

## **CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2021, 7.30pm AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM**

Emma Meecham, Clerk, 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 3RE  
Tel: 01935 415361

Mr K Woodman, Chairman  
Mr H Tasker  
Mr A Scott

Mr P Rowsell, (And District Councillor)  
Mr T Brandt

Cllr Capozzoli

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

No items were sent to the clerk for inclusion within the open session.

#### **AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Cllr Williams, Mr Batstone and Mr Welch.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed unanimously as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Williams had previously circulated his report via email. Mr Rowsell pointed out that the historic first version of the small improvement scheme for the A37 included an extension to the 40mph zone that would have made it long enough to consider a reduction to 30mph. Mr Rowsell expressed his disappointment at the inclusion of flashing wig-wag style lights on Tintinhull Road for the 20mph speed restriction as those types of lights are not enforceable by the police. Mr Woodman expressed his disappointment that other towns and villages seem to be able to get speed reductions but Chilthorne Domer cannot. Mr Brandt suggested that when Covid restrictions allow a meeting with SCC Highways might be a good way to go.
5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Rowsell reported that he had recently attended a meeting regarding the phosphates issue, which is causing a major problem with planning permissions and Wessex Water seem uninterested in helping. Cllr Capozzoli reported that the upgrade to the A303 is due to commence this year, with the section between Podimore and Sparkford being a priority. Cllr Capozzoli also reported that issues with Highways are happening all over the district. It was also reported that British Rail are looking to open up some old train stations and re-use them. The one at Sparkford is being considered for re-opening. Mr Brandt asked what impact the work to the A303 is likely to have on the A37, it was agreed that the clerk is to write to Highways England to enquire about the diversion route.
6. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
  - a) VAS sign – SCC Small Improvement Scheme had requested the Parish Council consider hours proposed for the operation of the wig-wag signs for the 20mph speed limit. There is a restriction of 30 minutes operating time, twice a day. The Council discussed the proposed times and were disappointed that there was such a tight restriction as 30 minutes is not considered long enough to cover the busy

arrival/departure times. The Council would also like to know if the signs could be turned on manually by the school outside of these times to cover ad-hoc events. It was agreed that the clerk respond with the above issues and question.

- b) SID – The council discussed the possibility of investing in a Speed Indicator Device, Cllr Capozzoli mentioned that Ilchester Parish Council had recently bought one and that Montacute were considering purchasing one and may be open to sharing one.

**7. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – The clerk gave the information contained within the recently received crime report. Mr Woodman informed the meeting that the issue with the cone as reported at the last meeting is becoming a larger problem as the cone seems to be moving further out into the road. It was suggested that if the cone is causing a hazard in the highway it should be reported to the police as any other hazard would be, in the meantime the clerk is to include the issue in the response to the police report. Mr Scott noted that the Police are not attending reports of Covid regulation breaches.

**8. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**

- a) Receipts: None – noted.
- b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Tintinhull Road Bus Shelter £2251.50 – All agreed unanimously.
- c) Grant requests: None – Noted.

**9. PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) Applications: 20/02047/OUT Land South of Tintinhull Road, Chilthorne Domer. Amended plans – Following discussion Mr Brandt agreed to draft a response.
- b) Decisions: None – Noted.
- c) Appeals: None – Noted.

**10. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

**11. ALLOTMENTS** – Nothing to report.

**12. VILLAGE HALL** – The application to the Climate Change Emergency fund has been submitted. The Q3 meeting was held on 11/1/2021, with no items of note to report. The school is currently not using the hall due to their bubble policy, Mr Brandt confirmed that they pay the standard price for their usage, which was in response to a query raised in the last Parish Council meeting. Mr Brandt confirmed the hall are happy to wait for broadband.

**13. RECREATION TRUST** – Mr Tasker informed the meeting that to date he had not passed on the information regarding the sewer attachment, on which matter the meeting raised some concerns. Is there a maintenance agreement in place? The comment about the attachment being a one-off is untrue. The Council agreed that the clerk reply to SSDC with these issues. It was agreed that Mr Tasker could forward the information.

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

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:20.**

**15. DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 4 MARCH 2021.**

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