

VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, held at 7.30 pm in Gussage St Michael Village Hall on Wednesday 8 January 2020

Present:

Cllr J Campbell - Chairman

Cllr S Hanstead, Cllr K Mitchell, Cllr J Van Etten, Cllr S Tong, Cllr D White, Cllr M Cook, Cllr S Warnock, Dorset Cllr P Brown

I Hanstead Parish Clerk

19.119 Recording, Photography Social Media

No applications this meeting.

19.120 APOLOGIES

Cllrs S Bushell, M Bushell, S Wathen, C Bailey, T Read, D Burford-May, Dorset Cllr R Cook

19.121 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest to report.

19.122 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING

There were no requests for dispensations to report.

19.123 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No public present.

19.124 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON – Tuesday 26 November 2019

The Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting (pages 1370 - 1375) were approved and signed as a true record.

19.125 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters arising not on the agenda.

The Parish Clerk had updated the 'Actions List':

- 19.008c – ebanking forms completed but TSB requesting different forms to be completed.
- 19.081f – Step between Witchampton church and village hall – Cllr Brown advised funding now in place for works to proceed
- 19.084b – Neighbourhood Plan – agreed to draft a questionnaire

19.126 DORSET COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr P Brown reported:

- DC is calling for ideas under Climate Emergency to reduce its impact on the environment and ecology. Contact via link on Council's website if members have any ideas
- DC is aware of Ward issues with shortage/lack of bus services
- Witchampton
 - steps by church/village hall – DC funding £1,000, private anonymous donor funding remainder. Works to be ordered
 - Sunny Patch planning application – to be discussed under agenda item
 - Met Lower Street residents to discuss traffic and road safety on bends as six accidents in last two years that resulted in medical attention. Suggestions have been raised with DC and awaiting a response
- DC budget setting process reaching conclusion. DC Councillors being consulted. Formal approval to committee at end of January. NB - £22m extra allocated for adult and social care

Cllr Mitchell raised the on-going traffic issues on the single carriageway hill on the C2 (Horton Inn to A354). Cllr Hanstead added the lack of white lane road markings and lack of cats-eyes making driving difficult in certain weather conditions. Cllr Tong added the appalling condition of the road in general with numerous potholes. Cllr Brown offered to arrange a site meeting with DC and VoAPC members will be invited to attend.

19.127 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Website (future dates) – members were reminded to send details of events including artwork to the Clerk via email
- b. Burial Ground – almost complete save for arranging an easement with the Village Hall trustees to allow access from the road to the rear of the car park.
- c. Flood Warnings etc – members agreed that there was no legal responsibility for the council. Previously, Flood Wardens, a voluntary role, had been agreed. It was suggested that Environment Agency be promoted on websites and local newsletters to encourage local residents in the affected areas to take responsibility.

19.128 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Application No:	Location	Proposal	Type
3/19/2277	New Manor Farm, Emley Lane, Hinton Martell	Erection of 2no. dwellings with associated parking and garages Deadline before meeting. Decision – It was Resolved to OBJECT * Harm to the Green Belt and AONB * urban style of development is out	FUL

		<p>of character and not in keeping with the Conservation Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the small plot does not support the size of the development outlined * access is unsuitable and dangerous for traffic * it clashes with earlier EDDC local plan for affordable housing * it would compromise a dark-skies area * the destruction of mature trees 	
3/19/2044	1 Harley Cottages, Gussage All Saints	<p>Erection of a wooden single pitch roofed summer house</p> <p>Deadline before meeting.</p> <p>Decision –</p> <p>It was Resolved to SUPPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * low impact * Cannot be seen from road 	HOU
3/19/2086	2 Cashmoor, Gussage St Michael	<p>Demolish 4 garages, erect double garage, utility room and storage</p> <p>Deadline before meeting.</p> <p>Decision –</p> <p>It was Resolved to OBJECT</p> <p>This is a re-submission from last month with a change - the 'roof storage' is now a bedroom!</p> <p>The Planning Application is in contradiction to the plans submitted.</p> <p>Original response via email (27 Nov) to Dorset Council as website wasn't available to make comments on.</p> <p>The reasons for objection are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * height of roof excessive - going from single storey to double storey - making visual impact unpleasant * not in keeping with the rest of the row of houses (1 to 8 consecutive Cashmoor) * this new application leading to become individual dwelling - as not attached to the existing house (attic storage now a bedroom, potential convert utility to kitchen, garage/office to living room, already shows a bathroom) 	<u>HOU</u>

		HOWEVER, we would support an application more sympathetic and pleasing to the eye, and more in keeping with the current function, or a modest extension.	
3/19/2269	Setterfield Cottage, Crichel Lane, Witchampton	Single storey first floor rear extension Deadline before meeting. Decision – It was Resolved to SUPPORT * hardly noticeable from the road * hardly noticeable from neighbours either side (one side obscured by a garage, the other side by a tall Yew tree) * neighbours indicated they have no objection * design in keeping with the original building	<u>HOU</u>
3/19/2419	Maximillian Cottage, Manswood	The creation of a biodiversity/occasional swimming pond with associated engineering work and small pontoon to allow observation of wildlife and cover associated filtration system. It was Resolved to SUPPORT * Good for biodiversity * Great for wildlife	<u>FUL</u>
3/19/1846	Sunny Patch, Witchampton	Demolish existing dwelling and erect one 4 bedroom detached house with associated parking and single garage It was Resolved to SUPPORT * No problem with redevelopment as mixture of new and old in area * Disagree with Conservation Officer * Welcome change to enhance and improve building stock in village	<u>FUL</u>

19.129 DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING DECISIONS NOTED

Application No:	Location	Proposal
None		

Cllr Brown to raise lack of feedback with DC

19.130 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

Application No:	Location	Proposal
3/19/2392	Brook Cottage, Witchampton	<p>T1 Beech: Crown reduce by up to 2m in height and lateral spread; crown lift to 3m from ground level.</p> <p>T2 Beech: Reduce overextended branches by up to 2m; crown lift to 3m from ground level.</p> <p>Deadline before meeting.</p> <p>Decision –</p> <p>It was Resolved to SUPPORT</p> <p>* trees are being kept</p> <p>* being made safer</p> <p>* maintenance rather than removal</p>

19.130b WITCHAMPTON POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

No further progress to report.

19.131 FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) The following items were approved for payment – invoices signed by Cllrs J Campbell and K Mitchell BACS to be processed.

	Details	Amount (£)	V.A.T	Payment Total	Cheque No:	Or BACS
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1	Ian Hanstead – Clerk's salary Jan + Qtr 3	626.64	0	626.64		Yes
2	HMRC income tax	267.80	0	267.80		Yes
3	DAPTC training	70.00	0	70.00		Yes
4	Rev S Allen	49.93	0	49.93	1006	
5	Information Commissioners Office (GDPR/Data Protection fee)	35.00	0	35.00	Direct Debit 20 Jan '20	
6	Coppid Farming (via Savills) – Manswood play area	1.00	0	1.00		Yes

Payments over £100 issued from last meeting:

	Details	Amount (£)	V.A.T	Total
1	Ian Hanstead – Clerk's salary Nov	357.15	0	357.15
2	Ian Hanstead – Clerk's salary Dec	357.35	0	357.35

19.131b PAYMENTS RECEIVED

	Details	Amount (£)
1	Tablet install in burial ground	85.00

2	Memorial stone GR	140.00
3	Interment JH ashes added to existing plot	133.00
4	Interment CH – body plus wooden cross	364.00

19.131 c BANK BALANCE

The Parish Clerk confirmed the bank account and cash book reconciled as at 8 December 2019.

19.131d VAT RECLAIM

Members noted £314.91 had been reclaimed from HMRC for period 1 March 2018 to 30 November 2019

19.131e – BURIAL FEES

Members unanimously approved the increase in burial fees for 2020.

19.131f – PRECEPT 2020/21

Following discussion at 26 November 2019 meeting, the precept for the following year was placed on the Council's website for consultation/feedback. No comments had been received. It was proposed and unanimously agreed to support the Finance Working Groups precept request

19.131g – GRANT REQUEST

Members unanimously agreed to use the current year's budget:

- East Dorset Citizens Advice - £100.00 (Local Government Act 1972 s142 – the power to support Citizens Advice Bureau)
- Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance - £100.00 – (Local Government Act 1972 s137 – the power to support on project to benefit the community)

19.131h – QUARTER 3 FINANCES

The current finances shared with members. Finances generally on target as per budget. Nothing out of the ordinary. Discussion on the Rest and Be Thankful Seat replacement and the Hinton Fountain – both have funds accumulated to undertake the necessary works. Three quotations needed for each as per Finance Regulations.

19.132. BURIAL APPLICATIONS

Type	Ref	Details for consideration
Interment of ashes	2019/008	JH – to be added to an existing plot. Agreed under Parish Clerk's delegated authority.
Interment of body	2019/009	CH – family members live in village, many relatives buried in Burial Ground. Decision outside meeting due to timing. Members Agreed to burial.

19.133 CORRESPONDENCE

A consultation paper via NALC had been circulated to members to consider 'Strengthening Police Powers to Tackle Unauthorised Encampments'. After some discussion, members felt uncomfortable with the way the document had been drafted as it led to ambiguity. A response to that effect was to be made by the Parish Clerk.

19.134 MATTERS OF INFORMATION

a) Cllr Van Etten

- Hinton AGM set for 20 May
- two major potholes reported, one filled other to be done in Hinton
- excessive mud on road by construction site. Chairman advised Cllr to report via DC website

b) Cllr M Cook

- attended local DAPTC branch meeting
- DC was looking at introducing a litter free Dorset
- DC considering enhancing planning applications to include addition of solar panels
- Salvation Army taking over clothing banks in car parks etc
- DC to offer free advice on health with grants available
- DC considering fly tipping issues
- DC working on building relationships with Town and Parish Councils
- Homeless and rough sleeping survey indicated a reduction this year in Dorset (NB VoA - zero)
- DC to continue voluntary funding for sector based on an as needed/appropriate approach

c) Cllr Warnock – raised

- being issued with an ID badge or similar when in village on Council business
- possibility of a Village Voices newsletter – enquiring about Knowlton’s
- suggested road sweeping required from B3078 to village due to mud run-off. Chairman suggested she raised via DC website

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed.....

Date 4 February 2020

Chairman