

**MINUTES OF CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2017
IN CHILTHORNE DOMER VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:

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| Mr P Rowsell, Chairman | Mr H Tasker |
| Mr N Preston | Mr M Batstone |
| Mr J Hinds | Mr K Woodman |

Mr S Crabb, SCC (for part of the meeting)
Mrs I Meecham (Clerk)
One member of the public

OPEN SESSION – No matters were raised

123. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mrs J Ferguson, Mrs J Roundell Greene

124. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Mr Batstone declared an interest in item 9(a) Rights of Way 713M.

125. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes were agreed and signed.

126. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Mrs Roundell Greene was unable to attend the meeting however she sent a short report which was relayed to the Council.

127. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Mr Crabb told the Council that there was set to be a 3.99% increase in Council tax for 2017/18. The proposal was discussed at a recent cabinet meeting and will go to full Council on 15 February. Revenue Support grant will decrease again this coming year and 2% of the increase will be towards social care costs and 1.99% towards inflation costs. Social care costs are increasing dramatically mainly due to the rise in the minimum wage and the huge cost of agency staff. Mr Crabb is hoping the plans for the traffic calming scheme on Tintinhull Road will be drawn up shortly. He recently attended a presentation regarding broadband – BT says 92% of homes now have fast broadband but Mr Crabb is aware that several parts of his area are still unconnected. There was a discussion about the lack of action by Somerset Highways on several of the items raised with them over the past year, including Kings Hill, traffic calming on the A37 and the pavement alongside the A37. The Clerk will include Mr Crabb in further e-mails to Somerset Highways.

128. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS- The Clerk reported that she had been contacted PCSO Ceara Sturt informing the Council that she is being replaced by a new PCSO 8186 Amy Douch who can be contacted by e-mail.

129. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Receipts – minor interest payment.
- b) Payments – the following payments were agreed: Clerks Salary, HMRC. Printer ink £41.34.
- c) The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks has been received from the PCC.

130. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications: None

Decisions: None

Enforcement: None

131. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

a) Rights of Way 713M (Mr Batstone declared an interest). The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from SCC regarding a claimed bridleway from Tintinhull Road to Windmill Lane, Montacute. Unfortunately the Council holds no documents which could assist.

132. TRANSPARENCY CODE – Mrs Ferguson was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting.

133. DOG BIN – Mrs Roundell Greene has raised this with Street Scene but the Clerk has not been informed of the outcome.

134. DEFIBRILLATOR – Mr Hinds addressed the Council regarding the provision of a defibrillator to be sited at the Recreation Ground. Following some discussion the Council agreed in principle to fund a defibrillator although they will ask for donations from the village to assist with the cost. Mr Tasker will check that the Recreation Trust is willing to add the defibrillator to their insurance. Mr Hinds agreed to obtain three quotes for both provision of the equipment, maintenance and training for discussion at the next meeting.

135. BUS SHELTER, TINTINHULL ROAD – Mr Batstone reported that the shelter is badly defaced with graffiti. Mr Melvin agreed to ask the Church if they could assist with repainting the shelter.

136. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Pavement alongside A37 and Kings Hill – Mr Rowsell produced photographs of the overgrown pavement and will forward copies to the Clerk. The Clerk will write again to Somerset Highways requesting a site meeting to discuss both matters..

b) Road safety measures A37. The Clerk reported that she had received a reply from Gary Warren, Traffic Engineer, Somerset Highways stating that he thought the only action that could be taken would be through the Small Improvement Scheme. He will look again at the request for a 30mph speed limit.

c) Damaged chevron signs – Somerset Highways will inspect.

d) 'Breather/vent pipe' located outside Church House/Church Barn on Main Street – this has now been removed by Wessex Water.

e) It was reported that the Give Way sign at the junction between Vagg Lane and Vagg Hollow has been damaged. Clerk to report to Somerset Highways.

137. VILLAGE HALL – Mr Hinds has circulated the minutes from the last meeting.

138. RECREATION TRUST – Mr Tasker reported that the circular path has been treated with weedkiller.

139. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS – There is a blocked highway drain on the Tintinhull Road by Glyncoli. Clerk to report to Somerset Highways.

NEXT MEETING – 2 March 2017, Annual Parish Assembly 6 April 2017 following by Parish Council meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.