

VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, held at 7.30 pm in Gussage All Saints Village Hall on Tuesday 18 September 2018

Present:

Cllr J Campbell – Chairman

Cllr S Wathen, Cllr Ms D White, Cllr Mrs M Cook, Cllr Mrs J Manson, Cllr Mrs P Hill, Cllr R Hill and County Councillor S Butler

Also present were the Parish Clerk Ian Hanstead and T Read, J Grazebrook (part)

18.080. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs S Gilchrist and District Councillor S Tong.

18.081. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest to report.

18.082. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING

There were no requests for dispensations to report.

18.083. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

There were no questions from members of the public.

18.084. VALE OF ALLEN PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES

J Grazebrook, chairman Gussage St Michael (GSM) Parish Meeting attended and gave a summary regarding a proposal to join the Vale of Allen (VoA) Parish Council group. With East Dorset District Council (EDDC) becoming part of the new Dorset Council, GSM would be a very small entity, and whilst they could continue, it was felt that joining a larger parish council has its advantages. (At a previous VoAPC meeting, members were agreeable to the enlargement of the group).

EDDC attended a recent GSM meeting with the chairman and parish clerk of VoA present. The legal process was outlined. Each Ward would need to hold a separate meeting to support the proposal. The quorum for each meeting was 3, and a majority vote of those registered electors present would be sufficient.

GSM was meeting on 17 October. Members agreed a similar timetable subject to availability of village halls. Appropriate notices must be displayed inviting electorate to meetings giving 14 clear working days excluding Saturday, Sunday, the day notice posted and the day of the meeting.

(J Grazebrook left the meeting)

18.085 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON – Tuesday 21 August 2018

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 August 2018 (pages 1283 - 1286) were approved and signed as a true record.

18.086. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr S Wathen advised that:

- * the Hinton Martell village hall was available for the change to the November meeting date
- * his comments for the local plan had been submitted
- * the new grit bin for his village was in place.

18.087. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr S Butler provided an update for the new Dorset Council:

- * the new chief executive had been appointed – formerly the chief executive heading the Dorset Council Partnership
- * second tier posts had been approved to advertise
- * due to the split of functions between EDDC and Christchurch partnership, there were a number of 'stranded costs' that had to be unravelled i.e. officer time/costs spending more time in one council area than another, and where those staff would end up through TUPE transfer
- * with the amalgamation of staff into one new council, there would be many redundancy costs to pay out
- * proposed new office would be where the Dorset Council Partnership is currently based
- * the new council would focus on service continuity from 1 April 2019 so a seamless service is provided – e.g. phones, IT, web site etc
- * budgets would be set and consideration to be given on what is value for money

Cllr S Butler mentioned the leisure facility at QE, questioning whether it was wise for the Council to subsidise it. Cllr M Cook stated that she thought it was very important that the Council support it. She said that it was important that these facilities be available at reasonable cost for families of limited means and surely exercise and healthy living was something the government endorsed. She cited Blandford leisure pool as an example where the Town Council part funded which keeps the costs down. Cllr S Butler took note of her position, he would raise this at the appropriate time.

Cllr J Manson raised inconsistency in grass cutting. The grass at the Witchampton/B3078 (High Lea) junction was only part cut leaving visual obstruction which was dangerous. Cllr S Butler said he would raise this as a health and safety matter. Cllr M Cook raised the play area at Manswood had been missed until being chased.

(Cllr S Butler left the meeting)

18.088. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was nothing to report.

18.089 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

- a. **Grit bins:** awaiting EDDC to fill

- b. **Community Service Certificate:** all paperwork received electronically, but awaiting for other items regarding GSM meetings which would take priority on the web site due to limited monthly changes to web site
- c. **Website:** Notification of Future Diary Dates for the website – there were none.
- d. **DAPTC Training:** The annual Parish Clerks conference took place earlier in the day. Details about how the timetable for May 2019 election would take place. Members should note that the next two terms would change to five years, then revert back to four year terms. A Dorset Council update was given, which is covered by Cllr S Butler's report above.
- e. **VOAPC area amendment:** Further to the earlier discussion, members reaffirmed their agreement to proceed with the enlargement of the parish council subject to all Wards agreeing
- f. **Co-option application:** to be deferred to next meeting T Read can attend due to getting appropriate paperwork completed and reciting the necessary wording to the meeting. Papers to be issued to candidate before next meeting.

18.090 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Decision
3/18/2342	Witchampton CE First school	Construct new nursery/pre-school building	Supported
3/18/2474	Manor Farm House, Gussage All Saints	Block up existing access gates and form two new access gates	No Objection

18.091. EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Decision
	None received		

18.092 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

- a. **Application for Tree Work:** 3/18/2302/TCA, Raglan Court, Witchampton. Work to three Cherry trees and note one Elder fallen. Members of the VoAPC raised no objection regarding this matter.

18.093. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) The following items were approved for payment – cheques signed by Cllrs J Campbell and R Hill

	Details	Amount (£)	V.A.T	Cheque Total	Cheque No:
1	CT Mee grounds maintenance for August	148.00	0.00	148.00	954
2	Chandler IT Services – updating laptop	154.00	0.00	154.00	955
	Total	302.00	0.00	302.00	

- b) Members considered and agreed an additional signatory – Mrs J Manson

c) Members supported the move to pay via bank transfer. Cllr R Hill outlined how it worked for his village hall committee. Finance Regulations will need to be amended to reflect this process.

18.094. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Local Councils Update: September 2018 issue

18.095 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a) Cllr D White – a fashion show in aid of Little Owls to be held in Chalbury and Horton village hall on 29 September
 - soup lunches started on 19 September in the Witchampton club
 - the lunch club was the last Friday in Witchampton club
- b) Cllr S Wathen – the meter had been read for the village pond and would forward to the previous clerk. He will liaise with the her to tie up updating records and payments
 - fly tipping taken place again, this time with tyres and oil. This had been reported to EDDC
- c) Cllr P Hill – new farm mobile shop visits Gussage All Saints village hall each Friday 10am – 1pm
- d) Cllr M Cook – raised the issue following the removal of the laurels bushes and trees outside the Witchampton village hall. The site was not tidied up. Whatever is planted to replace the bushes and trees needs to be manageable.
- e) Cllr J Campbell – details of a proposed burial, which was previous agreed at a former meeting, were passed to the clerk to liaise with the undertaker.

Meeting closed at 9.18 pm

Signed.....

Date.....2018

Chairman