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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 4 July 2023 at 7:30pm

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| Present: Vice Chairman - Cllr S Bushell  Cllr K Lannon, Cllr S Hanstead, Cllr K Mitchell, Cllr D Burford-May, Cllr S Warnock, Dorset Cllr P Brown, and I Hanstead, Parish Clerk. |

##### 23.095 Recording, Photography, Social Media

No applications.

##### 23.096 Apologies

Received from Cllrs Read, Porretta, Collie, Glover, and Dorset Cllr Cook.

###### 23.097 Declarations of Interest on the Agenda

Cllr Mitchell declared an interest in item 10b regarding cyber insurance.

**23.098 Requests for Dispensations to Participate in a Meeting**

There were no Requests for Dispensations to report.

**23.099 Public Participation**

There were no public present.

**23.100 Minutes**

Members unanimously approved the minutes of the Parish Council Annual meeting held 6 June May 2023 (pages 23 - 26).

**23.101 Neighbourhood Plan**

Members agreed that they would like to hear from another consultant and then have a discussion on the way forward. August or September meeting would be considered for this.

**23.102 Dorset Councillor’s Report**

**a)** Cllr Brown advised:

* Wessex Telecommunications had been awarded a contract to install fibre optic cable to include most of Vale of Allen by September 2026.
* Dorset Council’s Service Team won an award in Southwest Contact Services Forum beating private and public entrants.
* A record amount of social housing was provided last year.
* Household Support Grant, round 4 was open.
* Fatal accidents had reduced by 25% in Dorset.
* Beryl Bike rentals were being subsidised with the first 30 minutes free to encourage use, getting people cycling and fitness.
* Development delays especially in Purbeck were due to alleviating fertilizers/nitrates in water supplies which was affecting Poole harbour. Dorset Council working with Dorset Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency having bought land at Bere Regis to create a new wildlife reserve.

**b)** Cllr Cook reported via email (some items duplicated Cllr Brown’s report):

* Since Dorset Council was set up, savings had been made which had been used to protect front line services.
* New funding round launched- Grants of up to £5,000 are available for projects that bring communities across Dorset together.
* Volunteers required as co-optees to join the Police and Crime Panel, and the Audit and Governance Committee.

**23.103 Highways**

a) C2 – no update on improvement options around the single carriageway hill. The final resurfacing at the other end of the road likely in Spring 2024.

b) 30 mph – Dorset Council looking at Newtown, Gussage St Michael and Cashmoor.

c) 20 mph – Gussage All Saints to undertake a survey of road use.

**23.104 Fly Tipping**

One recent prosecution by Dorset Council.

The Government had agreed to Dorset Council’s request increase fines from £400 to £1,000.

**23.105 Finance**

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

**b) Cyber Insurance –** further questions were made to the insurance company picking up previous issues. In discussion, members agreed not to take out this extra cover based on members having their own appropriate software installed on their computers, mobiles etc. The Website and email provider have their own systems in place as they service numerous councils.

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

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| **Details** | **Description** | **Total (£)** |
| Salaries | July | 620.90 |
| Expenses | Qtr. 1 | 152.40 |
| CT Mee | R&BT seat (June) | 14.00 |
| Cheap Printing Dorset | ID cards | 66.60 |
| Hillmeadow Services | Burial ground (June) | 240.00 |

**Over £100 payments since last meeting** – members noted:

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| **Details** | **Description** | **Total (£)** |
| Salaries | June | 620.90 |
| Hillmeadow Services | Burial ground (Apr) | 240.00 |
| Gallagher | Insurance premium | 1137.94 |
| Gussage Accounting Services | Internal Audit | 250.00 |
| HMRC | PAYE qtr. 1 | 465.60 |
| PCC Gussage All Saints | Clock Maintenance | 200.00 |
| Hillmeadow Services | Burial Ground (May) | 240.00 |
| Mark Gracey GDPR | Website hosting + works (Apr 2022- Apr 2024) | 768.00 |

**23.106 Planning Applications**

Members confirmed their consultation comments to Dorset Council.

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| **Address** | **Proposal** | **Comment** |
| P/PAEL/2023/03210 Land at All Hallows Farm off Coach Road, Wimborne St Giles \* | Lattice tower and equipment cabinets to be installed | Support  The site is well screened and if it improves local mobile phone signal then it is a benefit. |
| P/HOU/2023/03252 - 4 Uppington Close Hinton Martell | Single storey rear extension | Support  General agreement by members, BUT subject to:  \* Bio-diversity survey being completed  \* AoNB being consulted  \* Roof lanterns require blinds or similar due to nighttime Dark Skies |
| P/FUL/2023/03317 - Pound Farm, Hinton Martell | Demolish existing outbuilding and erect self- contained dwelling | Object  This is not a conversion but a demolition and new build on a much larger footprint.  New build in villages not permitted under Tier 4 of Dorset Council’s proposed Local Plan which has been applied to other cases.  The application form states 4 bedrooms, but the plans show 3 bedrooms.  Similar situation to another development that was refused in village – P/FUL/2022/01010.  The property should not be separated and have a separate Land Registry title.  Against Policy KS2.  Against policy KS11 as a vehicle (probably more than one) will be required. |

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

**23.107 Burial Application** – An application was made for Witchampton family member not living in the village (living in Wimborne). Members discussed the case and agreed that due to strong family links with the village the application should be agreed.

**23.108 Work Plan** – members approved the updated Workplan.

**23.109 Policy Reviews** – members reviewed and approved the:

* Standing Orders
* Financial Regulation.

Each to be reviewed in one year’s time.

**23.110 Matters of Information**

Cllr Warnock – fountain – meeting on 17 July to discuss funding for restoration.

Cllr Burford-May – Dorset Police holding a surgery in the Club shop on Wednesday 5 July.

Cllr Hanstead – Dorset Police to be invited to give a talk over Saturday morning coffee on ‘cyber awareness’.

Cllr Bushell – village fete was successful raising just over £4,000.

* Mains water pipe burst in village, but difficulty in getting either Dorset Council or Bournemouth Water to claim responsibility for resolving.

**23.111 Date of Next Meeting** – members noted that the next meeting would be held on 8 August at Hinton Martell village hall.

**Meeting closed 21:03pm**

Signed Chairman Date 8 August 2023