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**MINUTES OF CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 4 AUGUST 2016
IN CHILTHORNE DOMER VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:

Mr P Rowsell, Chairman	Mr H Tasker
Mr N Preston	Mr M Batstone
Mrs J Ferguson	Mr K Woodman

Mrs J Roundell Greene (SSDC) for part of the meeting.
Mr S Crabb (SCC) for part of the meeting
PCSO Ceara Sturt for part of the meeting
Mrs I Meecham (Clerk)
Four members of the public

OPEN SESSION

40. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mr J Hinds

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

42. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: These were agreed and signed as a true record.

43. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mrs Roundell Greene reported that a new Chief Executive has been selected and his appointment is to go to full council on 18 August. Mr Alex Palmer, currently based in Eastleigh, should start on 1 October.

44. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mr Crabb reported that the latest full Council meeting had mainly discussed devolution with Somerset and Devon working together. All but one of the twenty nine authorities had voted against an elected Mayor. There is a move for some District Councils to join together ie. Taunton Deane with West Somerset plus possibly Sedgemoor. Some £38m more savings are required by SCC.

There was also some discussion regarding the Somerset Rivers Authority precept and that this had set a precedent which other areas in the country also affected by flooding were unwilling to follow.

45. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS

- a) The PCSO reported that the parked trailer was in hand.
- b) There was some discussion regarding the amount of sheep theft currently taking place and the number of police officers on duty overnight – this is currently three who cover an area from Fivehead to Wincanton.
- c) The PCSO reported that there had been one burglary in the village where some items were stolen.
- d) 2016 PCC Priorities Consultation. This was completed although the Council felt it was a waste of time and money.

46. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Receipts – minor interest payment.
- b) Payments – the following payments were agreed: Clerks Salary, HMRC.,

47. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Applications: 16/03146/FUL Land OS2200 Chilthorne Hill, Chilthorne Domer – use of land for the temporary siting of a mobile home (retrospective) – no objections to temporary permission.
- b) Decisions:
- c) Enforcement: The Clerk informed the Council she had received an e-mail from Planning regarding the other caravan currently sited at Chilthorne Hill. The Council agreed that due to the current domestic situation no action should take place at this time.

48. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- a) SALC AGM – Mr Rowsell will try to attend.
- b) NALC Survey – completed.
- c) SCC Survey – completed.

49. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a) Trailer parked in Main Street. The PCSO has this in hand.
- b) Speed Camera. No further information.
- c) Reinstatement of verge in Vagg Lane. The Clerk told the Council she had written to Mr Dowding to no avail. He is adamant that the verge be returned to grass or, possibly, fully tarmacadamed. Clerk to contact Somerset Highways.
- d) SID results – Halfway and Tintinhull Road. The Council discussed the latest SID results. Both sites show traffic exceeding the speed limit. It is hoped that the proposed traffic calming on Tintinhull Road would address the speeding at this location. The Clerk also confirmed that she had contacted Dave Grabham (SCC) who had agreed to turn the SID 180° to capture traffic speeds coming from Yeovil.

50. VILLAGE HALL – No report.

51. RECREATION TRUST – The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the Recreation Trust inviting the Chairman, Mr Rowsell, to open the refurbished building and Fete. Mr Rowsell agreed he would attend.

52. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS

Mrs Ferguson asked if anyone in the Parish could contact her regarding slow broadband speeds.

There was a discussion regarding the redundant electricity poles which should have been removed – Mrs Ferguson to contact BT.

Mr Batstone told the Council that yet another caravan has been sited at Oak Lea House. Clerk to contact planning.

NEXT MEETING – 1 September 2016

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.