

**MINUTES OF CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 7 JULY 2016
IN CHILTHORNE DOMER VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:

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

Mrs J Roundell Greene (SSDC) for part of the meeting.

Mrs I Meecham (Clerk)

Four members of the public

OPEN SESSION

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

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

31. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mrs Roundell Greene reported that the Westlands lease has now been signed and contractors have been engaged for the refurbishment works required. It is hoped that all the works will be complete and the building up and running in early spring next year. The estimated cost is £2.8m but grants have been obtained from various sporting bodies to offset the costs.

Fly tipping will in future attract a fixed penalty fine of £250 (£150 if paid within ten days) although Mrs Roundell Greene told the Council that it is difficult to obtain proof of ownership. SSDC no longer have a 5 year land supply and there is a need to find building land, however this does not mean there will be a planning 'free for all'.

With the recent Brexit referendum result there is concern over the future of Leonardo (Westlands) as well as the EU grants currently being received. It is hoped that EU money currently in the pipeline will be honoured.

The District Council is looking for a new Chief Executive and hope to appoint in July with a late autumn start. There is currently a shortlist of 13.

32. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS – Nothing to report.

33. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Receipts – minor interest payment.

b) Payments – the following payments were agreed: Clerks Salary, HMRC.,

c) New bank mandate. The Clerk told the Council that despite her recent visit to Nat West and assurances that all information had now been received, she has since received a request for Mr Preston's details. Mr Preston assured the Council that he had attended the bank and completed all the forms. Clerk to contact Nat West again.

34. PLANNING MATTERS

a) **Applications:** 16/02636/LBC The Manor House, Main Street, Chilthorne Domer – The construction of new access pillars and walls and the erection of gates (part implemented) (revised application) – no objections.

b) **Decisions:** 16/01397/FUL Orchid Stud, Ilchester Road, Chilthorne Domer – Erect dwelling for equestrian worker and retention of pole barn. Grant permissions with conditions – Noted.

c) **Enforcement:**

35. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- a) SCC Chairman's Awards – Noted.

36. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a) Trailer parked in Main Street. The Clerk informed the Council that the PCSO was seeking advice.
- b) Speed Camera. The Clerk reported that she had received a reply from the Police Commissioner supporting the Parish Council, however, it did not offer any advice with regard to a dummy box if a fixed camera was not an option. Clerk to make further enquiries with Somerset Highways.
- c) Reinstatement of verge in Vagg Lane. The Clerk told the Council she had received a reply from Mr Chris Weeks, Assistant Highway Service Manager regarding the verge. As the Council are aware, the verge has not been reinstated. Mr Weeks has spoken to Mr White. Mr White of Jessops attended the meeting and had written a letter to the Council outlining the problems he has had over the years regarding the verge and the neighbouring farmer. Other than taking enforcement action against Mr White, Mr Weeks suggested that the Parish Council might wish to take on maintenance of the verge. After some discussion the Council decided that they would not wish to adopt the verge. It was suggested that perhaps part of the verge could be tarmacked to assist Mr Dowding exiting his field and to improve the verge for Mr White. Clerk to write to Mr Dowding.

37. VILLAGE HALL – Mr Hinds was unable to attend the Village Hall meeting but will forward the minutes to Councillors once received.

38. RECREATION TRUST – Nothing to report. Mr Tasker agreed that he would be the Parish Council representative.

39. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS

It was reported that unfortunately Mr Brian Madden, a past Councillor, has died. Donations are being received for St Margaret's Hospice and the Council decided to donate £50. Mr Melvin told the Council that the Church hoped to complete the works on the bus shelter over the coming month. Mr Batstone asked if anything had been heard regarding a dog bin. Clerk to contact SSDC again.

NEXT MEETING – 4 August 2016

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.