

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 Mrs S. Gilchrist, Cllr Ms D. White, Cllr Mrs P. Hill, Cllr Mr R. Hill

**Also present were County Councillor Mr S. Butler, the Parish Clerk Mrs K. Bradbury
and six members of the public**

17/50. APOLOGIES

- a. The Parish Clerk reported that Mr David Gill had informed her of his resignation as Councillor for Hinton Ward (Gaunts Common). This leaves three unfilled vacancies for the Hinton Ward which are available for co-option.
- b. Apologies were received from, Cllr Mrs M. Cook.

17/51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest to report.

17/52. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING

There were no requests for dispensations to report.

17/53. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

- a. **Mr King, Gussage All Saints:** Mr King spoke regarding the appeal that has been lodged on Planning Application 3/17/0832, Southfield, Gussage All Saints. He commented on some of the anomalies contained in the decision notice issued by the District Council.
- b. **Mr & Mrs Dickinson, Gussage All Saints:** Planning Application 3/17/1497, Peel House, (adjacent to vicarage cottage) Gussage All Saints. the original planning application was for three houses, only two of which were built. An existing covenant has been released to allow the third house to be built. The current application is a bit smaller than the original. Although a bat survey was negative, on the advice of Natural England it is intended to install bat boxes in the surrounding trees.
- c. **Mr & Mrs Farmer, Gussage All Saints:** Planning Application 3/17/1497, Peel House, (adjacent to vicarage cottage) Gussage All Saints. Mr & Mrs Farmer objected to the application on the grounds that the proposed development, being prominent and intrusive, would have an adverse effect on the west end of the village;. The area will lose its open aspect with its clear view of the village church.

17/54. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON – Tuesday 27th June 2017

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27th June 2017 (pages 1204 - 1207) were approved and signed as a true record

17/55. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Minute: 17/27/(d)(2v) Fingerpost Horseshoe Corner:** Cllr Wathen reported that he has volunteers willing to help with the refurbishing of the fingerpost at the Horseshoe Corner crossroads. Mr Roger Bond is making a start on reconstructing the finger-boards ready for installation.
- b. **Rights of Way:** Cllr Mr S. Wathen reported that he had compiled a list of problems with rights of way that need attention in the Hinton Martell area; which he had sent to Tara Hansford at Dorset County Council. The Clerk has also sent a letter to Ms Hansford.

17/56. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION (brought forward)

It was resolved that the following two items be brought forward on the agenda.

Application No	Location	Proposal	Type
3/17/1497	Peel House – adjacent to Vicarage Cottage, Harley Lane,, Gussage All Saints	Erect 4 x bed dwelling and garage	FUL

- a. **Parish Council comment:** Planning Application 3/17/1497/FUL, Peel House, Gussage All Saints – NO OBJECTION
- b. **Appeal Application:** 3/17/0832/FUL Southfield, Mead Lane, Gussage All Saints. The Parish Council comments were that (a) the visibility of the proposed agricultural building had been overstated and that it would not be intrusive and (b) the decision notice is incorrect as there is an existing access track into the field so there is no need to build another one.

17/57. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Mr S. Butler submitted a written report. See attached page 1213 of the minutes.

17/58. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report this month.

1759/. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **Planning Training:** Members attending the training session on 13th July 2017 reported that the session was very useful in clarifying the numerous changes that have been initiated by Government legislation. A summary of the topics covered is held on file.
- b. **Dorset Wildlife Trust:** The Clerk reported that she had contacted Mr Steve Davies who is in charge of verge cutting for the County Council, stating that the Parish council wishes to take over the management of some of the verges in the Vale of Allen to encourage a wider variety of wildflowers. There has not been any reply so far.
- c. **Witchampton First School:** It was resolved to support the Wimborne First School in its bid for a portion of the District Council ward budget allocation.
- d. **Manswood Play Area:** It was reported that the Clerk had written to Mr Iain Davey-Smith of The Buildings, Manswood informing him that the Parish Council has agreed to allow the residents to maintain the Manswood Play

Area for a twelve month trial period and asking for an on site meeting to discuss the requirements.

- e. **Affordable Housing:** It was reported that the Clerk has arranged for Bryony Stevens to attend the Parish Council meeting on 22nd August 2017 to discuss the proposed housing needs Survey. The meeting will start half an hour earlier to allow time for a full discussion of the questionnaire.
- f. **Improving Local Rights of Way:** see above minute 17/55(b) - Matters Arising from the Minutes.
- g. **Burial Ground Extension:** The Clerk reported that once again she has written to Savills about the donation of the paddock adjacent to the burial ground as an extension to the graveyard to ensure sufficient space for future generations of residents. Although there is no great urgency in this matter, the paddock is not being properly maintained
- h. **Road Signs and Markings Stanbridge Mill:** Cllr Mr R. Hill reported that he had been in contact with Mrs Julie Straughan (who lives near the mill), about the alarming number of accidents occurring on the bend leading to the narrow single file stretch of the C2 road located just beyond Stanbridge Mill. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Andrew Martin and Mr Pat Waterman to see if anything can be done about improving the wording and the location of the advance warning signs and also refreshing the "SLOW" road markings leading up to and beyond the mill.
- i. **DAPTC Training**

Date	Time	Course	Venue	Cost
Thursday 21 st Sept	10.00 – 4.00	Clerk's Seminar	Kingston Maurward	£60
Tuesday 3 rd October	7.00 – 9.00	Essentials for Councillors Part 1	Leigh Village Hall	£65 for both sessions
Thursday 12 th October	10.00 – 12noon	Budgeting and precepts	Dorset Youth Association	£35
Saturday 4 th November	9.30 – 1.00pm	DAPTC AGM	Council Chamber – DCC	N/A
Tuesday 7 th November	7.00 – 9.00	Essentials for Councillors Part 2	Leigh Village Hall	£65 for both sessions

17/60. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Type
3/17/1018	Rose Cottage, Newtown, Witchampton	Demolish rear chimney stack	LBC
3/17/1113	Hazelwood Barn, Hinton Martell	Change of use of outbuilding to dwelling	FUL
3/17/1344 &3/17/1345	Rose Lea, Witchampton	Demolish existing extension, replace with new single storey extension and widen existing access and driveway (amended description)	HOU & LBC
3/17/1493	Buddens Cottage, 329 Horseshoes, Gaunts Common	To demolish sections A & B of hay barn and stables, but to completely retain existing section C. Rebuild section A & B on same footprint as existing, using similar materials to	HOU

		match original. Existing Ludlow tiles will be re-used. No change of use, no increase in footprint. Reason for rebuild is existing is in bad state of repair and not structurally sound	
3/17/1881	1 Crows Nest Bungalows, Moor Crichel	Detached double garage, turning and access to highway	HOU

Parish Council Comments on Planning Applications

- a. **Planning Applications 3/17/1018/LBC, Rose Cottage, Newtown, Witchampton.** Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION.
- b. **Planning Application 3/17/1113/FUL, Hazelwood Barn, Hinton Martell.** Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION.
- c. **Planning Applications 3/17/1344/HOU & 3/17/1345/LBC, Rose Lea, Witchampton.** Parish Council comment – SUPPORT, the proposed alterations are a more rational use of limited space.
- d. **Planning Application 3/17/1493/HOU, Buddens Cottage, 329 Horseshoes, Gaunts Common.** Parish Council comment – SUPPORT, The use of reclaimed materials to replace an unsafe building is commended.
- e. **Planning Application 3/17/1881/HOU, Crows Nest Bungalows, Moor Crichel.** Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION.

17/61. EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Decision
3/17/1018/LBC	Rose Cottage, Newtown, Witchampton	Demolish rear chimney stack	Permit
3/17/1384/PNAGD	The Milking Parlour, Horseshoes Farm, Holt	Conversion of existing milking parlour at Horseshoes Farm, Holtwood into one residential dwelling. To include the installation and replacement of windows, doors, roofing and exterior walls.	Permit

17/62. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

- a. **3/17/1929/TCA, Elm Tree Cottage, Gussage All Saints:** request for the following tree work to allow mote light into the garden – the Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to the proposed work.
 - i. T1 Beech, crown lift canopy by 4.5m from ground level
 - ii. T2 Beech, crown lift canopy by 4.5m from ground level and crown thin canopy by 20%
 - iii. T3 Horse Chestnut, remove basal growth and stem growth by up to 3m above ground level
 - iv. T4 Ash, crown lift canopy by 4.5m from ground level
 - v. T5 Silver Birch, crown lift canopy by 4.5m from ground level
- b. **3/17/0832/FUL, Southfield, Mead Lane, Gussage All Saints:** notification of appeal. See Minute No: 17/56(b).

- c. **3/17/1018/LBC, Rose Cottage Newtown, Witchampton.** It was noted that the application was sent out for comments on 12/07/2017. Decision was granted two days prior to this on 10/07/2017.
- d. **3/17/1384/PNAGD, The Milking Parlour, Horseshoes Farm, Holt:** It was noted that this application was not received by Vale of Allen Parish Council although the decision notice is listed under Hinton Ward.

17/63. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Details		Amount (£)	V.A.T	Cheque Total	Cheque No:
1	K. Bradbury, Clerk's Salary June 2017	350.38	0.00	350.38	884
2	HMRC PAYE due June 2017	54.93	0.00	54.93	885
3	C.T. Mee Burial Ground, R&BT Seat, Manswood Seat July 2017	100.00	0.00	100.00	886
Total		505.31	0.00	505.31	

17/64. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. **DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular:** Forwarded o all members
- b. **EDDC Community Infrastructure Levy:** An updated CIL Regulation 123 List has been prepared. The list can be viewed on Dorsetforyou
- c. **Citizens Advice Bureau:** Annual Report 2015/2016 and request for a grant
- d. **Sting in the Tale Festival:** Annual storytelling festival from Friday 4th August to Friday 11th August
- e. **Clerks & Councils Direct** – July 2017 issue
- f. **Local Councils update:** - July 2017 Issue

17/65. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a. **Cllr Mr S. Wathen:**
- i. **Hinton Martell Fete:** thanks to the Clerk from the Village Hall Committee for the complimentary tickets for the Great Dorset Steam Fair which were part of the raffle prizes at the fete.
 - ii. **Bus Shelter:** Cllr Wathen has carried out a survey of residents regarding installing a bus shelter in the village.
- b. **Cllr Mrs S. Gilchrist:** Made a complaint that it was very difficult to get a signal in Witchampton. Cllr Ms D. White suggested she try switching her settings to 2G as this seems to help improve the signal for her.

Meeting closed at 9.43 pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....

DCC Report July 2017, Steve Butler

Local Government Reform (LGR). With the Parliamentary Summer Recess started the Secretary of State, Sajid Javid, is unlikely to make any “minded to” decision before the Autumn and the start of any LGR seems likely to drift on towards Christmas. This puts greater strain on to what was already a tight schedule and the likelihood of any new unitary system being put in place in time for the local elections in 2019 appears less and less likely.

Clinical Services Review (CSR) The number of people living in Dorset is growing and is set to rise by around 50,000 by 2020. More people are living longer with more long-term conditions like diabetes and dementia. This will increase demand for, and pressure on, our health and social care system. To this end the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have held a review the results of which have been out to consultation to the public, patients and wider stakeholders. The plans propose making Bournemouth an A&E Hospital, Poole an Acute Hospital and Dorchester to continue as a hybrid, with the closure of St. Leonards and Shaftsbury Cottage Hospitals and more care in the community deemed to be the way forward. As can be assumed the folks of Purbeck were unhappy that A&E would be further away and the folks of Shaftsbury unhappy their cottage hospital was to close. The CCG’s responses to the consultation are expected in September.

Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) The other big ticket item for Dorset is the STP. A local partnership made up of the Dorset CCG, 1st tier local govt (Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole) and the NHS Trusts (the 3 Hospitals, Dorset Healthcare University and the South Western Ambulance Service) have created a 3 tier template to provide services that will meet the needs of local people. 1) Prevention at scale: helping people to stay healthy and avoid getting unwell. 2) Integrated community services: creating community hubs with and without beds that combine health and care services.3) One acute network: transforming acute services in Dorset so they meet the complex and specialist needs of the local population. Dorset has good NHS services but change is vital to meet the challenges of an ageing population and rising demand, too much variation in the quality of services, unacceptable inequalities in life expectancy and workforce and financial pressures.

DCC Budget Deficit. The County Council continues working hard to fix our potential budget deficit. The 3 main areas of concern are:-

- 1) Special Educational Need (SEN) Transport. All children with a SEN Plan who need to travel more than 3 miles for their education are entitled to free transport. Rationalisation of routes and transport carers has been taking place and we expect to make saving starting in September.
- 2) Looked after children (LAC). The county is looking to streamline the recruitment and training of new in house foster careers for our children in care to help minimise the use of expensive Independent Fostering Agencies.
- 3) Agency Staff. The county has reviewed its use of agency social workers and upgraded the recruitment process increasing the offer to new graduate social workers and create a new working model called “Reinvigorating Social Work” which will ensure our social working spend more time with our clients.