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| **V**of**A**  **Parish Council** **VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL - MINUTES** | | |
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of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, held at Witchampton village hall on Tuesday 7 March 2023 at 7:30pm

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| Present: Chairman - Cllr T Read  Cllr S Hanstead, Cllr K Mitchell, Cllr S Glover, Cllr S Warnock, Cllr T Collie, Cllr D Burford-May, Cllr K Lennon, and I Hanstead, Parish Clerk. |

##### 23.028 RECORDING, PHOTOGRAPHY, SOCIAL MEDIA

No applications.

##### 23.029 APOLOGIES

Received from Cllrs Porretta, Bushell, and Dorset Cllrs Brown and Cook.

###### 23.030 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Regarding planning applications on the agenda –

\* Cllr Mitchell advised that she could see the Manor Farm proposal from her property

\* Cllr Glover advised 2 Blenheim Cottages was a next-door neighbour and friend

\* Cllr Read advised that Flowers Cottage was a friend.

All were entered into the official Declarations of Interests Register.

**23.031 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING**

There were no Requests for Dispensations to report.

**23.032 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

**23.033 MINUTES**

Members unanimously approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 10 January 2023 (pages 5 - 8).

**23.034 MEMBER RECRUITMENT PANEL**

Members received a verbal report from the panel chairman, and he proposed that the applicant for the Crichel Ward – Ken Lannon – be appointed to the Parish Council as a suitable co-optee. Members approved the appointment. The applicant returned to the hall, having stepped out for the beginning of the item. He duly accepted the position, read out and signed the Acceptance of Office.

**23.035 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Members did not discuss this in detail as contact still awaited with consultants.

This topic would be discussed further at future meetings.

**23.036 DORSET COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Cllr Cook sent a report in advance of the meeting which was read out:

* **Dorset Council Budget** – approved on 14 February. Increase to be just under 2% with a further 2% for social care.
* **Council Tax on Second Homes –** the Government was considering introducing a 100% premium on council tax to second homeowners. Dorset Council had started discussions as to whether it would introduce this if it became law. Discussions were ongoing.
* **Cost of Living Help** - £2m reserves set aside to assist families.
* **Alternative Fuel Payment** - £200 available for household with no gas supply.
* **Dorset Local Plan** – evidence is still being gathered.
* **Family Hubs** – one-stop services being set up for families offering a single access point for a range of services. Ferndown set up, Leigh Park, Wimborne and Swanage being set up.

**23.037 HIGHWAYS**

20 mph – members were asked to present their case using Dorset Council’s criteria to their April meeting where members will decide on which villages should move forward. Those cases would be a Vale of Allen submission rather than individual applications.

**23.038 FLY TIPPING**

One case – to be reported.

**23.039 FINANCE**

**a)** **Bank Reconciliation** - members noted that the bank statement of 1 February reconciles to the cashbook.

**b) Payments** – members unanimously approved payment of:

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| **Details** | **Description** | **Total** |
| Salaries | Mar | 604.23 |
| Dorset Council | GAS village sign (no 2) | 300.59 |
| HMRC | PAYE Qtr 4 | 453.40 |
| GSMCHA | Hall hire | 10.00 |

Over £100 payments since last meeting – members noted:

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| **Details** | **Description** | **Total** |
| Salaries | Feb | 604.43 |
| Citizens Advice | Grant | 400.00 |
| Normtec | Crichel fingerpost White Lodge | 461.54 |
| Dorset Council | GAS village sign | 440.97 |

Income– members noted

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| **Details** | **Description** | **Total** |
| Darren MacDonald FD | Burial G8 | 421.00 |

**23.040 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members confirmed their consultation comments to Dorset Council.

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| **Address** | **Proposal** | **Comment** |
| P/TRC/2023/00530 - College Farm, Harley Lane, Gussage All Saints \* | T1 Lawson Cypress: Fell. T2 Sycamore: Fell. T3 Lawson Cypress: Fell. T4 Lawson Cypress: Fell. G1 Ash x 3: Fell. | Comment  There are 7 trees being felled.  4 are damaged, 1 could cause damage to a farm building and 2 have nothing wrong according to the list.  It seems to be a shame that these 2 (Lawson Cypress and Sycamore) are being felled for nothing. |
| P/HOU/2023/00532 - Flowers Cottage, Witchampton \* | Construct outdoor swimming pool. | Support  \* no mention of a top or a cover - impact for wildlife  \* no mention of any ‘building’ to house the filter, heater etc. - may be an impact on neighbours if a shed type building is installed, noise from pump etc?  \* No bio-diversity checklist - we thought this is standard. |
| P/HOU/2022/07988 - Farriers Cottage Holt Wood \* | Addition of porch and single storey extension. | Comment  \* Bit confused as planning report says its not technically in a Green Belt, but then says that appropriateness to Green Belt needs to be considered!  \* relatively new home, so why a side extension needed (porch development okay)  \* the biodiversity checklist is incorrect. There should be a ‘yes’ ticked against ‘Buildings’, specifically ‘Current enclosed loft / roof space’. Any alteration to the existing roof (which both parts of the proposal do) should have a preliminary roost appraisal carried out before an application has been validated. |
| P/HOU/2023/00632 & P/LBC/2023/00633 - Manor Farm, Manor Road, Gussage St Michael | Demolish existing conservatory. Erect glasshouse. Replacement and repairs to roof, install roof light above kitchen. | Support  Looking to replace the existing and put it back to a similar original building  Roof lights – dark skies issues |
| P/HOU/2023/00377 - 1 Bowerswaine Cottages,  Bowerswaine | Erect two storey side extension, porch, and internal alterations. | Support  More usable space  Bat/ecology survey missing. |
| P/FUL/2023/00675  - Brightfield House Holt | Retain boundary fence and gate | Object  No permitted development right as per original planning application for this property as they were extinguished.  A clear planning direction has been ignored is not ideal.  No biodiversity checklist. |
| P/FUL/2023/00676 – Holtwood House, Holt | Retain the change of use of land to form extended residential garden | Object  No permitted development right as per original planning application for this property as they were extinguished.  A clear planning direction has been ignored is not ideal.  No biodiversity checklist. |
| P/FUL/2023/00674 - Holtwood House, Holt | Retain field shelter | Object  No permitted development right as per original planning application for this property as they were extinguished.  A clear planning direction has been ignored is not ideal.  No biodiversity checklist.  This shelter was refused 3/21/0123. |
| P/FUL/2023/00673 - Holtwood House, Holt | Retain greenhouse | Object  No permitted development right as per original planning application for this property as they were extinguished.  A clear planning direction has been ignored is not ideal.  No biodiversity checklist. |
| P/HOU/2023/00831 – 2 Blenheim Cottages Gussage All Saints | Erect garden room | Support  2 roof lights – dark skies  No biodiversity/ecology checklist. Technically should be needed but do not see much impact other than roosting.  Replacing rotten shed. |

* Decision via email, as per Standing Orders, as between council meetings

**23.041 WARD ANNUAL MEETINGS** – members were reminded to hold their statutory Annual Ward meetings in May. Agendas need compiling and halls to be booked. Gussage St Michael booked for 4 May. Witchampton and Crichel to hold a joint meeting on 18 May. Hinton Martell hall may not be available, possible use of the church.

**23.042 MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

Cllr Warnock – an application had been received to metal detect on the burial ground. She will check with the local vicar as consecrated ground.

**Meeting closed 21:31pm**

Signed T Read Chairman Date 4 April 2023