

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 4 MARCH 2021, 7.30pm AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM

Emma Meecham, Clerk, 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 3RE
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Mr K Woodman, Chairman
Mr H Tasker
Mr A Scott

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

Cllr Capozzoli

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

The meeting commenced after an open session for Chilthorne Domer parishioners only, during which Mr Welch raised the issue of inconsiderate and possibly obstructive parking in Little Sammons.

AGENDA

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr Batstone and Cllr Williams.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Williams had previously circulated his report by email. The contents of which were noted. Mr Tasker commented that although the Parish Council had agreed to the Small Improvement Schemes it was because they didn't think they would get anything better. Mr Brandt suggested that there was still a need for a face to face meeting with Highways when it was possible. The Council held further discussion over the implemented/part-implemented schemes. Mr Rowsell commented that the works on the A37 could be considered as maintenance rather than improvement. Mr Woodman informed the meeting of an incident of dangerous driving on Tintinhull Road recently.
- 5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Rowsell reported that when he recently attended the Montacute Parish Council meeting recently the option of sharing a Speed Indicator Device was raised, Montacute PC would be happy to do so. Cllr Capozzoli reported that at the recent Full Council meeting of SSDC there was a vote that determined a letter was to be sent to Central Government regarding the phosphates issue within Somerset and the subsequent delay in the planning process. Cllr Capozzoli also informed the meeting that there was nothing further to report on the ongoing Unitary Authority consultation. Mr Brandt asked if SSDC were employing a consultant to assist them with the phosphates issue, Cllr Capozzoli confirmed that they were but communication with SSDC was still very difficult, Wessex Water are liable, yet they are not assisting. Mr Brandt also asked if there was a timetable, Cllr Capozzoli confirmed that the timetable given by Wessex Water is 'within 10 years'. Cllr Capozzoli also commented that there are some ongoing serious issues with the Planning Service at SSDC, particularly with the location of the Planners.
- 6. HIGHWAY MATTERS** – An issue with the tarmac near the pedestrian access to the Church was reported, it is unclear if this is Highway that is maintainable by Somerset County Council or if it was private, Mr Brandt offered to take some photos to send to the clerk so that the issue could be reported. Mr Woodman also reported that there are several potholes along the first half mile or so of Chilthorne Hill and requested that these be reported to Somerset County Council. On behalf of Mr Batstone it was also reported that there has been an increase of Heavy Goods Vehicles going through the village, particularly during the recent closure of the A3088, Mr Batstone wonders if it may be possible to get a weight limit applied to the road as the increased large vehicles are causing damage to verges etc. Mr Rowsell noted that an unknown member of the public has been clearing the footway adjacent to the A37 of vegetation, the Council wishes to thank that person. The clerk

updated the meeting on a very recent response to the enquiry regarding diversion routes for the A303 upgrade, which stated that at the moment closures would be kept to a minimum and the diversionary route is not known.

- a) SID – The meeting was reminded of the previous discussion, Mr Tasker suggested 4 locations within the village at least for the installation of a SID. Following discussion Mr Woodman proposed that we thank Montacute Parish Council for their offer but continue to purchase one for exclusive use within Chilthorne Domes, the proposal was seconded by Mr Scott and agreed by majority (5 for, 1 against). The Clerk is to get some costs for a device. Mr Scott, Mr Woodman and Mr Rowsell all agreed that they would do the training necessary to move the device.
- b) VAS – the clerk updated the meeting on the progress of the hours of operation query.
7. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – The clerk reported to the meeting regarding the feedback received regarding the issue with the traffic cone on Tintinhull Road. Mr Scott informed the meeting that some parking issues near the school had started to recur, it was agreed that he would report it if it worsens directly to the Police/PCSO.
8. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS** – The meeting queried if the bus shelter was on the insurance, the clerk agreed that she would check and get it added if necessary.
 - a) Receipts: None - Noted
 - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC – agreed unanimously
 - c) Grant requests: Wildflower seed – Following a brief discussion the Council unanimously agreed to support the request for £38.45
9. **PLANNING MATTERS** – Mr Brandt informed the meeting that comments had not been circulated by him for comment and submission to SSDC due to the nature of the amended plans for the scheme on Tintinhull Road.
 - a) Applications: None – Noted.
 - b) Decisions: None – Noted.
 - c) Appeals: None – Noted.
10. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a) NALC advice – face to face meetings – The meeting discussed the email from NALC regarding the potential end to powers to allow for virtual meetings. The council agreed that it would be prudent to get dates pencilled into the diary for the Main Hall within the Village Hall to allow for face to face meetings with social distancing in place.
11. **ALLOTMENTS** – Mr Scott reported that the ground at the Parish Council plot has been prepared – with the help of Lara, and that one gentleman had expressed an interest in a sub plot, Greensteps have agreed to advertise the availability within their next newsletter.
12. **VILLAGE HALL** – Nothing to report, awaiting changes in the regulations as they come.
13. **RECREATION TRUST** – Nothing to report, awaiting changes in the regulations as they come. Mr Scott asked if the Recreation Trust had taken advantage of the Government grants. Mr Tasker confirmed that they had applied and received £10000 from SSDC.
14. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – Mr Brandt informed the meeting of an email from Public Rights of Way that encourages everyone to take an interest in footpaths and helps everyone to report issues on them.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20:34

15. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 1 APRIL 2021.**