

**MINUTES OF CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 5 JANUARY 2017  
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)  
One member of the public

**OPEN SESSION**

**109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Mrs J Ferguson

**110. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

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

**112. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Mrs Roundell Greene reported that there had been a meeting of the District Executive Committee this morning. The Council Tax Reduction Scheme has been agreed and she advised the Council to look on the SSDC website for further details. Mrs Roundell Greene told the Council that there is an increasing problem with homelessness and rough sleepers. A new hostel is opening this week but Mrs Roundell Greene would be pleased to hear of anyone facing problems or potential homelessness to see if she can assist.

The full budget will go before the Council in February.

Mrs Roundell Greene was questioned about the provision of dog bins in general. She agreed to contact Street Scene Services to see if a dog bin could be placed at the end of Main Street.

**113. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS-** The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by PC Bonici who has confirmed that no laws are being broken regarding the trailer continually parked in Main Street and that there is nothing he can do to assist. The Council discussed various traffic problems including pavement parking and the parking of trailers.

**114. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

a) Receipts – minor interest payment.

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

c) Budget Planning and Precept – the Council agreed their budget for 2017/2018 and agreed to request the same amount of funding as the current year. Unfortunately there will be a small increase to rate payers due to the reduction in grant.

d) Somerset Credit Union – the Clerk agreed to obtain further information.

**115. PLANNING MATTERS**

**Applications:** None

**Decisions:** None

**Enforcement:** None

**116. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

**117. TRANSPARENCY CODE** – Mrs Ferguson will liaise with the Clerk

**118. DOG BIN** – The Clerk re-iterated that the Dog Warden had inspected the area at the end of Main Street and had concluded that dog fouling was not a problem in this area and therefore Street Scene Services would not be willing to empty a new bin.

**119. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- a) Pavement alongside A37 – reply received from Chris Weeks, Somerset Highways stating that he had been unable to find a problem with the footpath. Clerk to contact Somerset Highways and request a site meeting.
- b) Horse sign, Tintinhull Road. The Clerk reported that Somerset Highways were happy to remove the sign but would not reposition it unless at least 12 daily horse movements took place at the revised location. As this is not the case Clerk to contact Somerset Highways asking for the sign to be removed and not relocated.
- c) Kings Hill – Mr Hinds reported that some works have taken place but the narrowest part of Kings Hill had been omitted. He has already contacted Somerset Highways who stated that this area had not been programmed for works. Clerk to contact Somerset Highways to ask for a site meeting.
- d) Permanent flashing speed signs on A37. The Clerk reported that she had received a reply from Gary Warren, Traffic Engineer, Somerset Highways stating that there were already 3 repeater signs at this location. Clerk to reply that these have no effect on traffic speeds whereas the flashing speed signs have certainly slowed traffic on the Tintinhull Road.
- e) It was reported that the chevrons on the A37 bend have been broken off and there is a damaged 30mph sign on the left side coming up Kings Hill. Clerk to contact Somerset Highways.
- f) It was reported that there is a 'breather/vent pipe' located outside Church House/Church Barn on Main Street which is rusting off. Clerk to contact Wessex Water.

**120. VILLAGE HALL** – Mr Hinds reported that the next meeting is on 9 January.

**121. RECREATION TRUST** – Mr Tasker told the meeting that the Trust were hoping to erect a canopy outside.

**122. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS - None**

**NEXT MEETING – 2 February 2017, 2 March 2017**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.