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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 Hinton Martell village hall on Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 7:30pm

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

##### 23.180 Recording, Photography, Social Media

No applications.

##### 23.181 Apologies

Received from Cllrs Porretta, Read, Collie and Burford-May, Dorset Cllr Cook.

###### 23.182 Declarations of Interest on the Agenda

None.

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

There were no Requests for Dispensations to report.

**23.184 Public Participation**

The formal meeting was suspended as there were three members of the public present, and were invited to speak.

Each referred to the planning application the parish council was considering from the Cart Shed linked to Sweet Apples Farm, Gussage All Saints. Their views were against the proposed redevelopment of a former cart shed.

The public participation section was closed and the formal parish meeting reopened.

Members agreed to bring forward the planning applications for their next agenda item.

**23.185 Planning Applications**

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| **Address** | **Proposal** | **Comment** |
| P/FUL/2023/06476  Sweet Apple Farm Gussage All Saints | Change of use and conversion of existing cart shed to a residential annexe. | Comment  Good use of a derelict building.  Support the landscaping/planting EXCEPT for the hedge and large tree that obscures the window view from Elm Tree Cottage annex.  Local employment will enrich the area.  No traffic issues.  Concerns:  Heat pump noise so close to neighbour.  The track after side of cart shed should not be concrete/asphalt etc – leave as natural – as affects aesthetic views from main road.  The large window in development (south elevation) potentially overlooks the neighbour’s annex – fencing height issue to be addressed.  Party wall issue – nothing stated.  This proposal is OUTSIDE the village envelope, so strictly speaking this is NOT permitted. Are there exemptions? What does this mean for the village envelope elsewhere? |
| P/PABA2/2023/06546  Underwood Farm Underwood Farm To Woodcutts Lane also known as Gaunts Access, Hinton Martell | Erect agricultural barn to be used for storage of farm equipment | Support  On the basis it is solely for farm appliances and can only be changed in the future with specific permission. |

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

**23.186 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meetings for 31 October (pages 41 - 42) and 7 November 2023 (pages 43 - 47) were unanimously approved.

**23.187 Dorset Councillors’ Report**

Cllr Brown advised:

* C2 – options meeting (from bridge to top of hill by Bowerswaine turning) was being held before Christmas before referral onto other committees.
* Weymouth planning enforcement – after taking two years, a fine was imposed by court on one land user.
* Dorset Council had saved 20% energy savings in last year, by part of the retro-fitting programme, which is 1 year ahead of its net zero target.
* Dorset Healthcare Trust – established that 50% of NHS dentists of the country operate with the M25. Looking to set up local dental colleges.

**23.188 Fly Tipping**

One instance in Guffhams Lane, Long Crichel, but cleared quickly by Dorset Council. Second time in a short period.

**23.189 Finance**

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

**b) Banking Arrangements -** members considered the proposal to change banks but wanted to retain the dual signatories as per the Financial Regulations. As most High Street banks had their faults, the chairman would review on-line bank options and update the Clerk.

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

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| **Details** | **Description** | **Total (£)** |
| Salaries | Dec including back dated pay award | 901.70 |
| CT Mee | R&BT seat | 14.00 |

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

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| **Details** | **Description** | **Total (£)** |
| Salaries | Nov | 620.90 |
| Expenses | Qtr. 2 | 161.94 |
| Chandler IT Services | New computer | 693.00 |
| Normtec | Fingerpost deposit | 1500.00 |
| Hillmeadow Services | Burial ground | 120.00 |
| Normtec | GAS Fingerpost repair | 328.25 |

**iii) Debit card use –** members noted.

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| Car Parking for TSB Boscombe | 3.50 |

**iv) Income received –** members noted.

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| **Details** | **Description** | **Total (£)** |
| O’Hara FD | Interment ashes | 169.00 |
| D Dwight Stonemason | Memorial stone | 214.00 |

**23.190 Neighbourhood Plan** – members agreed to defer this items as paperwork from a consultant had not been received.

**23.191 Armed Forces Covenant -** Members were agreeable to support this subject to reading the detail of the covenant. To be considered at next meeting.

**23.192 Matters of Information –**

* Cllr Hanstead – advised she attended a planning course (with Cllr Lannon). Natural Landscapes (formerly AoNB) had several useful handouts especially on ‘dark skies’. Copies were given to other members.
* Cllr Lannon – advised that there had been a poor response to installing a defibrillator in Long Crichel.
* Cllr Mitchell – advised that the Cockerel (formerly known as The Drovers, Gussage All Saints) was now open for business.

**23.193 Date of Next Meeting** – members noted that the next meeting would be held on 9 January at Gussage St Michael village hall.

**Meeting closed 21:22pm**

Signed Chairman Date 9 January 2024