

## **CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2019, 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

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#### **PRESENT:**

Mr K Woodman, Chairman	Mr M Batstone
Mr P Rowsell (and District Councillor)	Mr H Tasker
Mr T Brandt	Mr D Welch

Cllr J Williams

PCSO Whelan

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)  
3 Member of the Public

The meeting commenced after an Open Session for Chilthorne Domer Parishioners only. Mr Ferguson of Chilthorne Knapp expressed his concerns regarding the planning application adjacent his property due to the topography of the land and the quality of the road, his full concerns have previously been distributed to the Parish Council by email. Mr Harvey of Vale Cottage expressed his concerns regarding the planning application on Chilthorne Hill due to the proximity of the proposed house to his working farm, with its associated noises and smells flies etc.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Cllr Capozzoli as he was attending a Parish Council meeting in Mudford.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None received.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - The minutes of the previous meeting unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.
- 4. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR** - Mr Adam Scott expressed an interest in co-option to the council and was duly co-opted.
- 5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - Councillor Williams gave his report to the meeting in which he stated that the SCOOT system has been switched on along the new Western Corridor scheme and the system is now "learning", it is not linked to the Lysander Road traffic lights. Mr Woodman commented that the strobing effect does not seem to have been fixed, Councillor Williams agreed to discuss this with Somerset County Council Highways. The Safety Audit has been started and a large submission has been provided by the Driving Instructors Association. Councillor Williams discussed the Small Improvement Scheme details provided recently the Parish Council noted that more time was required as the scheme had not been received in time to be included on the agenda. More information was required on the bus shelter including the materials and price. It was agreed that the Somerset County Council Officer be invited to the next meeting. Councillor Williams informed the meeting of his feelings and the Parish Council wholeheartedly agree. Mr Brandt agreed to put some comments together for the next meeting.
- 6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - Councillor Rowsell gave a brief report which included background to the local plan review, the intent of which is to provide a five year land supply. This will allow South Somerset District Council more control over planning applications.

**7. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** - PCSO Whelan introduced himself to the meeting and noted that speeding is an issue in many parishes. It was suggested that a Speed Watch scheme could be an effective solution, Councillor Williams offered to assist setting such a scheme up. Mr Scott, Mr Woodman and Mr Batstone offered to take part. PCSO Whelan informed the council that he would be setting up a beat surgery in the next few weeks, he initially suggested that this take place in the Village Hall car park however, at the request of the Council this has been changed to take place in the layby on Tintinhull Road. The Clerk mentioned the ineffectiveness of out of date statistics availability online. Mr Tasker also mentioned the meaningless Neighbourhood Watch emails, which seem to mainly be about policing policies and no mention of crimes. PCSO Whelan mentioned that there is a growing problem with residential burglaries in some areas of Somerset and that Farm Watch is stepping up a gear. Mr Scott enquired regarding the level of recreational drug use, PCSO Whelan replied that he was not aware of a major problem in Chilthorne Domer, however Mr Scott mentioned the large number of reports that he is made personally with no response from the police. PCSO Whelan stated that he was aware the antisocial behaviour is a known problem in the village and that the main culprits are being dealt with.

**8. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**

- a) Receipts: Noted.
- b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Flaydemouse printing £65.00 - All agreed unanimously.
- c) Grant requests: Recreation Area - The Parish Council discussed the request further, Mr Woodman proposed and Mr Batstone seconded that the Council grant the money requested. This was agreed unanimously. Mr Scott requested that the Recreation Area committee reconsider allowing dog walkers with better signage.

**9. PLANNING MATTERS** Applications: 19/02241/OUT – Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of a dwelling, Land South of Chilthorne Knapp, Chilthorne Hill, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil, Somerset - A lengthy discussion was held during which concerns regarding water run-off during and after construction, the overlooking of properties, proposed sewage treatment, appropriate materials and farming activities were noted. The Parish Council unanimously agreed that the following wording be sent in response to the consultation:

“At their recent meeting Children Domer Parish Council discussed the above application and wish to comment as follows:

Whilst the Parish Council does not have any objection to the principle of a single new dwelling on this site do however have a number of concerns as detailed below

- A. Concerns regarding the run-off water both during and after construction
- B. There is a potential for overlooking of other residential properties
- C. What sewage treatment arrangements will be in place
- D. Appropriate material should be used

The Parish Council note that the site is in close proximity to a working farm and there may be potential run-off from the farm to the site, and that the quality of the highway to the site is substandard due to lack of maintenance by Somerset County Council.”

The Clerk gave an update on the response to South Somerset District Council’s Local Plan review, specifically the area known as YV2. The Parish Council comments were submitted on time, thanks given to Mr Brandt. Public thanks were also given to the distribution team for their hard work in distributing the newsletter. It was agreed that the clerk is to send a thank you card to the team.

**10. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** - The Parish website design and use was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that an article be placed in the newsletter asking the parishioners what they would like from their website.

**11. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- a) Grit bins - Details of the grip been filling had not yet been received from Somerset County Council. Mr Batstone agreed to get a quote to move the grip been to the Village Hall car park. It was unanimously agreed that as long as the quote was no more than £250 the work

should go ahead. It was reported that the speed limit signs at the end of Chilthorne Hill cannot be seen.

**12. VILLAGE HALL** - The next Village Hall committee meeting will be held on 7 October.

**13. RECREATION TRUST** - Mr Tasker reported that the Recreation Trust committee expect that the path around the sports field will be completed within a month.

**14. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** - Mr Batstone requested that the Leyland trail that runs along the Chilthorne Domer/Tintinhull boundary be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The boundary hedge at Y17/1 needs reinstating as it is both the Leyland trail and Parish boundary hedge.

The gate at the junction of Y4/5 and Y4/7 is broken, three gates along footpath Y4/10 are also broken. The Clerk will report these gates again to Somerset County Council.

The allotments at Little Sammons have been reported to South Somerset District Council as they are in a bad state Mr Scott has reported it as he has recently taken one on, the contact at South Somerset District Council is Rebecca McElliott. It was requested that on the next meeting agenda the issue of the hedge by the bus shelter on the A37 and the supply of gas in the village be added

**15.** There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:34 PM

**DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 7.30pm, 7 November 2019.**