unanimously
- b. The Annual Return for y/e march 2016 is not yet complete. Krystyna Bradbury will forward to Lisa Goodwin asap.
- c. Cllr S. Wathen submitted an invoice for works carried out on the Hinton Martell Fountain together with current meter reading and annual report by Mr Chris McKay.

16/54. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **DAPTC:** The value of Membership, Confirmation of Area Representatives and Questionnaire. (MC & DW)
- b. **Dorset County Council, Proposed changes for the mobile library service:** publication of report.
- c. **Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Consultation:** ends 21st July 2016.
- d. **Registration Service Public Consultation:** ends 11th August 2016.
- e. **Dorset Travel community transport toolkit and Guidance:** accessible on-line at www.dorsetforyou.com/community-transport-toolkit and hard copy being sent.
- f. **Clerks & Councils Direct**
- g. **Local Council Review**
- h. **Dorset Waste Partnership:** Introductory guide for Councillors – circulated electronically.
- i. **Came & Company Local Insurance:** notification of change of trading style.
- j. **Hinton Martell Fountain:** Annual report May 2016. See attached page 1138

16/55. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a. Cllr J. Campbell reported that at the Great Dorset Syeam Fair the traveller's site works very well.
- b. Savills are looking at affordable housing plots on the Crichel Estate and need to arrange dates to meet with Parish Councils. Cllr D. Gill will send e-mails with suggested dates and confirm these at a later date.
- c. Cllr D. Gill updated councillors on the health and recovery of Mrs Krystyna Bradbury. The council all requested that their good wishes be conveyed.
- d. Cllr R. Hill informed the council that "Te Drovers" is now "open for business"!

Meeting closed at 10.10 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Hinton Martell Parish Fountain Report May 2016

The fountain functioned well in 2015, but a build up of algae towards the end of summer was rapid.

Spring cleaning was again delayed by the cold weather but this has been now done. The bowl was repainted since it was getting rather tired. Thanks to Steve Wathen for his help.

Some of the rendering has come off in a few places. Considering the nature of the construction, it is to be expected that this might happen from time to time. It might well have been hastened by mischievous fingers, I am sure, since bits of it have ended up in the central bowl.

I do not have the equipment or the skills to do this work. Another person needs to be approached to do these repairs.

Following a vague report that someone had a minor feeling of electric shock off equipment plugged into the fountain outlet during the village fete I made an investigation. This has revealed that:

- i. The earth connection was faulty.
- ii. The pump circuit insulation test is 5MΩ. (This is not very good)

I have installed an earth rod so the first problem has been fixed. A new distribution board with RCD (Residual Current Device), switch and new electricity meter has been constructed but not yet installed.

The issue with the pump circuit might be the pump, the waterproof connector or the cable. This will be investigated. An isolation transformer is on order and will be fitted before the pump is set going again. The isolation transformer is a safety device that means the pump is on its own isolated circuit. Even in the event of a severe electrical leakage it is still safe to put your hand in the fountain.

The transformer and distribution board will be fitted after 18th May. After this the fountain will be running again

Chris McKay