

## **CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER 2020, 7.30pm AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM**

Emma Meecham, Clerk, 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 3RE  
Tel: 01935 415361

Mr K Woodman, Chairman  
Mr H Tasker  
Mr A Scott

Mr P Rowsell, (And District Councillor)  
Mr T Brandt

Cllr Capozzoli

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

1 Members of the Public

The meeting commenced after an open session, during which the clerk informed the meeting of a concern regarding dog waste that had been sent to the council from a member of the public.

Before the meeting started Mr Woodman gave his thanks to Mr Rowsell for standing in as Chairman for the last few meetings and thanks to Mr Brandt for writing the letter to planning regarding the application on Tintinhull Road.

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Cllr Williams, Mr Batstone and Mr Welch
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – No declarations received.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.
- 4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Williams had previously circulated his report.
- 5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Capozzoli reported that SSDC's planning service had been unable to find an agency or company to help with the nitrates and sulphates issue to date. Cllr Capozzoli and Cllr Rowsell attended a Full Council meeting of SSDC at which the Stronger Somerset Unitary proposal had been agreed and is being submitted to the Secretary of State, the next Full Council meeting will be in 2021. Cllr Rowsell noted that he had been impressed with the Stronger Somerset presentation he had seen the previous week and commented that there are issues with Somerset County Council Highways not listening to requests from local people and that the Stronger Somerset bid would address this. It was noted that Somerset County Council had submitted their proposal to the Secretary of State, who would be responsible for the final decision.
- 6. HIGHWAY MATTERS**
  - a) Bus shelter licence – The clerk informed the meeting of the agreement as received from SCC, it was unanimously agreed that the clerk is to sign it on behalf of the council and return it.

Mr Brandt asked for an update on the verge planting licence, unfortunately the clerk had been unable to open the documents sent by Mr Brandt, it was agreed that Mr Brandt would send again and the clerk would action as appropriate.

7. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – No up to date information available on the Police website.
8. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
  - a) Budget – The council discussed the proposed budget as sent by the clerk, with the addition of a line for the bus shelter it was unanimously agreed.
  - b) Receipts: None – Noted.
  - c) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Laptop software £64.47 – Agreed unanimously.
  - d) Grant requests: None – Noted.
9. **PLANNING MATTERS**
  - a) Applications: 20/03027/HOU, 20 Forts Orchard, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 8RH. The erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling. – The council discussed the application and unanimously agreed that they had no objections to the proposal.
  - b) Decisions: None – Noted.
  - c) Appeals: None – Noted.
10. **CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY COMMUNITY FUND** – Mr Brandt and Ms Lawn updated the meeting on the progress and current status of the applications and projects for the village hall, recreation area, project at the school and the community engagement project. Following discussion it was agreed that the applications for the elements that request parish council financial support should be progressed and the full application brought to the next meeting.
11. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**
  - a) SALC AGM 16<sup>th</sup> December – The clerk informed the meeting of the upcoming SALC AGM and requested that a SALC representative be appointed. Mr Brandt was appointed the representative and would endeavour to attend. Mr Brandt took the opportunity to discuss the emails currently being forwarded by the clerk, it was suggested that all .gov emails be forwarded to all Councillors, of those present all except Mr Brandt requested that no further emails be forwarded to them than those presently forwarded. It was agreed that the clerk is to forward appropriate emails as requested and that Mr Brandt's email address be sent to SALC as the representative to receive emails directly (along with them still being sent to the clerk).
12. **VILLAGE BROADBAND** – Mr Scott informed the meeting of a project to enable the village residents to get high speed broadband, this would be achieved through a separate group to the Parish Council set up as a not for profit co-operative. The project would need 15-20 dwellings/organisations to make it viable, it was agreed that the broadband for the village hall be put on hold as a potential member of the project.
13. **ALLOTMENTS** – A progress update was given by Mr Scott. Further works are to be currently put on hold awaiting the outcome of the bid for the Climate Change Emergency Community Fund.
14. **VILLAGE HALL** – The hall is starting to re-open in accordance to the Tier 2 regulations currently in place.
15. **RECREATION TRUST** – Mr Tasker reported that there is currently no income but ongoing expenditure.
16. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – None.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:24**

- 17. DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 7 JANUARY 2021. – The clerk informed the meeting that the Agenda would be published on 2<sup>nd</sup> January so any items for inclusion would need to be received by then.**

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