

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2019, 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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PRESENT:

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

Cllr T Capozzoli

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)
1 Member of the Public

The meeting commenced after an Open Session for Chilthorne Domer Parishioners only, no items were raised.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Cllr Williams and Mr Woodman.
- 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 had provided a report by email that was read to the meeting.
- 5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – Cllr Rowsell gave his report to the meeting including an update on the ongoing considerations on a Unitary Authority for Somerset, the costs of troubled families within South Somerset and the impacts of children living in poverty following a meeting that he had recently attended. Cllr Rowsell informed the meeting that he had voted in favour of the recently decided planning application for new houses in Mudford, Central Government requires South Somerset to have an additional 8000 homes so SSDC are trying to control the location of these new homes. Mr Batstone raised concerns regarding the lack of infrastructure and employment for the residents of these new houses, Cllr Rowsell explained that as the figures had come from Central Government there was no associated plans or funding for the infrastructure, however District Councillors are doing what they can regarding some elements of the infrastructure.
- 6. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – No up to date statistics available. Mr Scott informed the meeting that PCSO Whelan had been in the village a few times since he had been at the Parish Council meeting and had asked that the Parish Council meeting dates were emailed to him and he would attempt to attend as many as possible.
- 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
 - Grit Bin quote – Mr Batstone had sourced a quote from Richard Vaughan of £175 for the move of the grit bins, it was unanimously agreed to accept this quote.
 - Receipts: - noted.
 - Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, British Legion wreath £50 – All agreed unanimously. Cllr Capozzoli offered to represent the Parish Council and lay the wreath if Mr Woodman was unable to attend the service.

d) Grant requests: None – Noted.

It was agreed that the mandate should be discussed and amended at the next meeting.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications: None – noted.

b) Decisions: 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 – Refused. – noted.

c) Appeals: None – noted.

9. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE – The clerk updated the meeting on correspondence received.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Small Improvement Scheme – The council discussed the scheme as supplied by Somerset County Council and unanimously agreed the following wording be sent to the SCC officer:

- *With regards to the bus shelter, the Council would need further details including the costs and materials. There is some concern over its suitability for a non-overlooked location and whether it would be resistant to vandalism. The Parish Council would also be interested in discovering if other designs may be acceptable. Subject to the design, specifications and costs the Parish Council are still willing to fund the bus shelter.*
- *The Parish Council have some concerns regarding the removal of the school warning sign when entering from the Yeovil direction, the proposed location of the 1st warning sign seems quite close to the school. This would also seem to be an issue coming from the Tintinhull direction.*
- *The Parish Council request that further serious consideration is given to the reduction of the speed limit outside the school to 20 mph, particularly in view of the frequent disregard of the 30 mph speed limit. This speed reduction would also slow vehicles turning into Main Street where the vast majority of the school pick up/drop off activity takes place very close to the junction. There are precedents within South Somerset for this 20 mph zone outside of schools, including in Ilchester and at Kingfisher, Preston Primary and Huish Primary Schools in Yeovil.*
- *The inclusion of tactile paving on its own does not seem to provide any additional safety for pedestrians walking across the road, especially as many of these would be young children. Further consideration of the additional measures should be given.*

In general, the Parish Council have concerns that the measures as proposed will do little to reduce the speed of vehicles through the village. They do recognise the previous discussions, however, the last 2 years have only seen an increase in both the amount and the speeds of vehicles travelling along to Tintinhull Road. This is only likely to get worse as the Brimsmore Key Site development is completed, not to mention the other local developments being considered.

b) Leyland Trail – Mr Batstone informed the meeting that the Boundary Stone at Coles Cross is dangerously loose. Mr Batstone also informed the meeting that the gate two thirds of the way down footpath Y4/15 does not work, the boundary hedge of the lowest field has been removed and the gate has been swung around by 90 degrees

at the northern boundary. Mr Batstone would be happy to meet Eve Wynn, PRoW officer from SCC on site.

– Clerk to report both issues to SCC and request a site meeting.

- c) Footpath gate issues – There are ongoing issues with the gates on footpaths Y4/10, Y4/20 and Y4/5.

-Clerk to report again to SCC.

11. VILLAGE HALL – Mr Brandt reported that a meeting was set to decide the location of the new grit bin. There is a working party this weekend to tidy the garden areas around the hall. The Legionella requirements require investigation as there are some areas at a slightly higher risk due to the nature of the building. The electricity usage is being investigated as it seems relatively high. It was discussed that the Parish Council could fund the provision of broadband for the Village Hall. Mr Brandt agreed to approach the committee and Mr Scott agreed to investigate different packages and prices available.

12. RECREATION TRUST – The Trust has spent monies on the path around the field and the work has been completed, the surround for the slide has been replaced, bike racks have been installed and new goal posts purchased and installed. Further discussion held regarding the option of dogs within the recreation area, with a suggestion made of the provision of a dog waste bin and paying SSDC for the emptying thereof by the Parish Council. The Trust has thanked the Parish Council for the grant towards the provision of the tarmac path.

13. COMMUNITY ISSUES

- a) Gas supply – The supply currently finishes at Forts Orchard, the Parish Council discussed the issue and agreed that an article should be submitted for inclusion within the newsletter asking anyone who might be interested to contact the clerk

- Clerk to write newsletter article

- b) Hedge near bus shelter on A37 – The hedge is still causing an issue with visibility for the bus stop and for drivers manoeuvring in and out of driveways.

- Clerk to write to Orchid Stud again

14. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN – It was proposed that the clerk submit an article for the newsletter introducing the members of the Parish Council. Mr Scott offered to get together with the clerk to help with and make recommendations for the website.

- 15.** There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.17pm

DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 7.30pm, 5 December 2019.