

VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

**of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, held at 7.30.pm in Gussage All Saints
Village Hall on Tuesday 14th April 2015**

PRESENT

Cllr Mr T. May – Chairman

Cllr Mrs S. Gilchrist, Cllr Mrs M. Cook, Cllr Mrs P. Hill, Cllr Mr R. Hill

Cllr Mrs R. Goulden

Also present were the Parish Clerk Mrs K. Bradbury and District Councillor Mr S.S. Tong

14/179. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, Cllr Mr D. Gill, Cllr Mrs J. Manson, Cllr Ms. D White, District Councillor Mr S.G. Flower and County Councillor Mr S. Butler.

14/180. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest to report.

14/181. DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A VOTE ON AN AGENDA ITEM

There were no requests for dispensations.

14/182. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs M. Madell, Gussage All Saints: reported on the progress of the Save the Drovers campaign. The East Dorset Planning Committee hearing has been deferred three times and will now be heard in Late May 2015. The pub has been registered as an Asset of Community Value. The Save the Drovers Campaign has until the 16th August to put in a serious bid for the pub. They are receiving help and advice from the Plunkett Foundation.

The local residents have raised £3,500 so far and application has been made to the Cranborne AONB and the Plunkett Foundation for grants towards the fighting fund as the group will need to recruit professional help to support their case at the planning meeting. They will also need to appoint an accountant and a solicitor.

14/183. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON – Tuesday 17th March 2015

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2015 (pages (1054 - 1058) having been approved, were adopted and signed as a true and correct record subject to the following amendments:

- a. **Venue for the Meeting:** The venue for the meeting was Witchampton and not Hinton Martell as stated.
- b. **Minute No 14/172(a), Cllr S.G. Flower's Report:** the fourth line of the minute should read "the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mr D. Gill".

14/184. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute No 14/173(g) Gussage All Saints Road Closure: It was reported that a Triathlon fundraising event will be held on Saturday 16th May 2015. During the morning (between 7.00am and 1.00pm), the road between Wimborne St Giles and Amen Corner, Gussage all Saints around to Bowerswain and the along the main C2 road to the Gussage all Saints junction and then back to Wimborne St Giles.

14/185. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- a. **Cllr Mr S.S. Tong:** It was reported the Cllr Mr S.S. Tong has been elected unopposed as the District Council representative for Handley Ward. For the next four years.
- b. **Cllr Mr S.G. Flower:** although absent, submitted a written report see attached pages 1063 - 1064

14/186. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **Flood Alleviation & Flood Warden Scheme:** It was reported that a lot of work has been carried out. Two new drains have been concreted in on both sides of Old Roman Road which should deal with the flooding problem outside Nicky House, Witchampton. The worst affected ditches have been well dug down and broken drainage pipes repaired. Mr Peter Moseley has thanked the Highways Department for all the work they have put in. The ditches will be monitored to check that they are functioning as they should. **The Clerk was requested to refer Flood Alleviation to the November and December meetings of the Parish Council.**
- b. **Drovers Inn:** an update on the progress to save the pub was received from Mrs M. Madell (see Minute No 14/182, Public Question Time). Information about Community Ownership and Management of Assets (COMA) was circulated to all Councillors, however Cllr Mrs P. Hill reported that she had made enquiries and the Parish Council would not be eligible to apply to COMA for a grant towards the Save the Drovers Campaign.
- c. **Problem Parking Witchampton:** The police have been contacted regarding the problem of parking at the Witchampton First School which seems to have escalated. Regarding the parking at The Lodge, Lawrence Lane the Clerk will print out some notices to be placed on the windscreens of inappropriately parked cars.
- d. **Parish Council Website:** The Clerk has found the names of several groups that provide community websites. It was agreed to set up a small working party to consider the options. **Refer to the next Parish Council meeting**
- e. **DAPTC Training Seminars:**

Date	Time	Course	Cost	Venue
Tuesday 24 th March	10am – 3.30pm	Neighbourhood Planning	£10	Leigh Village Hall, Nr Sherborne
Friday 17 th April	9.30 – 12.30	New Clerks	£30	DYA HQ, Dorchester

14/187. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Type
3/15/0136	Hemsworth House, Hemsworth, Witchampton	To install a 20m x 60m riding arena for private use only. Change of use from agricultural to equestrian	FUL
3/15/0190	Biddlecombe, Hinton Martell	Erect conservatory to north elevation	HOU
3/15/0200	Petersham Farm, Petersham Lane, Gaunts Common	To convert existing domestic store building to annexe accommodation	FUL

Parish Council comments on Planning Applications

- a. **Planning Application 3/15/0136, Hemsworth House, Hemsworth, Witchampton:** Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION, does not need to be referred to the planning committee.
- b. **Planning Application 3/15/0190, Biddlecombe, Hinton Martell:** Parish Council comment - NO OBJECTION, does not need to be referred to the planning committee.
- c. **Planning Application 3/15/0200, Petersham Farm, Petersham Lane, Gaunts Common:** Parish Council comment - NO OBJECTION, does not need to be referred to the planning committee.

14/188. EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

3/14/1234/HOU	The Old House, Gussage All Saints	To install woodburning stove in existing inglenook fireplace and to install a stainless steel twin wall flue system	Permit
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14/189. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

There were no other planning matters to report.

14/190. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

	Details	Amount (£)	Cheque No:
1	K. Bradbury Clerk's Salary March 2015	273.60	743
2	Cancelled Cheque		744
3	Sembcorp Fountain Water Rates 2015/2016	69.06	745
4	C.T. Mee Burial Ground, R&BT Seat & Manswood Seat March 2015	60.00	746
5	Dial - a - Ride Grant	50.00	747
6	Witchampton Play Park Association Grant	75.00	748
7	Gussage Community Company Ltd (Save the Drivers Campaign) Grant	75.00	749
8	Inland Revenue PAYE March 2015	55.09	750
	Total	657.75	

Cancelled Cheque: The cheque was made out to the wrong amount.

14/191. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Life in Tandem:** Local author's book about cycling around the Vale of Allen villages with her husband on their tandem bicycle
- b. **East Dorset Heritage Trust:** Events and courses April – August 2015
- c. **Local Council Review:** Spring 2015 edition

14/192. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a. There were no matters of information to report

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

Vale of Allen Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 14 April 2015

District Councillor Report – Cllr. Spencer Flower

Dorsetforyou Application –The Council had been informed that the software system by which Dorsetforyou operates is becoming outdated and is unlikely to be externally supported in the near future. The D4Y partnership required funding to work with a private sector partner to develop a prototype website optimised for user experience on multiple devices. This will make a significant contribute to several of the objectives detailed in the partnerships digital access strategy including:

- A range of online services, available on a range of devices, that our customers prefer to use and that save public money;
- An increased number of people who use digital services with demonstrable improvements in customer satisfaction and service costs;
- Best practice in ease of use, service transformation and technical design from national developments, including the GOV.UK website;
- Improved consistency of user experience and lower costs through the use of common and co-developed technology to underpin and deliver our online services;
- Online services improvement and based upon customer and performance data;

Applications for funding were successful thanks in no small measure to the ability of the Christchurch and East Dorset Partnership working with other Dorset Councils in maintaining the development of the website.

Awards success – The Christchurch and East Dorset Partnership were named the winners of the Gold award for ‘Working Together’ at the National Improvement and Efficiency Awards held in Westminster three weeks ago, hosted by iESE who work with the sector for better outcomes at lower cost to the taxpayer.

The Councils were also shortlisted as one of only three finalists in the Council of the Year category at the same event. Although we didn’t win this award, to be considered in the top three of all councils in the country is quite an accolade for what the Council have achieved since the partnership was formed five years ago.

New Cabinet style Governance – Members resolved in December 2014 to move into Executive style governance from 7 May 2015, following the scheduled elections. At a special full council meeting held on Monday 30 March Members formally agreed to adopt a new Constitution to confirm that decision.

The Council decided to set up a cross party Task and Finish Group consisting of six members to consider the content for the new Constitution. The group met on a number of occasions over a period of two months to consider all parts of the Constitution and sought to put forward for approval a revised Constitution which can now be viewed on line on the Dorset for You East Dorset website page.

New local community website for East Dorset - Streetlife is supported by Dorset County and East Dorset District Council. The local social network, has a simple aim to help people make the most of where they live by connecting with their neighbours. The website provides a free and easy place to share local news, views, recommendations and resources, enabling people with busy routines or reduced mobility to keep in touch with their community.

Conversations started on Streetlife have helped unite lost pets with owners, expose doorstep scammers, save threatened public services and recall local history. The site is also encouraging real-world friendships, with neighbours sharing gardening

equipment, IT advice and dentist recommendations, organising craft groups, street parties and book clubs.

Streetlife has just launched across East Dorset, and everyone – residents, groups, local government representatives and businesses – is invited to share their knowledge, discuss the local issues they care about, and help build a stronger, better connected community.

Residents are invited to be involved by signing up at www.streetlife.com with your postcode and email address. You'll automatically be linked to the people and conversations where you live, post messages, events, polls and pictures, and locals will be able to respond. You can customise your account so you control how often you receive local updates.

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