**VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL-**

**CRITCHEL AND GUSSAGE ALL SAINTS WARDS**

**Minutes of the annual meeting, held at Gussage All Saints village Hall**

**Tuesday 10 May at 7:00pm**

**Present**

Cllr T Read, Chair

Cllr D Burford-May

One member of the public Mr C Payne.

**MINUTES**

The meeting was advised that, Cllr Jamie Campbell Councillor for Crichel ward resigned in April 2022 and Cllr Simon Tong Councillor for Gussage All Saints ward resigned in May 2022. Cllrs Scott and Michelle Bushell Councillors for Gussage All Saints resigned Nov 21 and Nov 20. Therefore, Cllr T Read and Cllr D Burford-May were covering this meeting.

**Financial Report**

An overview was given of the main income and outgoings in the previous year.

**Crichel**

Precept: –

* Fingerposts - £3,175 in budget. Awaiting confirmation about what posts are required to be refurbished precept £500 for 2022/23 requested to add to this.
* Bus Shelter - £276 in budget. Maintenance will be needed on roof at some stage. £100 precept requested.
* Salt & Grit - £150 in budget, but as three bins in Ward, each Ward allowing for possible two extra fills in a year. Precept of £300 requested. Bin fills are approximately £75 each.

**Gussage All Saints**

Precept: –

Clock maintenance – Budget £0. £200 raised in last precept, £200 spent. Precept £200 requested.

*Mr Payne thanked the Parish Council for this contribution*.

Salt and Grit – £124 in budget. Now three bins – extra at Bowerswaine added during year. No precept request, but for next year extra £100 to be requested to allow for two fills per bin.

Verges – £630 in budget. Previous councillors had ideas of planters at the entrance to the village. funds are being built up to fund this as a future project. £100 in precept request.

Fingerposts – Bowerswaine signpost on ‘top road’ completed during the year (but funded from Crichel). Signpost towards Wimborne St Giles/Knowlton junction being refurbished now. Dorset Council has installed new post. £1,520 in budget (including a £200 grant). £200 in precept request.

**General**

* C2 – Horton Inn to A354 – identified as needing major works/resurfacing. Currently with the design team to pull together a specification. Likely to take several years so will be done in sections. Starting this financial year.

Mr Payne commented that the additional restrictions implemented on the single-track passing area on the C2 some years ago by DCC has resulted in the combine harvesters no longer being able to pass down the C2 to reach other field, causing them to drive through neighbouring villages.

* C103 – GAS to GSM – being resurfaced, starting 14 June for 2 weeks. Road closed 7am to 5pm daily
* Vacancies on Parish Council in both wards were discussed
  + 2 vacancies in Crichel
  + 2 vacancies in Gussage All Saints
  + Mr Payne suggested advertising in the church newsletter

**Issues raised at meeting**

Concern was raised about the demise of affordable housing within Gussage All Saints, whenever an affordable home becomes vacant, the Housing Association is off loading the property and selling on the open market. Resulting in only one or two affordable houses left and it was felt that these would also be sold on once they became vacant. The Chair advised we would pass the concern onto Dorset Council.

Meeting closed at 7:30