

VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

**of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, held at 7.30 pm in Witchampton Village Hall
on Tuesday 22nd November 2016**

PRESENT

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 was the Parish Clerk Mrs K. Bradbury

16/121. APOLOGIES

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

16/122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of Interest to report.

16/123. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING

There were no requests for dispensations to report.

16/124. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs S. Cook, Uppington, Hinton Martell: Planning Application 3/16/2250, 6 Uppington Close, Hinton Martell. A huge amount of earthmoving going on which was supposed to be for drainage. The area has now been turned into a football pitch with Astro turf.

16/125. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON – Tuesday 25th October 2016

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2016 (pages (1152 - 1155) having been approved, were adopted and signed as a true and correct record subject to the following correction:

- a. **Minute No 16/114(b) Fingerposts:** first word on second line of the minute should read "Fingerposts".

16/126. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- b. **Minute No 16/114(b) Fingerposts:** Cllr Wathen reported that he had seen Councillors from Holt removing old fingerposts which they were going to burn. Cllr Wathen has come to an agreement with Holt Parish Council to keep the old boards so that he can salvage the original die-cast letters. It was also reported that a fingerposts account has been set up with Hinton Martell Village Hall.
- c. **Minute No 16/114(g) Hinton Martell Footpath:** Cllr S. Wathen reported that the spraying of the footpath has been completed.
- d. **Minute No 16/120(b)(iii) Emley Lane, Hinton Martell.** Cllr Mr S. Wathen reported that the hedges on either side of the lane have been cut back.

16/127. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report this month.

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16/129. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **Gussage All Saints Telephone Kiosk:** It was reported that the District Council has been informed about the decommissioning of the telephone kiosk at Gussage All saints and the Parish Councils wish to adopt it. Matters are moving quite slowly due to the volume of requests for adoption of kiosks all over the country. **It was unanimously resolved to approve adoption of the telephone kiosk at Gussage All Saints, retaining the electricity supply so that a defibrillator could be kept on the kiosk.** Proposed by Cllr Mr R. Hill and seconded by Cllr Mr S. Wathen
- b. **Local Councils update:** The Local Councils Update is a monthly digest of legal and other matters of interest to Parish Councils. The update can be obtained at a cost of £100 per annum for 12 copies and access to electronic information. **It was unanimously resolved to register for the Local Councils Update.** Proposed by Cllr Mrs P. Hill and seconded by Cllr Mrs M. Cook
- c. **Millennium Tree Avenue, Witchampton:** It was reported that the Crichel Estate had paid for the eastern side of the lane to be pruned, the hedge cut back and the verge cut as well. The contractors also helped Mr Mitchell and his volunteers to carry out some work on the western side and Sir Richard Glyn from the Gaunts Estate also contributed. The avenue looks very much better now. It was suggested that the verge should be cut every year and the trees surveyed again after two years. It was agreed to start the December meeting 15 minutes early and invite Mr Mitchell to attend to discuss the future maintenance of the avenue
- d. **Hinton Martell Footpath:** See Minute No 16/126(c), Matters Arising from the Minutes
- e. **Local Government Finance Settlement:** The Government is holding a Consultation on the capping of Parish and Town Council budgets and holding referendums should the capping limit be exceeded. The Clerk was requested to complete the on-line consultation document on behalf of the council and also to write a letter to Mr Simon Hoare M.P. for North Dorset asking for his support in opposing the proposals.

16/130. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Type
3/16/2250	6 Uppington Close, Hinton Martell	Carry out land drainage works and alter ground levels (Retrospective)	FUL
3/16/2172	Highcroft, Woodcutts Lane, Holt	Resubmission following application 3/16/0592. Erect two storey side extension to provide further accommodation. Roof to gable. Single storey rear extension	HOU
3/16/2363	Applegarth, Pound Hill, Witchampton	Installation of roof lights	LBC

Parish Council Comments on Planning Applications

- a. **Planning Application. 3/16/2250/FUL, 6 Uppington Close, Hinton Martell**
The Parish Council strongly OBJECTS to this application on the grounds listed below
- i. The application relates to an addition of a plot of land to the property which is designated as agricultural and which therefore has limits set on its use for other purposes.
 - ii. One of the stipulations is that a boundary hedge is maintained between the garden of No 6 Uppington Close and the agricultural land adjoining it. This hedge has been removed and there are no signs that any effort has been made to replant the hedge boundary or to erect any sort of barrier between the two plots.
 - iii. There is a huge discrepancy between what is described in the proposal as “to carry out land drainage works and alter ground levels” and what has actually been constructed.
 - iv. The council fails to understand how the excavation of a large hole lined with sleepers is an aid to drainage of the land
 - v. The visual impact of the excavation with its retaining walls is detrimental within the context of the AONB
 - vi. The parish council considers this planning application to be a complete misrepresentation and a misuse of land designated as agricultural by the construction of a mini football field, covered in artificial Astroturf and intended for recreational use
 - vii. The Parish Council requests that this application is sent for consideration by the Planning Committee
- b. **Planning Application 3/16/2172/HOU, Highcroft, Woodcutts Lane, Holt.**
Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION.
- c. **Planning Application 3/16/2363/LBC, Applegarth, Pound Hill, Witchampton.** Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION.

16/131. EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Type
3/16/0985 /FUL	Cock Crow Farm, Cock Road, Moor Crichel	Construct fenced outdoor riding school (25m x 50m)	Permit

16/132. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Application to Carry out Tree Works, 3/16/2633/TCA, Swiss Cottages, Lawrence Lane, Witchampton. L1 – Holly Hedge, reduce by 5ft. L2 – Weigela hedge, reduce overhang by 3ft. Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION.

16/133. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a **Authorisation and payment of Cheques:** The cheques having been approved were signed by Cllr Mr J. Campbell and Cllr Mr R. Hill

	Details	Amount (£)	Cheque No:
1	K. Bradbury, Clerk's Salary Nov 2016 £284.91 Clerks Expenses Jan - Sept 2016 £255.56	540.47	832
2	Inland Revenue PAYE June & September 2016	68.73	833
3	G.A.S. Village Hall Hire 2014,2015,2016	156.00	834
4	Communicorp Local Councils Update 2016	100.00	835
5	Gussage All Saints Village Hall Fingerposts 2016	125.00	836
6	Hinton Martell Village Hall Fingerposts 2016	125.00	837
7	Witchampton & Crichel Fingerposts 2016	250.00	838
8	G.A.S. Clock Maintenance	200.00	839
9	Mr C. Mee Treating Burial Ground and R&BT Seat Nov 2016 & £49.50 plus 50p underpaid invoice 0146045	50.00	840
	Total	1615.20	

Recommendations made by the Finance Working Group

- a. **It was unanimously resolved that the Quarterly Broadband Allowance for the Clerk is raised to £50 and that the Clerk will switch to unlimited Superfast when a good deal comes on offer.** Proposed by Cllr Mrs M. Cook and seconded by Cllr Ms D. White
- b. **It was unanimously resolved that the category labelled "Computer Replacement" is changed to "Office Equipment."** Proposed by Cllr Mrs P. Hill and seconded by Cllr Mr S. Wathen.
- c. **It was unanimously resolved that £2,500 be set aside for the refurbishment of the Millennium Avenue.** Proposed by Cllr Mrs P. Hill and seconded by Cllr Mrs M. Cook.
- d. **It was unanimously resolved that a budget of £500 is set to cover regular maintenance of all the Parish Council benches.** Proposed by Cllr Mr R. Hill and seconded by Cllr Mrs P. Hill.
- e. **It was unanimously resolved that £500 be added to the budget for 2017/2018 for the Rest and be Thankful Seat replacement fund; but that this should be the last payment from the Parish Council and that the remainder should be raised by public subscription.** Proposed by Cllr Mrs M. Cook and seconded by Cllr Mrs S. Gilchrist.
- f. **It was unanimously resolved that a sum of £50 be paid annually to Councillors to cover their expenses.** Proposed by Cllr Mrs M. Cook and seconded by Cllr Mrs P. Hill.
- g. **It was unanimously resolved that the Clerk investigates the cost and the location of a bus shelter in Hinton Martell with a view to including this item in the 2018/2019 budget.** Proposed by Cllr Mr R. Hill and seconded by Cllr Ms D. White
- h. **To Consider the Budget Figures for 2017/2018:** It was requested that the continuing maintenance of the Manswood Play Area be put on an agenda for consideration. It was confirmed that the total amount in the budget should cover the cost of new noticeboards for Hinton Parva and Gussage All Saints. **It was unanimously resolved to approve the Budget as set out in the figures attached on pages 1161 - 1162 of the minutes.**

- i. **It was unanimously resolved to approve the precept calculation as set out on page 1163 of the minutes and to set the Precept for 2017/2018 at £13,700**

16/134. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **Clerks & Councils Direct:** November 2016 issue
- b. **DAPTC:** Annual Report 2015 – 2016
- c. **East Dorset News:** Autumn 2016 edition

16/135. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a. **Cllr Mrs M. Cook:**
 - i. Reported that she had received a letter from Donna Collier, Graduate Planner for Savills. Savills are currently in the process of gathering information regarding the provision of affordable housing in the Witchampton/Manswood area. They are trying to engage with the Housing Development Team to carry out a housing needs survey.
 - ii. Reported that Mr B. Hammond had contacted Pat Waterman at DCC Highways about a blocked gully.
- b. **Cllr Mrs P. Hill:** DAPTC meeting about Dorset County Council re-organisation – it was reported that two places had been booked for Friday 13th December. The Chairman Cllr Mr D. Gill had expressed an interest in attending so Cllrs Pat & Richard Hill were asked to decide which of them would attend.
- c. **Cllr Mr J. Campbell:**
 - i. It was reported that the Long Crichel telephone kiosk has been painted by the Hamiltons of Lower Farm House.
 - ii. It was reported that fibre optic cable has been laid between Long Crichel and Moor Crichel. This will allow residents near to the line of the cable to take advantage of a faster broadband service at lower cost.

Meeting closed at 9.27 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman