

**MINUTES OF CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 19 MAY 2016
IN CHILTHORNE DOMER VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT:

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

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

OPEN SESSION

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mrs J Roundell Greene

14. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND REPRESENTATIVES

Mr Rowsell was nominated, seconded and elected unanimously as Chairman. Mrs Ferguson was nominated, seconded and elected unanimously as Vice Chairman. Mr Hinds agreed to carry on as the Village Hall Committee representative. Unfortunately there were no volunteers for either the Recreation Trust or SALC.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

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

17. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Mr Crabb apologised for being unable to attend the previous meeting. He also apologised for arriving slightly late for the meeting this evening due to two previous meetings – firstly the Pupil Referral Unit which takes all Somerset students who have been excluded from school, and secondly Stanchester School Governors. Stanchester School is improving year on year and has received a Good Ofsted report. They will be appointing a new principal shortly. With regard to the Pupil Referral Unit they take pupils excluded from main stream schooling for a variety of reasons, some drug related. They have recently moved into new premises at Wyndham View.

Mr Crabb attended the SCC Annual Full Council Meeting yesterday and is continuing on both the Audit Committee and Exmoor National Park Authority which also covers planning in the National Park. The Council debated their new Young Persons Plan, introduced due to the Council being in Special Measures. Essex County Council are assisting SCC in this respect.

18. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS – Nothing to report.

19. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Receipts – minor interest payment.
- b) Payments – the following payments were agreed: Clerks Salary, HMRC, SALC Affiliation fee £ 138.05, Zurich Insurance £529.84, Village Hall £198, Mr S Baimbridge (internal audit) £40.
- c) New bank mandate. The Clerk told the Council that she hoped this was now in order and being actioned by Nat West Bank.
- d) Adoption of Accounts and Auditors Statement. The Council agreed to adopt the accounts and the Chairman signed the Auditors Statement.

20. PLANNING MATTERS

Applications: 16/01397/FUL Orchid Stud, Ilchester Road, Chilthorne Domer – Erect dwelling for equestrian worker and retention of pole barn. Following some discussion it was decided by a majority vote that the Council had no objections.

Decisions: None

Enforcement: None

21. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE – None

22. DOG BINS

Mr Batstone reported that he had been asked whether the Council could provide more dog bins. Clerk to contact SSDC to enquire about emptying.

23. TRANSPARENCY CODE UPDATE

The Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from another company offering to set up a web site. Clerk to make further enquiries and then arrange a meeting with Mrs Ferguson.

24. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Report from meeting with Somerset Highways Traffic Engineer, Mr Gary Warren. In summation Mr Warren told the meeting that without some form of traffic calming he would be unable to reduce the speed limit to 30mph. He suggested that the Council approach their County Councillor, Mr Crabb, to see whether he could fund such a scheme. Mr Crabb told the Council that unfortunately his funds for the coming year were fully committed but this could be considered next year. After further discussion it was agreed to write to Mrs Sue Mountstevens, the re-elected Police & Crime Commissioner, and ask (a) whether the Police had recovered the costs of removing the demolished camera box etc. following its demolition by a drunk driver and (b) whether a new camera box, even if it held no camera, could be erected as it had certainly helped with speeding traffic.

Mr Warren agreed to speak to colleagues regarding the scheme drawn up previously for the A37/Vagg Lane junction.

b) Trailer parked in Main Street. The Clerk informed the Council that she had received a reply from Jason Young at Yarlinton regarding the trailer belonging to Mr Camp. Mr Young suggested contacting the Police and Mr Camp direct. It was agreed to contact the Police in the first instance.

c) Parking on pavement. The Clerk informed the Council that she had received a reply from PCSO Ceara Sturt regarding parking on the pavement. PCSO Sturt has been unable to see any obstruction but will continue monitoring the situation. The Council agreed that the offending vehicle no longer appeared to be parking there.

d) Temporary road closure – Vagg Lane and Vagg Hill – noted.

e) Kings Hill. A reply has been received from Mr Neil McWilliams, Highway Service Manager regarding Kings Hill. In summary he will ask the adjoining land owner to cut the hedge back to beyond the existing highway gullies and then will review the situation. It was agreed to put this matter back on the agenda for September. Mr Hinds also told the meeting that he had met Mr Weeks and his Manager earlier this week and is happy with their reply.

f) Request for information regarding land owner at Cole Cross – Mr Batstone told the Council he believed the landowner to be Mrs Soskins, Eastfield Farm, Tintinhull.

g) Reinstatement of verge in Vagg Lane. Clerk to write requesting an update.

25. VILLAGE HALL – Nothing to report.

26. RECREATION TRUST – The Clerk read out an e-mail received from the Recreation Trust regarding the shortfall in funding for the car park works and asking whether the Parish Council would be willing to take on the works and make up the funding. Following some discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would give a further grant of £3000 towards the car park, the Council was not, however, willing to take on the project. Clerk to reply to Mrs Luscombe.

The Annual Accounts of the Recreation Trust were discussed by the Council. Clerk to ask why the Trust had not applied for rate relief.

27. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS - None

NEXT MEETING – 7 July 2016

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.