

VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, held at 7.30 pm in Gussage All Saints Village Hall on Tuesday 9th January 2018

PRESENT

Cllr Mr J. Campbell - Chairman

Cllr Mr S. Wathen – Vice Chairman

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

Also present were County Councillor Mr S. Butler, the Parish Clerk Mrs K. Bradbury and one member of the public

17/141. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies to report.

17/142. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no Declarations of Interest to report.

17/143. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING

There were no requests for dispensations to report.

17/144. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no questions from members of the public.

17/145. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON – Tuesday 17th October 2017

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th December 2017 (pages 1230 - 1239) were approved and signed as a true record

17/146. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Ward Budget Allocation:** It was reported that Hinton Martell Village Hall Committee has set up a joint "Wildflower Verges" bank account for the Ward Budget Allocation and details were passed on to Cllr Mr J. Campbell.
- b. **Planning Application 3/17/3092/CLE, The Barn, Uppington, Hinton Martell.** It was reported that as far as could be ascertained after enquiries amongst neighbours, the barn has been used as living accommodation for staff for a number of years and this information has been passed on to the case officer.

17/147. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Mr S. Butler

- i. **Local Government Reform:** The Secretary of State is expected to make his pronouncement in February and negotiations are taking place between the eight authorities (including EDDC and Purbeck) that have agreed on having two Unitary Authorities, Christchurch has held a Parish Poll and 80% of the participants said no to the two Unitary Authorities option. It was suggested that Christchurch, Bournemouth and Poole could join together leaving the

rest of Dorset to form a separate authority. If the change goes ahead it is expected that EDDC's 29 District Councillors will be reduced by half to 18 with 10 County Councillors

- ii. **Local Government Finance:** The new funding formula for 2021 will allow local authorities to retain a larger proportion of the business rates. The Revenue Support Grant was going into reverse and some local councils were finding that they "owed" money which had to be repaid to the government. It has been agreed to raise the cap on Local Authorities from 2% to 3%.
- iii. **Children's Services:** In order to comply with the Commission for Quality Control, DCC is allocating £1million to hire an extra 20 Social Workers to lighten the load on existing staff and to improve outcomes for the children in care, most of the money would go towards salaries. It is also bringing forward plans to speed up the adoption process.

17/148. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no report this month.

17/149. PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **Burial Ground Extension:** A letter on behalf of the Marten family from Preston Redman, Solicitors was received offering the paddock adjoining the current Burial Ground as a future extension provided that a proportion sufficient for up to thirty burial plots was set aside for use by the Marten family. **It was unanimously resolved to accept the offer in principle on the understanding that the burials would be paid for at the fees current at the time of burial.** Proposed by Cllr D. White and seconded by S. Wathen.
- b. **Burial Ground Maintenance:** The Clerk and the Chairman have made an inspection of the burial ground and have found the following problems: 1) the spoil heap left by gravediggers has encroached upon the area set aside for burial plots. The original hedge between the churchyard and the burial ground extension has been allowed to grow to such an extent that it now consists of several substantial trees. Mr Ian Trevis owns the land adjoining the burial ground on the north side and could be asked to allow access for removal of the spoil heap. 2) The laurel hedge between the Churchyard and the Burial Ground Extension is encroaching on the path between the two plots and requires the attention of a tree surgeon. 3) There is no provision for a rubbish bin in the burial ground extension. It was agreed that a meeting of the Burial Ground Committee should be convened as soon as possible to discuss a plan for improving the maintenance of the churchyard.
- c. **Simon Hoare MP:** An invitation was received inviting Clerk's and Chairmen to attend a round table discussion on matters of local interest. The Clerk and the Chairman will attend.
- d. **Thickthorn Cross** Details of a fatal accident at this Junction last August was received and noted.
- e. **Annual Audit:** The External Auditors BDO LLP have issued a Report in the Public Interest because the annual audit for 2016 has not been completed. The Parish Clerk has tendered her resignation from the Council due to long standing family and health problems.
- f. **Website:** Notification of **Future Diary Dates** for the website. Councillors agreed to e-mail details of lunch clubs and other events
- g. **DAPTC Training**

Tuesday 30 January	Am session: 9.30-11.30am or Pm session: 12.30-2.30pm	Introduction to the new external auditor & the new limited assurance regime	£15 am session £15 pm session	Athelhampton House, Athelhampton, Dorchester, DT2 7LG	Rebecca Plane FCPFA, Senior Audit Manager, PKF Littlejohn LLP Max no: 50 per session One delegate per council	All
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Saturday 17 February	10am-12noon	Introduction training for councillors (with less than 9 months experience)	£40	Dorset Youth Association, Dorchester, DT1 1QL	Introductory course to be taken prior to the essentials for councillors course for new councillors who have been in post for less than 9 months. Max no: 14	New Councillors
Friday 23 February	10.00 – 12.00	Essential Finance basics for small councils	£40	Dorset Youth Association, Dorchester, DT1 1QL	Max no. 16	Primarily clerks but councillors are welcome

17/150. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Type
3/17/3414 HOU & 3/17/3415 LBC	Elm Tree Cottage, Gussage All Saints	Retain detached annexe (Retrospective)	
3/17/3495	Thatch Cottage, Long Crichel	To remove existing front porch and replace with an oak frame on a brick plinth – porch with slate roof	LBC
3/17/3421	Harley, Gussage All Saints	Car port attached to existing garage	Invalid – sent in error

Parish Council Comments on Planning Applications

- a. **Planning Applications 3/17/3414 & 3/17/3415, Elm Tree Cottage, Gussage All Saints.** Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION.
- b. **Planning Application 3/17/3495, Thatch Cottage, Long Crichel.** Parish Council comment – NO OBJECTION.
- c. **Planning Application 3/17/3421, Harley, Gussage All Saints.** The Parish Council was notified that this application had been sent in error and that the proposed carport was not lawful.

17/151. EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Decision
3/17/3421/ CLP	Harley, Gussage All Saints	Car port attached to existing garage	Not Lawful
3/17/2467/ FUL	Horseshoes Farm, Holt	Erect replacement two storey property with detached garage following demolition of existing two storey property (Amended drawings received 23/10/17 and 27/11/2017)	Refuse

17/152. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

- a. **3/17/3511/TCA.** Sandmartin, Gussage All Saints. To fell T2 – Thuja (EDDC notified of No Objection)
- b. **3/17/3578/TCA.** Adjacent to Vicarage Cottage, Gussage All Saints. To fell T2 – White Poplar. The Parish Council had no objection.

17/153. 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 Dec 2017 £337.07. Clerk's Expenses 2nd Quarter £522.94. Clerk's Expenses 3rd Quarter £156.08	982.09	34.00	1016.09	918
2	HMRC PAYE due Dec 2017	68.24	0.00	68.24	919
3	BDO Public Interest Report	351.00	70.20	421.20	920
4	C.T. Mee Bus Shelters x 4	40.00	0.00	40.00	921
	Total	1144.28	104.20	1186.78	

- b Ward Allocation of Precept:** The Council Tax Base had been received and the Ward Allocation of the precept was calculated as shown in the attached pages 1244 – 1245 of the minutes.

17/154. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Local Councils Review:** Winter 2017 Edition

17/155. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a. Mrs J. Manson, Witchampton:** expressed an interest in being co-opted to the Parish Council. **Referred to the next Parish Council meeting.**
- b. Cllr Mr S. Wathen:** Regarding the Black Barn development, there is a lot of heavy traffic using the access road which is leaving a great deal of mud on the road and causing a hazard.
- c. Cllr R. Hill:** reported that he has changed the catch on the notice board to a brass one as the original was rusted. It was also reported that the broken glass will be replaced.
- d. Cllr Mrs P. Hill:** reported that the recent gales had brought down a tree in the village. She was pleased to inform the council that the Highways division was very prompt in removing the obstruction.

Meeting closed at 8.47 pm

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman

WARD EXPENSES AND PRECEPT 2018/2019**Gussage All Saints**

-	Salt & Grit	100.00	
-	Verges	62.50	
-	Fingerposts	125.00	
	Parish Clock		
	Maintenance	200.00	
	Total	487.50	487.50

Hinton (Hinton Martell & Hinton Parva)

	Fountain Water Rates	70.00	
	Fountain Electricity	60.00	
	Fountain Maintenance	160.00	
	Verges	62.50	
	Fingerposts	125.00	
	Total	477.50	477.50

Witchampton & Criche

-	Salt & Grit	300.00	
-	Verges	125.00	
-	Club Bus Shelter & Roof	410.00	
	M P Rent, Remedial & Maint	1,251.00	
	Burial Ground	0	
	Maintenance	750.00	
	R & BT SeaT Grass & Maint	150.00	
	Bus Shelters Grass & Maintenance	385.00	
	Manswood Seat Grass & Maintenance	105.00	
	Millennium Avenue	500.00	
	Fingerposts	250.00	
	Sub-total	4,226.00	3026.00
		0	0
		1,200.00	
	Less Burial Fees	0	
	Total	3,026.00	3,991.00
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	15,600.00
Precept	0
Ward Expenses	3,991.00
General Expenses	11,609.00
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**Precept
and Ward
Expenses
Allocated
Pro-rata
2018/2019**

Parish	Tax Base Estimate 2018/2019	Ward Expenses 2018/19	General Expenses 2018/19	Precept Required	Council Tax Support Grant	Precept Required 20118/19	Band D Equivale nt 2018/19
Gussage A.S.	119	487.00	2152.00	2639.00	0.00	2639.00	22.18
Hinton Martell & Parva	215	478.00	3888.00	4366.00	0.00	4366.00	20.31
W'ampton & Crichel	308	3026.00	5569.00	8595.00	0.00	8595.00	27.91
Total	642	3991.00	11609.00	15600.00		15600.00	