

**VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

**of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, held at 7.30 pm in Witchampton Village Hall  
on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

**PRESENT**

**Cllr Mr D. Gill - Chairman**

**Cllr Mr J. Campbell – Vice-Chairman**

**Cllr Mr S. Wathen, Cllr Mrs S. Gilchrist, 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**

**15/128. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from, Cllr Ms D. Whit, County Councillor Mr S. Butler and District Councillor Mr S.S. Tong.

**15/129. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mr J. Campbell declared a pecuniary interest in Planning Applications 3/15/1016 & 3/15/1017, Long Crichel House, Long Crichel .

**15/130. DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A VOTE ON AN AGENDA ITEM**

There were no requests for dispensations.

**15/131. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Mr Chris Payne, Gussage All Saints:** Planning Application, 3/15/1037, Manor Farm, Gussage All Saints. The site consists of architecturally fine brick buildings with slate roofs which are too small and no longer fit for use by farm animals or farm vehicles. The applicants wish to preserve the buildings by converting them to residential and expanded business use.

**15/132. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (pages (1096 - 1099) having been approved, were adopted and signed as a true and correct record. The Chairman thanked the Committee for its support during the year.

**15/133. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- a. **Minute No 15/091 (b), Blind Summit, Gussage All Saints:** It was reported that the “SLOW” road markings have been painted onto the road.

**15/134. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

**15/135. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

**15/136. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT**

- a. **Fingerposts:** The Fingerposts Working Group had met earlier in the month and it was reported that the group has been gathering descriptions of the condition of all the fingerposts in the area. 10 – 15 fingerposts need work to be carried out on them. Cllr Mr S. Wathen has contacted the Cranborne AONB about help with funding and Mr David Buxton has volunteered to help with the refurbishment. Witchampton will be dedicating the proceeds of the February "Soup Day" towards the Fingerpost fund.
- b. **Flood Alleviation:** Flood warning signs are in the process of being delivered to Long Crichel and Gussage All Saints and Witchampton have yet to collect theirs from the Ferndown Depot. The gulley at Long Crichel has not been cleared. Some of the drains and grips at the bottom of Uppington hill have been cleared. **Refer to the next meeting for further updates.**
- c. **Superfast Broadband:** It was reported that a new voucher scheme to help businesses to convert to Superfast broadband will start on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Cllr Mr J. Campbell from Long Crichel, will find out more information and is currently having discussions with Gussage All Saints regarding the sharing of the satellite provision with Gussage All Saints.
- d. **Website:** The Parish Clerk is downloading information for the website and will arrange a meeting with the web-site designer to consider options. Councillors were asked to submit short paragraphs of text describing their parish and to include photographs of interesting features.
- e. **Blind Summit, Gussage All Saints:** Notification was received that the work is now complete.
- f. **DAPTC:** The proposed increase in the annual subscription charges for 2016 was noted
- g. **Rest & be Thankful Seat:** Cllr Ms D. White sent in a copy of the current bank statement for information on progress with the fundraising.
- h. **Minutes Binding:** At the joint seminar for Chairmen and Clerks, it was noted that the practice of having the minutes bound is advised against by the Dorset Archive. The Parish Council has bound the minutes in the past and funds have been put aside each year to cover the cost. **It was unanimously resolved to discontinue the practice of binding the minutes. Proposed by Cllr Mrs M. Cook and seconded by Cllr Mr S. Wathen.** The Clerk was requested to bring the old minutes going back to 1894 to the next meeting for Councillors to have a look at them.

**15/137. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Type
3/15/1016 & 3/15/1017	Long Crichel House, Long Crichel	Relocation of open wood store, erection of new shed to store wood	HOU & LBC
3/15/1125	White Farm, Moor Crichel	Proposed change of use of redundant grain store from agricultural use to wood chip drying B2 (general Industry). To include 4 x 500 Kw woodchip boiler, fuel store and associated infrastructure within the building and 4 chimneys on its roof	FUL
3/15/1037	Manor Farm, Gussage All Saints	<b>Conversion of building to residential use to form live/work unit</b>	FUL

### **Parish Council comments on Planning Applications**

- a. **Planning Application 3/15/1017/HOU and 3/15/1017/LBC, Long Crichel House, Long Crichel.** Parish Council comment - SUPPORT – For the following reasons: - Will replace an untidy and poorly protected wood pile with a dry and convenient store. Comments need only be reported to Committee if the Officer's recommendation is at variance with the above.
- b. **Planning Application 3/15/1037/FUL, Manor Farm, Gussage All Saints.** Parish Council comment – SUPPORT – For the following reasons: - An appropriate way of preserving some fine buildings built at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. An expanded and improved livery will provide much needed employment in the area A live in manager will be on site to oversee the welfare of the animals. Comments need only be reported to Committee if the Officer's recommendation is at variance with the above.
- c. **Planning Application 3/15/1125/FUL, White Farm, Crichel Lane, Moor Crichel.** Parish Council comments – NO OBJECTION. Comments do not require reporting to the EDDC Planning Committee. Voting was 4 in favour, 2 against and one abstention

### **15/138. EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS**

There were no Planning Decisions to report.

### **15/139. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no other planning matters to report.

### **15/140. 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 November 2015	271.79	784
2	Inland Revenue PAYE November 2015	56.90	785
3	C.T. Mee R&BT Seat November 2015	35.00	786
7	DAPTC Chairman's Seminar and Councillor's Update Nov 2015	60.00	787
	<b>Total</b>	423.69	

- b. **To approve the revised Audit Plan for 2015. It was unanimously resolved to approve the revised Audit Plan for 2015.** Proposed by Cllr Mr J. Campbell and seconded by Cllr Mr D. Gill.
- c. **To approve the revised Characteristics and Standards of Effectiveness of the Internal Audit for 2015. It was unanimously resolved to approve the revised Characteristics and Standards of Effectiveness of the internal Audit for 2015.** Proposed by Cllr Mr S. Wathen and seconded by Cllr Mr R. Hill.
- d. **To approve the purchase of a notice board for Hinton Parva** In view of the fact that Hinton Parva has been added to the Hinton Ward it was considered that residents should be informed of dates of meetings and other information regarding Parish Council Business. The Clerk was requested to contact the residents asking their opinion on the suitable placement of a new notice board. **It was resolved to approve the purchase of a new notice board for Hinton Parva up to a sum of £500.** Proposed by Cllr Mr J. Campbell and seconded by Cllr Mrs P. Hill.
- e. **To approve the draft budget figures for 2016/2017.** It was reported that a notice informing the public that the draft budget figures for 2016/2017 and

contact details for the Clerk were available for scrutiny, was posted on the Parish Council noticeboards in early November. There had not been any requests for information.. The Chairman and the Clerk went through the Budget figures for 2016/2017 and answered any queries that arose. **It was unanimously resolved to approve the budget figures as set out in the minutes, see attached pages (1101 - 1103).** Proposed by Cllr Mr R. Hill and seconded by Cllr Mrs M. Cook.

- f **To approve the Precept for 2016/2017. It was unanimously resolved to approve the sum of £13,200 as the precept for 2016/2017. For allocation of ward expenses and the Tax Base for 2016/2017, see attached page (1104 - 1105) of the minutes. It was noted that the figures were provisional as the final tax base would not be approved by the District Council until the end of January 2016.**

#### **5/1141. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular:** December 2015  
b. **Local Council Review:** Winter 2015

#### **15/142. MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

- a. **Cllr Mrs S. Gilchrist:** reported that there have been many complaints about the muddy verge around the Telephone Kiosk and the Dog Bin outside the club. It had been agreed previously that either a paved footpath or hard standing would be laid to allow residents to access the dog bin dry shod.  
b. **Cllr Mr S. Wathen:** passed on thanks from the Village Hall Committee for the Parish Council's support for the refurbishment project.  
c. **Cllr Mr S. Wathen:** reported that he had attended to Councillors update and passed the notes of the seminar to the Clerk.  
d. **Cllr Mr R. Hill:** Reported that Wi-fi is to be installed in the village hall. He also reported that contracts had not yet been exchanged on the Drovers Inn.  
e. **Cllr Mr D. Gill:** reported that he had attended the Chairman's seminar. The main items discussed were the new Transparency Regulations, changes to Pension provision for employees and the DAPTC motions passed at the AGM.

**Meeting closed at 9.40 pm**

**Signed.....**

**Date.....**

**Chairman**