

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2020, 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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PRESENT:

Mr K Woodman, Chairman
Mr H Tasker
Mr D Welch

Mr P Rowsell (and District Councillor)
Mr T Brandt

Cllr J Williams (SCC)
Cllr T Capozzoli (SSDC)

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)
4 Members of the Public

The meeting commenced after an open session during which the following issues were raised:

One representation was made against the planning application 20/00251/OUT on the agenda and the applicant also made a representation on the application. The main points raised by the objector were: Does not seem to be much different to the previous application, The site is agricultural land sandwiched between an agricultural building and an agriculturally tied dwelling, the dwelling would be with the curtilage of a listed building, the dwelling would be very close to a milking parlour and working farm with the associated nuisances, there is likely to be conflict with the farmer in the future, overlooking into neighbouring property (owned by objector) due to levels of proposed building, overlooking to properties opposite, waste water issues, sewage issues and the state of the access road. The applicant made the following points: The land has been in his family for 60 years, the proposed dwelling is to be lived in by himself and his family, the land is not viable for the current extant use (pig farming), the site is currently an eyesore and the proposed dwelling would be beautiful, he is currently seeking outline consent.

Juliet Lawn informed the meeting about the Environment Champion Scheme from SSDC. It is an opportunity to contribute to changing the environmental impact in South Somerset. The scheme is on a volunteer basis, and the volunteers would act as the eyes and ears in an area and act as a conduit to issues and materials/projects that may be available from SSDC. The 'Green Group' has recently been set up within the village to contribute to this scheme.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr Batstone, Mr Scott and Cllr Hull
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Brandt declared an interest in items 9b and 9c (Planning applications) as he is the applicant.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Williams apologised for not having been able to attend the last few meetings. Cllr Williams gave his report to the meeting. The points raised included the recent agreeing of the budget which sees a 1.99% rise on the base rate for council tax along with a 2% rise for adult social care, there is to be £1million available for town and parish councils for green

initiatives, the Leader of the council has recently announced that money has been put aside for 20mph speed limits outside schools within the county, Unitary council project update.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr Capozzoli reported to the meeting that Cllr Val Keitch, Leader of SSDC, has recently attended Barton St David's Parish Council meeting and discussed the Unitary council in Wiltshire that didn't work. Cllr Keitch would like to see an amalgamation of the District Councils, leaving SCC as a stand-alone entity. Cllr Capozzoli also reported that the Yeovil Refresh project has recently been given the go ahead, and that the tree giveaway was a success

6. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Small Improvement Scheme – Cllr Williams informed the meeting of the current situation regarding the ongoing SIS for Tintinhull Road. Cllr Williams is of the opinion that the current scheme is inadequate. The scheme as discussed and agreed at the last meeting included WigWag lights outside the school to reduce the speed limit to 20mph, these have been removed by the SIS team. Cllr Williams is suggesting that the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) that flashes 30 if a vehicle is travelling above this speed I moved further toward Yeovil and a 20mph zone, as announced by the Leader of SCC, is installed at the school, including part way up Main Street. The Leader of the Council has also announced that all current SIS have to be delivered by March 2021. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr William's suggestion be progressed with the SIS team.

b) A37/Halfway House – Cllr Williams informed the meeting that the plans for this scheme were due in January, he has recently chased them up and has been told that they will be issues imminently. Mr Rowsell discussed the previous agreement from SCC Highways that the A37 through the village could be a 30mph, the clerk asked Mr Rowsell if he would be able to find any evidence of the agreement.

Mr Rowsell reported that a square manhole has been leaking for months, it is opposite the telephone box. The clerk gave updates on other highways issues following a recent site visit with the Superintendent from the SCC Area Highway officer, most of the outstanding issues have been addressed, any that have not yet been addressed have been reported and are either awaiting funding or appropriate weather. The clerk reported on the receipt of a letter from the new Head teacher at the school concerned with the speed of vehicles and the parking issues around the school, it was agreed that the clerk is to reply to the letter explaining the current situation with the SIS. Cllr Williams gave an update on the current Speedwatch issues but has suggested that it might be worth combining volunteers with Montacute.

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS – Nothing to report

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS

a) Receipts: None - Noted

b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Clerks expenses – Agreed unanimously

c) Grant requests: An application had been received the day before the meeting. This application was for £30.25 for some wildflower seeds that a local voluntary group wish to plant in grass verges along Tintinhull Road. The clerk advised that following some investigation these areas are Highway land and therefore any such planting would require permission from SCC, which would also lead to an agreement to continue the maintenance of the areas. The council discussed the grant application and agreed to give the money when details of who to pay it were obtained and further details of the planting areas were received.

9. PLANNING MATTERS Applications:

- 20/00251/OUT – Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of a dwelling, Land South of Chilthorne Knapp, Chilthorne Hill, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil, Somerset – The council discussed the application at some length and agreed that as the application had not changed from the previous application the same comments should be sent to SSDC.
- 20/00215/HOU – Installation of ground source heat pump to replace existing domestic hot water & heating system. Erection of small plant outbuilding with connecting pipes into dwelling. Heating coils in adjacent paddock, removal of hot water tank, replacement radiators and replacement

associated piping, Church Barn, Main Street, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 8RD – Mr Brandt left the room after giving some brief background details to the application. The council discussed the application and Mr Woodman proposed that the Council wholeheartedly support the application, this was seconded by Mr Batstone and agreed unanimously.

- 20/00216/LBC – Listed building consent for the installation of ground source heat pump to replace existing domestic hot water & heating system. Erection of small plant outbuilding with connecting pipes into dwelling. Heating coils in adjacent paddock, removal of hot water tank, replacement radiators and replacement associated piping, Church Barn, Main Street, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 8RD – As this application was submitted in conjunction with the previously discussed application the council unanimously agreed the same response for this application. Mr Brandt returned to the room.

b) Decisions: None - noted

c) Appeals: None - noted

10. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE – The clerk apologised that as at this moment the issue of broadband for the village hall was with her to clarify a couple of details with Vodafone but this has not yet happened.

11. VILLAGE HALL – No meeting has been held since the last Parish Council meeting, the next meeting is scheduled for April.

12. RECREATION TRUST – Not a great deal to report, picnic benches have been purchased.

13. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN – Mr Tasker asked that the issue with the railings around the war memorial was revisited and be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. It was agreed that the clerk is to write to the owners of the property Winchat and the neighbouring property to thank them for trimming the hedge. Mr Woodman would like to initialise the imposition of TPOS on any trees of note within the parish as some have been lost recently, it was agreed that the Green Group were to be approached to ask if they would identify the trees.

14. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.12pm

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – 7.30pm, 2 April 2020.