

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2020, 7.30pm AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM

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Mr K Woodman, Chairman
Mr D Welch

Mr H Tasker
Mr T Brandt

Cllr Williams
Cllr Capozzoli

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)
0 Members of the Public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the clerk explained that due to a technical issue the meeting was being recorded and would be uploaded to YouTube rather than being live streamed to ensure that any interested members of the public were able to view the meeting.

The clerk also took the opportunity to explain the delay in sending out the agenda, this was due to ill health on behalf of the clerk, and offered the councillors the opportunity to adjourn the meeting, the councillors present unanimously agreed to continue with the meeting.

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 Mark Batstone and Adam Scott
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None received.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.
- 4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Williams gave his report to the meeting. The report included an update on the Small Improvement Schemes for the A37 and Tintinhull Road, an update on the attempt to reduce the speed limits on Tintinhull Road between Chilthorne Domer and Tintinhull and an update on the One Somerset Unitary Authority business case submitted by Somerset County Council, which was passed by Full Council in the previous week and has been submitted to the Secretary of State – who will make the decision.
- 5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Capozzoli gave his report to the meeting. At the recent Full Council meeting 40 Councillors were against the Unitary Authority bid from Somerset County Council, and 20 were for it, the majority of which are dual councillors (also County Councillors). Cllr Capozzoli confirmed that he would like to see a referendum, but this would be decided by the Secretary of State. Cllr Capozzoli informed the meeting that the next round of District Council elections will be held in 2 years and that the Planning Service at SSDC were in dire straits, they have lost a number of senior officers recently, however, the recruitment process has begun. Cllr Capozzoli summarised the 'Planning Shake-up' announced by Central Government today, there has been no official response from SSDC as yet. Mr Brandt asked Cllr Capozzoli if the reasons behind the loss of Planning

Officers was known, Cllr Capozzoli responded by saying that it was due to the workload that some officers currently have, over 100 applications.

6. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a) Small Improvement Schemes – Already updated by Cllr Williams.
- b) Speed limit between Tintinhull and Chilthorne Domer – Already updated by Cllr Williams.

Mr Brandt informed the meeting that the fingerpost at the crossroads of Larkhill Road, Vagg Lane and Tintinhull Road needed repainting and enquired who was responsible. Cllr Williams requested that a photo be sent to him and he would approach Somerset County Council.

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS – The clerk gave the latest statistics available on the Police UK website (June).

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS

- a) Receipts: None – Noted.
- b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC – Agreed unanimously.
- c) Grant requests: None – Noted.

9. PLANNING MATTERS Applications: None – Noted.

- b) Decisions: None – Noted.
- c) Appeals: None – Noted.

10. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE – None.

11. ALLOTMENTS – No report.

12. VILLAGE HALL – A meeting was held on 8 July 2020. The committee are planning for a limited reopening from 1st September, mostly to support the school. Most of the rest of the regular users of the facility are not intending re-starting as yet. The risk assessments required to re-open are being compiled. The committee are currently not sure when the other activities will re-start.

13. RECREATION TRUST – A meeting was held on 17 July 2020. The clubhouse is now open on Thursdays and Sundays with COVID safety measures in place. The committee has been successful in applying for a £10000 grant from SSDC, some of which will be spent on refurbishing the bar area. The Play area is open. Unfortunately, the usual beer supplier has ceased trading, so the committee have had to find an alternative. Cllr Capozzoli confirmed that there are still grants available and asked that anyone eligible apply.

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

15. DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 1 OCTOBER 2020. – Agreed, subject to any items being received that require a meeting ahead of this date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:01.