

VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

**of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, held at 7.30 pm in Witchampton Village Hall
on Tuesday 27th June 2017**

PRESENT

Cllr Mr J. Campbell - Chairman

Cllr Mr S. Wathen – Vice Chairman

Cllr Mr D. Gill, 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

17/34. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, Cllr Mrs S. Gilchrist.

17/35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest to report.

17/36. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING

There were no requests for dispensations to report.

17/37. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

**17/38. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON –
Tuesday 2nd May 2017**

The amended minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 pages (1193 – 1199) were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

**17/39. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON – Tuesday 30th
May 2017**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30th May 2017 (pages 1200 - 1203) were approved and signed, subject to the following amendments:

- a. **Minute No 17/19, Apologies:** Cllr Ms D. White tendered her apologies for the meeting.
- b. **Minute No: 17/27(d)(2v), Fingerpost:** change Common to read “Corner” in the first line of the minute.
- c. **Minute No: 17/32(g), Correspondence:** Cllr Mrs E. Butler was the “Mayor” of Blandford.
- d. **Minute No: 17/33(a), Matters of Information:** amend the word past to read “post” in the first line of the minute.
- e. **Minute No: 17/33(a), Matters of Information:** insert the words “of fingerposts” after refurbishment in the penultimate line of the minute.
- f. **Minute No: 17/33(d), Matters of Information:** alter the numbering of the items to insert a request from Cllr Mr D, Gill for copies of the list of

Planning Categories issued by Jane Lynch the Chief Planning Administration Officer.

- g. **Minute No: 17/33(d) & (e), Matters of Information:** renumber Cllr Mrs M Cook and Cllr Mr S. Wathen as subsections (e) & (f)
- h. **Minute No 17/33(g), Matters of Information:** Insert a minute stating that Cllr Mr S. Wathen reported that the time limit for implementation of the Planning Condition is running out

17/40. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Minute No: 17/24 Southfield, Mead Lane, Gussage All Saints:** As a result of the meeting with Cllr Mr S. Tong and letters of complaint regarding the planning process there is a more determined effort being made to improve the planning process at EDDC.
- b. **Minute No: 16/209(d), Other Planning Matters, 6 Uppington Close:** it was noted that the 3 months deadline for compliance with the Planning condition to restore the field to it's original levels is drawing near without any indication that work is to be started. The Clerk was asked to write a strong letter to Jane Lynch.
- c. **Minute No: 17/24 (b), Overgrown Hedge at Uppington Hill:** It was reported that Mr Pat Waterman is trying to get a copy of the letter sent to residents with boundaries along Uppington Hill but that Mr Waterman does not agree that the vegetation is overgrowing the highway. One householder has cut back the hedges adjoining the road.

17/41. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report this month.

17/42. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report this month.

17/43. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **Fingerposts: Gussage All Saints:** Letters on the Mead Lane fingerpost should be completed in the next week or two. Cllr R. Hill has spoken to Mark Adams in the Highways Department and they have agreed to take out fingerposts at no charge and replace them at the Whiteways Hill junction. The posts are set in concrete and would have been difficult to remove without the County Council's help.
Witchampton: The post at W. Sheephouse is close to completion. The Coppins farm manager has passed on the phone number for the Coppins agent who would be willing to help. However if the County Council is willing to take out and replace the posts at no cost then they should be approached first. Cllr M. Cook is trying to get a grant from the Cranborne AONB and is considering making a joint application to the lottery fund for the Fingerposts and the Rest & be Thankful Seat.
- b. **Planning Training:** It was reported that members have been booked in for the Planning Training sessions. The first to take place at Verwood Council Offices on 13th July 2017 and the second at the Quarterjack Suite, Allendale Community Centre, Wimborne, on Friday 28th July 2017.
- c. **Dorset Wildlife Trust:** To consider the verges that the Parish Council could take over as a result of the reduced DCC verge cutting programme, the Dorset Wildlife Trust has asked Towns and Parishes to consider whether they have any verges that would be suitable for management as wildflower refuges. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries.
- d. **Manswood Play Area:** Nothing to report.

- e. **Affordable Housing:** Bryony Stevens, the EDDC Housing Development Officer has broken her wrist and is unable to drive so it will be a couple of months before she is fit to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss a Housing Needs Survey. A copy of the questionnaire developed for Knowlton Parish was circulated to all members. There was concern about people from outside the parish being allocated places as has happened at Five Ash in Witchampton.
- f. **Countryside Development Officer:** Funding is available for improvements to footpaths under the Health & Footpaths Project. Members were asked to pass on information about any footpaths in their area that were in need of attention. Deadline of two weeks so that the clerk can pass on the information.
- g. **DAPTC Training**

Date	Time	Course	Venue	Cost
Thursday 21 st September	10.00 – 4.00	Clerks Seminar	Kingston Maurward College	£60 inc lunch

17/44. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Type
3/17/1344 & 3/17/1345	Rose Lea, Witchampton	Demolish existing extension and erect replacement & widen drive	HOU & LBC

Parish Council comments on Planning Applications

Planning Application 3/17/1344 & 1345, Rose Lea, Witchampton: Parish Council comment – SUPPORT – the proposed alterations are a more rational use of limited space

17/45. EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Decision
3/17/0953/ LBC	Elm Tree Cottage, Gussage All Saints	Erect detached annexe for additional accommodation ancillary to main building	Permit
3/17/0165/ FUL & 3/17/0166/ LBC	Abbey House, Pound Hill – Lower Street, Witchampton	Installation of raised platform with stairs and ladder access. Installation of gabions to delineate walls (part retrospective)	Permit

17/46. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

3/17/1649/TCA, Elm Tree Cottage, Gussage All Saints: the Parish Council had no objection to the following proposals:

- T1 Silver Birch, reduce crown by approx 2.5m, crown raise to 4m.
 T2 Horse Chestnut, Reduce crown by 4m
 T3 Beech, Crown thin by 20%
 T4 Beech, Raise crown by 4.5m on garden side
 T5 Ash, Reduce crown by 2.5m

17/47. 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 (£)	V.A.T	Cheque Total	Cheque No:
1	K. Bradbury, Clerk's Salary May 2017	298.73	0.00	298.73	879
2	HMRC PAYE due May 2017	58.68	0.00	58.68	880
3	DAPTC Practical Chairing Skills	35.00	0.00	35.00	881
4	CT Mee Burial Ground & R&BT Seat June 2017	136.50	0.00	136.50	882
5	H. Martell Fountain Maintenance 1 year to March 2016	160.00	0.00	160.00	883
	Total	688.91	0.00	688.91	

- b** Confirmation was received that the TSB Business Instant Access Account has been closed and the balance transferred to the TSB Community Account

17/48. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Local Councils Review:** Summer 2017.

17/49. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a. Cllr Mr S. Wathen:**
- i. It was reported that the drain at Culpeper's, Hinton Martell has been mended, which should alleviate the flooding problem at the bottom of Uppington Hill.
 - ii. It was reported that the verges on the road into Hinton Martell have been cut.
- b. Cllr Ms D. White:** Informed members that Witchampton Gardens will be open at the week-end
- c. Cllr Mrs P. Hill:** reminded members about the Gussage All Saints Fete
- d. Cllr Mr R. Hill:** Asked about progress regarding the website
- e. Cllr Mr J. Campbell:** It was reported that an Ash tree had shed a branch. It was considered to be due to the long dry spell and not the result of Ash die back.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....