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| **V**of**A**  **Parish Council** **VALE OF ALLEN PARISH COUNCIL – MEETING MINUTES** |

held at Witchampton village hall on Tuesday 2 September 2025 at 7:30pm

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| **Present**:  Chairman – Cllr K Lannon  Cllrs D Burford-May, J Hooper, S Beer, S Hanstead, R Graves, Dorset Cllr W Chakawata and Parish Clerk I Hanstead. |

##### 25.123 Recording, Photography, Social Media

No applications.

##### 25.124 Apologies/Absentees

Cllrs C Davis-Barnett, S Holland, T Read, M Porretta, D Chick, Dorset Cllr Brown.

**25.125 Declarations of Interest on the Agenda**

None.

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

There were no Requests for Dispensations to report.

**25.127 Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

**25.128 Minutes and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting for 5 August 2025 (pages 27 -31) were unanimously approved.

**25.129** **Dorset Councillors’ Report**

Cllr Chakawata advised on the Dorset Council Local Plan consultation meetings around Dorset.

**25.130 Dorset Council Local Plan**

Members had been sent the link to the Local Plan out on consultation. Members had been asked to feedback their comments to the Clerk by 18 September, and are encouraged to feedback on-line either as an individual or as a councillor. However, a discussion took place with the key points so far:

* No mention of the chalk streams in the county
* no ‘infrastructure’ detail with all the extra homes being built – for example roads, parking in towns, doctors surgeries etc
* homes based on ‘calculation demand’ rather than housing needs survey
* National Development Policies unknown as not published by Government
* 50,000 extra homes – at least 100,000 extra cars – roads already congested
* Not enough of where affordable housing is going to be sited
* The document lacks substance
* Will not be able to be able to meet build target – insufficient builders etc
* What will happen if Government changes?

**25.131 Finance**

**a)** **Bank Reconciliation** – members to note the bank statement 1 August 2025 reconciles with the cashbook.

**b) i) Payments** – members unanimously approved payment of the below:

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| **Details** | **Description** | **Net (£)** | **V.A.T** | **Total (£)** |
| Salaries | Sept | 671.48 | 0 | 671.48 |
| CT Mee | Bus shelters | 75.00 | 0 | 75.00 |
| CT Mee | R&BT seat grass | 15.00 | 0 | 15.00 |
| L Lucas (Hillmeadow Services) | Burial ground grass (Aug) | 240.00 | 0 | 240.00 |
| VisionICT | Annual email hosting | 280.00 | 56.00 | 336.00 |
| BDO LLP | External Audit | 210.00 | 42.00 | 252.00 |

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

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| **Details** | **Description** | **Total (£)** |
| Salaries | Aug | 671.28 |
| Expenses | Qtr 1 | 162.15 |
| L Lucas (Hillmeadow Services) | Burial ground grass (Jul) | 240.00 |
| Arien Signs | GAS/GSM children alert | 404.40 |

**iii)** Income – members noted.

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| **Details** | **Description** | **Total (£)** |
| FC Douch | Burial AB | 475.00 |

**25.132 Planning Applications**

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| **Address** | **Proposal** | **Comment** |
| P/STA/2025/04766  Wyke Farm  Gussage All Saints to Wimborne St Giles \* | Notification of proposed works SECTION 37. The replacement of 13 x wooden electricity pole structures | Support  No issues |
| P/PABA/2025/04897  Whites Farm  Lane from A354 to Long Crichel \* | Erect 2 No. Fertiliser Storage tanks. | For information only |

**25.133 Neighbourhood Plan**

First meeting of the steering group took place and a chairman and vice chairman were elected – Sarah Old and Chris Simpson. Stephen Callender Communications Office, Neal Riley and Jon Desborough creating an IT central data bank.

Agree to send group T Read’s slide presentation.

**25.134 Hinton Martell Fountain**

A meeting of the working group took place at the fountain. Works agreed and firmed up, with updated quotes to be issued.

A residents meeting has been arranged for 12 September to agree way forward.

Dorset Council request made for digging a trench in the verge and siting an electric box, closing the road for 2 weeks.

**25.135 Policies**

Members approved the annual review of the Financial Regulations with no changes other than the review date.

**25.136 Matters of Information**

Cllr Hanstead – advised of a ‘sip and paint’ event being trialled in her village. Further details to be emailed around.

Cllr Lannon – following on from last meeting, Neighbourhood Plan finances had been ‘announced’ in Gussage St Michael on the monthly newsletter about no grants available and may need to raise money in future through the local Precept. Text to be sent to:

* Cllr Read to pass to the Witchampton/Crichel parish newsletter
* Gussage All Saints PCC newsletter editor
* Cllr Holland to pass onto Hinton newsletter.

**24.137 Date of Next Meeting** – members noted that the next meeting would be held on 7 October at Gussage All Saints village hall, starting at 7.30pm.

**Meeting closed 20.39pm**

Signed: Date: 7 October 2025