

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2020, 7.30pm AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM

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Mr P Rowsell, Chairman (And District Councillor) Mr H Tasker
Mr D Welch Mr T Brandt
Mr A Scott

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

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr K Woodman, Mr M Batstone, Cllr J Williams and Cllr T Capozzoli.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the meeting held in August were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – Nothing further following the report on 17 September 2020.
- 5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – Nothing further following the report on 17 September 2020.
- 6. HIGHWAY MATTERS** – Nothing further following the report on 17 September 2020
- 7. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – Nothing to report.
- 8. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
 - a) Receipts: None – Noted.
 - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, SALC affiliation – all agreed unanimously.
 - c) Grant requests: None – Noted.
- 9. PLANNING MATTERS**
 - a) Applications: 20/02047/OUT, Land South of Tintinhull Road, Chilthorne Domer, Somerset. Outline application for residential development for up to 73 dwellings, including access with all other matters reserved. – Following the discussion held on 17 September 2020 Mr Brandt had circulated a draft response for consideration by the Council and had also attended the Brympton Parish Council meeting. Mr Brandt informed the meeting that as at this morning there were 59 comments on South Somerset District Council’s website, all objecting, and there was also an objection from the National Trust. Mr Brandt proposed that the Council agree the draft letter supplied, Mr Welch seconded the proposal, and all agreed unanimously.
 - b) Decisions: None – Noted.
 - c) Appeals: None – Noted.
- 10. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – Nothing to report.
- 11. WEBSITE** – A discussion was held over the issues with the website. Mr Scott proposed that the look and feel of the website should remain although access to the Parish Council content will be made easier and the promotion of it will be enhanced. The Clerk is to be given appropriate training to allow for the Parish Council content to be updated. The proposal was agreed unanimously. The Council were requested to send a friendly head shot to Mr Scott for inclusion on the website. It was also proposed

and agreed that regular reviews of the website should take place to ensure continuing Transparency Code compliance and the usefulness to the Parish Council and the Parish.

12. **VERGE PLANTING** – The Chilthorne Domer Green Space initiative have had discussion with Somerset County Council Highway Authority regarding the possibility of re-wilding the verge opposite The Carpenters Arms and have been informed that this could be done under a Section 142 licence which should be held by the Parish Council. Mr Brandt summarised the licence requirements. It was agreed in principle and the clerk is to find out what, if any, cost is associated with the licence.
13. **ALLOTMENTS** – Nothing further following the report on 17 September 2020, however, in his absence Mr Woodman had asked the clerk to raise the possible problem with the Parish Council having less than 12 months of their tenancy left yet offering 12 months for the sub-let.
14. **VILLAGE HALL** – Mr Brand informed the meeting that there was recently a committee meeting in which the issue of finance was discussed. The Hall is currently financially secure due to the Government Covid-19 grant however; the revenue is less than the expenses so can only be sustained for the short term. The School is currently the only user although other users are looking at potentially restarting. The Village Hall committee are keen for the Parish Council to carry on with the Broadband installation. The Council agreed unanimously to progress the broadband installation.
15. **RECREATION TRUST** - Nothing much further following the report on 17 September 2020, some extra people have been trained on how to clean the pipes and the Trust continues to be solvent but have very little, if any, income.
16. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – None.
17. **There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.22pm**
18. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 5 NOVEMBER 2020. (15 October 2020 if required)**

Closed session discussion held regarding the Clerk's salary and contract. Mr Brandt to send suggestion to the Councillors ahead of the next meeting.

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