

VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

**of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, held at 7.30.pm in Witchampton Village Hall
on Tuesday 30th June 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 Ms D. White

Cllr Mrs P. Hill, Cllr Mr R. Hill

Also present was the Parish Clerk Mrs K. Bradbury

15/038. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from County Councillor Mr S. Butler and District Councillor Mr S.S. Tong.

15/039. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest to report.

15/040. DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A VOTE ON AN AGENDA ITEM

There were no requests for dispensations.

15/041. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

15/012. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON – Tuesday 2nd June 2015

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 (pages (1072 - 1075) having been approved, were adopted and signed as a true and correct record.

15/043. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Minute No 15/029(a), Blind Summit, Gussage All Saints:** There was nothing to report.
- b. **Minute No 15/030(a), Land at Witchampton Village Hall and The Drone:** A letter has been sent to Savills declining the offer of land located behind the Village Hall including the footpath known as the Drone.

15/044. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no reports.

15/045. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

15/046. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **Hinton Martell Telephone Kiosk:** It was reported that the contracts have been exchanged on the adoption of the kiosk, though there is no information about when the equipment will be removed.
- b. **Hinton Martell Notice Board:** It was reported that the Village Hall Management Committee have reduced their offer of a grant towards the notice board from £600 to £300. **Refer to the next Parish Council meeting.**
- c. **Parish Council Website:** The Clerk was requested to arrange a meeting of the Website Working Group (Cllr Ms D. White, Cllr Mrs P. Hill, Cllr Mr J. Campbell and the Parish Clerk) with Mr Chris Booth.
- d. **Planning Training Session:** Councillors reported that the training session on the planning system was very comprehensive and interesting. In future planning decisions will be judged on the level of harm to neighbours and the environment and decisions should be supported by the relevant sections of the Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy. The new electronic system will see the end of paper copies of plans. Plans will be available electronically. This will require a projector and possibly a screen for viewing the plans. The Clerk informed the meeting that she would be attending a briefing at EDDC and would find out if there was likely to be any funding towards acquiring a projector and any other equipment that might be necessary.
- e. **Forward Together:** from Councillors reported on the County Council plans for working more closely with Town and Parish Councils. The general view was that the larger Towns and Parishes were better able to support the cost of taking on some of the duties currently fulfilled by the County Council. Local Government will be expected to make further substantial cuts in their budgets over the next few years. There will be a follow up meeting to consider devolving responsibilities, Volunteer resourcing and managing demand for services.
- f. **Road Closure, Witchampton:** Closure of the road between Pound Hill and Dark Lane to allow Sembcorp to carry out service connections. Commencing 29th June until Friday 3rd July
- g. **Road Closure, Witchampton:** Closure of the road between Sheephouse Drove and Old Lawn Farm for carriageway maintenance and re-surfacing. In operation on 15th July 2015 to 21st July 2015 between the hours of 08.00 – 17.00 daily.
- h. **DAPTC Training Seminars:**

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Date	Time	Course	Cost	Venue
Thurs 25 th June	6.30 – 9.00pm	New Councillors and code of Conduct	£30	Horton & Chalbury Village Hall
Tuesday 14 th July	7.00 – 9.00pm	Chairmanship	£30	Tarrant Keynston Village Hall
Wed 16 th September	10.00am – 4.00pm	Clerks seminar	£50	Kingston Maurward

15/047. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no plans for consideration.

15/048. EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Decision
3/15/0432	Millum House, Hinton Martell	To demolish existing dwelling and garage	Withdrawn
3/15/0412	Millum House, Hinton Martell	To demolish existing dwelling and garage and replace with new dwelling and detached triple garage as amended by plans received 08.06.15	Permit
3/14/1168/ COU	The Drovers Inn, Gussage All Saints	Change of use from a Public House with residential accommodation to one residential dwelling, together with alterations to the existing building to convert to residential accommodation and extend to provide additional residential accommodation and erect garage. Additional information received 20.01.15 as amended by plans 14/01B and 02B received 14.04.15 – reduced south eastern projection of rear extension and amended roof plan	Refuse
3/15/0002 and 3/15/0015/ LBC	5-6 The Buildings, Manswood, Wimborne	Internal alterations to the first and ground floor. Ground floor – remove stud wall between study and lounge and remove ¾ winder staircase (being one of two staircases) to create larger lounge. First floor – remove stud walls between bathroom, stairwell and landing and reconfigure bedroom and en-suite. Replace existing timber framed single glazed softwood flush 12 pane cottage style casement windows that are beyond economical repair with new timber framed softwood flush 12 pane cottage style casement windows with conservation sealed unit panes	WITHDRAWN

15/049. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

- a. **Application for Tree Works, Bobbin Holme, Hinton Martell:** To fell Cypress T1, tree of low amenity value. Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION
- b. **Application for Tree Works, Dawes Cottage, Witchampton:** Remove dead Walnut T1 and replace with Oak. Remove Ash trees T2 and T3 in hedgerow – low amenity value. Parish Council comment – Approve.
- c. **Application for Tree Works, The Old House, Gussage All Saints:** Fell 2 x Holly and 1 x Beech and replace with Field Maple. Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION

15/050. 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 May 2015	271.78	756
2	Inland Revenue PAYE May 2015	56.91	757
3	C.T. Mee Burial Ground, R&BT Seat & Manswood Seat June 2015	120.98	758
4	C. McKay, H. Martell Fountain Maintenance & Materials 2014/2015	307.00	759
5	DAPTC Good Councillors Guide x 4	8.50	760
6	Terrafirma Manswood Play Area Maintenance 2014 & 2015	955.00	761
	Total	1720.17	

b Other Financial Matters

- a. **C.T. Mee:** includes annual maintenance of the Manswood Seat
- b. **C. McKay:** Routine Maintenance comes out of the annual budget, Materials comes from the surplus remaining after refurbishing of the Hinton Martel Fountain.
- c. **Terrafirma:** The Company has only just submitted its invoices for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 after several reminders.

15/051. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular – 05/15**
- b. **DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular – 06/15**
- c. **Dorset County Council:** Bus Timetables for Summer 2015-06-24
- d. **Local Council Review:** Summer 2015 edition
- e. **Clerk's and Councils Direct:** July 2015 issue

15/052. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a. **Cllr Mr D. Gill, Fingerposts:** Reported that application forms have been obtained from the AONB to request possible funding.
- b. **Millennium Trees, Witchampton:** the trees are in a poor state but there is some dispute over who is responsible for the upkeep. The Clerk was asked to investigate,
- c. **Verges, Witchampton:** it was reported that the hedges on either side of the junction at High Lea are overgrown and need to be cut back to improve the sight lines.
- d. **Tree, Lower Row, Witchampton:** the bole of the tree sends out a mass of epicormic growth which interferes with visibility on this junction.
- e. **Superfast Broadband:** Cllr Mr J. Campbell agreed to follow up on the progress of the introduction of Superfast Broadband within the Vale of Allen.

Meeting closed at 8.52 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman