

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 MAY 2020, 8.15pm AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM

Emma Meecham, Clerk, 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 3RE
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Mr K Woodman, Chairman
Mr H Tasker
Mr D Welch

Mr P Rowsell (and District Councillor)
Mr T Brandt
Mr A Scott

Cllr J Williams (SCC)
Cllr T Capozzoli (SSDC)

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)
0 Members of the Public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the clerk explained that the meeting was being streamed live to YouTube to ensure that any interested members of the public were able to view 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 Mr Batstone as his broadband connection is not able to sustain virtual meetings.
- 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 of the meeting and will be signed when possible.
- 4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Williams gave an update to the Small Improvement Scheme for Tintinhull Road, we are expecting the latest plans soon. The delivery team for Somerset County Council are working hard to ensure that the pandemic does not affect the ability to provide the scheme within this financial year. Cllr Williams also informed the meeting that SCC is working hard with other organisations during this pandemic, there have been no reports of organisations reporting that they do not have sufficient or appropriate PPE. Various helplines and streams of assistance have been launched and any member of the community with concerns is encouraged to contact the helpline. Cllr Capozzoli asked Cllr Williams about the current situation with the recycling centres, Cllr Williams asked for time to get clarification before responding.
- 5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Rowsell informed the meeting that at the recent Area East meeting the councillors agreed unanimously agreed to approve the planning application at Chilthorne Hill, but do to a less than common part of the planning process the application will need to be heard by the regulation committee. Cllr Capozzoli informed the meeting that SSDC has, to date, issued £27 million to businesses struggling due to the Covid 19 pandemic and that there is still money available for other businesses.

6. **MEETING PROTOCOLS** – The meeting discussed the previously distributed draft document and agreed that subject to alterations to reflect the streaming of meetings they could be adopted via email.
7. **HIGHWAY MATTERS** – Nothing to report.
8. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – No statistics received from Avon and Somerset Constabulary. Mr Woodman reported to the meeting that the speed of vehicles along Tintinhull Road seems to have increase significantly during the lockdown period. Cllr Williams informed the meeting that the SpeedWatch site on Tintinhull Road has been approved, and as and when lockdown regulations allow volunteers can be trained. Cllr Williams confirmed that all approved sites work in both directions.
9. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
 - a) Receipts: None - Noted
 - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Insurance, Zoom £60 – All agreed unanimously
 - c) Grant requests: None - Noted
10. **PLANNING MATTERS**
 - a) Applications: None – Noted.
 - b) Decisions: None – Noted.
 - c) Appeals: None – Noted.
11. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – None.
12. **ALLOTMENTS** – Mr Scott explained the proposal of agreeing to a licence with SSDC for an allotment plot to subsequently allow the plot to be broken down into smaller plots for members of the parish. Mr Scott also explained that the proposal included the creation of raised beds after the plot had been cleared – for which other allotment holders had offered to help. Mr Woodman raised a couple of queries, firstly concern that in paying for the plot it could set a precedent. Following discussion it was agreed unanimously that a sign should be erected making it clear that it was a community plot with individual households having a much smaller plot within it. The second concern raised by Mr Woodman was regarding the cost of the raised beds, Mr Scott added that raised beds would provide easy demarcation of the smaller plots and provides reduced maintenance for the plots. Mr Woodman proposed that the council pay £25 for the licence, this was seconded by Mr Brandt and agreed unanimously.
13. **VILLAGE HALL** – Nothing to report. Mr Scott requested an update on the broadband provision, which the clerk duly did, fortunately no contract had been entered into prior to lockdown.
14. **RECREATION TRUST** – Nothing to report.
15. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – Mr Brandt informed the meeting that SSDC had issued a questionnaire about Parish green initiatives/environmental impacts which had been received by the Greensteps initiative within the village. Mr Brandt has checked the questionnaire and believes that the Greensteps team could go ahead, this was agreed unanimously.
16. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS** – The meeting discussed the frequency of meetings and agreed that where possible the meetings should carry on every month, albeit in a virtual format. Therefore the next meeting is to be held on 4 June 2020 at 8.15pm.

IF ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS ANY QUERIES ABOUT HOW TO JOIN IN WITH THE VIRTUAL MEETING PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ANY COMMENTS THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISH TO MAKE WILL NEED TO BE EMAILED TO THE CLERK FOR INCLUSION.