

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2020, 7.30pm AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM

Emma Meecham, Clerk, 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 3RE
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Mr P Rowsell, Chairman (And District Councillor) Mr H Tasker
Mr D Welch Mr T Brandt
Mr A Scott

Cllr Williams
Cllr Capozzoli

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

0 Members of the Public

The meeting commenced after an open session no items had been sent to the clerk for inclusion within the open session.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr Batstone and Mr Woodman.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None received.
- 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 gave his report to the meeting. The Small Improvement Schemes have been signed off and the works on the A37 have been completed. They will be monitored for a while whilst the changes embed. The works for Tintinhull Road are currently scheduled to start on 4th January, subject to any unforeseen issues. The revised Covid enhanced lock-down measures as set out by Government will be reviewed on or before the 2 December, Cllr Williams gave the Somerset figures as of 1 November and advised the meeting that Somerset County Council have launched a COVID survey to understand how people are coping with the restrictions. Cllr Williams updated the meeting regarding the One Somerset Unitary authority bid and informed the meeting that the winter gritting this year will be the full route, not the previously reduced route as in 2018.
- 5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Capozzoli gave his report to the meeting. He explained that the Planning Service within SSDC are in a difficult position, particularly with the current issues regarding phosphate. If you need to find something out Cllr Capozzoli recommends that you email Netta Meadows directly. Cllr Capozzoli explained that SSDC have voted against the Planning White Paper released by Government as they don't see it as a democratic process. Cllr Capozzoli informed the meeting that Yeovil are taking part in a trial run of some Eco scooters. He also informed the meeting regarding the District Council perspective on the Unitary Authority bid.
- 6. HIGHWAY MATTERS**
 - a) Small Improvement Schemes – As previously update by Cllr Williams. Mr Rowsell expressed that the Small Improvement Scheme works on the A37 had been a tidy job,

although Mr Tasker reported that a sign and a post has been left in the grass verge on the Eastern side of the A37.

Mr Brandt informed the meeting that there was an alternative licence available for the planting opposite the Carpenter's Arms, for which there would be no cost. It was unanimously agreed that the council should progress this.

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS

No up to date statistics on the Avon and Somerset website. It has been noted that there has been a Police Officer doing some speed checks on Tintinhull Road. Cllr Williams informed the meeting that the Speed Watch site hadn't been added as previously thought, should now have been. The meeting wondered if it might be possible to get statistics from the Police. The question regarding the recording abilities of the current and the proposed Vehicle Activated Signs was also raised.

a) Climate Emergency Community Fund – Juliet Lawn from Chilthorne Domer Green Steps had been invited to the meeting. Having previously sent an email to the clerk which had been circulated Juliet expanded on the proposals set out within the email. The meeting agreed unanimously to consider further the proposals with a view to supporting an application to the Climate Emergency Community Fund. Mr Brandt noted that caution would be needed with some of the details so that everyone in the village could be brought on board and to keep an eye out for ongoing costs. It was agreed that Mr Brandt would be the liaison between the group and the Parish Council. Mr Scott also expressed an interest in being involved.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS

a) Receipts: None – noted.

b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Royal British Legion. – noted.

c) Grant requests: None – noted.

9. PLANNING MATTERS – The clerk informed the meeting regarding an email received that day that informed the council that SSDC now had a six-year land supply, but it is not clear if that includes sites like YV2. A group has been formed within the village to fight the application currently being considered for 73 houses. The group has commissioned various independent surveys.

a) Applications: None – noted.

b) Decisions: None – noted.

c) Appeals: None – noted.

10. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE – None.

11. ALLOTMENTS – Mr Scott shared the outline plan but hasn't been set as definitive yet, it includes raised beds, rainwater harvesting and a communal compost area. It is also intended that some form of noticeboard with seed sharing.

12. VILLAGE HALL – Nothing to report, it was agreed that the village hall broadband project should be recommenced.

13. RECREATION TRUST – Not much to report. The current opening of Thursday and Sunday evenings will obviously have to stop due to the second lockdown.

14. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN – None.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – 3 DECEMBER 2020.

Closed session – Clerks salary and contract. – Agreed.