

**MINUTES OF CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2016  
IN CHILTHORNE DOMER VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:**

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

Mr S Crabb (SCC) for part of the meeting  
Mrs I Meecham (Clerk)  
Two members of the public

**OPEN SESSION**

Ms Murphy who lives at Forts Orchard attended the meeting. She is having problems with people parking in her allocated parking space, especially those dropping children off at a local childminders. Her property is owned by Hastoes. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact the property owners to ask for clarification on the parking space.

**53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Mrs J Roundell Greene

**54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

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

**56. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Mr Crabb reported that he has been chasing up the plans for the traffic calming but is unlikely to get an update for another week or two.

Mrs Ferguson explained to Mr Crabb the problems she was having in obtaining faster broadband. Her property is one of a group of six not connected to a green cabinet and she is among the last 5% not connected. The minimum cost to provide a green box would be £25,000. Mr Crabb said he would explore the options available.

Mr Crabb explained the background to the current devolution talks taking place between Devon and Somerset.

**57. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS**

The PCSO has e-mailed the Clerk explaining that she is still investigating the parked trailer.

**58. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Receipts – minor interest payment.
- b) Payments – the following payments were agreed: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Recreation Trust Grant monies £3000.
- c) Business Reserve Account – the Clerk told the Council she had received correspondence from Nat West Bank stating that the interest rate on monies held in the Business Reserve Account would be changing from 7 November 2016 down to 0.01%.

**59. PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) Applications:
- b) Decisions:
- c) Enforcement: The Clerk informed the Council she had written to SSDC Planning regarding the extra caravan at Oaklea, Tintinhull Road. It is currently being investigated by the Planning Department.

**60. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Help for War Memorials. The Clerk informed the Council that grant aid was available to refurbish war memorials if necessary.
- b) Conquest of Avalon running event, June 2017 – noted.
- c) Dog Bins – the Clerk told the Council that she had received a message from the dog warden regarding the bin previously sited in the Little Sammons play area. Apparently the bin has rusted away and has consequently been removed. It was agreed that the Council would consider the replacement of the bin and the Clerk would enquire whether extra bins could be sited at the entrance to Little Sammons, next to the grit bin and on Kings Hill.

**61. TRANSPARENCY CODE**

The Council agreed that the Clerk and Mrs Ferguson should apply for a grant and proceed with the purchase of a new lap top and web site.

**62. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- a) Reinstatement of verge in Vagg Lane. The Clerk told the Council she had written to Chris Weeks at Somerset Highways stating that Mr Dowding was not willing to compromise. Mr Weeks has replied that he now has no option other than enforcement. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr White.
- b) Speed Camera. The Clerk informed the Council that she had received correspondence from Somerset Highways stating that they had been unable to recover costs relating to the demolition of the speed camera.
- c) Kings Hill. Unfortunately no works have taken place. Clerk to contact Somerset Highways and emphasise that the hedge needs cutting back, not trimming.

**63. VILLAGE HALL** – Mr Hinds reported that the next meeting is on 3 October. He asked for volunteers to assist in the garden on Saturday from 10am until 1pm.

**64. RECREATION TRUST** – Mr Rowsell confirmed he had opened the recent fete which appears to have been a success.

**65. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS**

Mrs Ferguson updated the council regarding the redundant electricity poles. It appears she may have made progress.  
There was some discussion regarding the new rules for waste disposal. The Council were of the opinion that this would lead to increased fly tipping etc. Clerk to contact Mrs Roundell Greene.

**NEXT MEETING – 6 October 2016**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.