

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2023, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER

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Mr K Woodman
Mr P Rowsell

Mr T Brandt

0 Members of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

There being no members of the public and nothing submitted to the clerk there were no items raised during the open session.

AGENDA

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr Batstone and Mrs Parsons
 - 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared.
 - 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.
 - 4. SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – Cllr Seib had previously circulated his report via email. The clerk informed the meeting that during a meeting that day she was made aware that currently there are no council-maintained schools that are subject to concerns with Reinforced Autoclave Aerated Concrete (RAAC), and one academy school with RAAC in an ancillary building, however, not all reports are in at this time.
 - 5. HIGHWAY MATTERS**
 - a) SID – Mr Brandt gave an update. The maximum outbound speed on Tintinhull Road had been recorded at 101mph. 4.5% of the inbound and 7.8% of the outbound traffic are driving in excess of the speed limit, and 32 vehicles in both directions are driving over 70mph. Mr Brandt will put a report together to send to Somerset Council highways, this report is hoped to be ready before the next meeting.
- Mr Seib arrived at the meeting.**
- b) Road signage – Mr Woodman reported recent issues with vegetation clearance to uncover speed limit signs having been carried out on private land. Following this work Mr Woodman asked Councillors to make a note of other locations within the parish, or nearby, where signs were covered with vegetation or needed other maintenance, the list compiled was shared with the meeting and the clerk is to write to Somerset Council with the details. The members of the Parish Council were asked to let the Clerk have any additions to the list.
 - 4. Following Mr Seib’s arrival the meeting returned to item 4 on the agenda.**

Mr Brandt raised the recent communication regarding the consultation on creating places.
 - 6. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – Mr Seib informed the meeting that there is soon to be another round of the PCC inviting some Councillors and Councils to engage with them.
 - 7. CODE OF CONDUCT** – the clerk informed the meeting that there is a new version of the model code of conduct which is recommended by Somerset Council and SALC (and previously SSDC) to be adopted by Councils. The meeting unanimously agreed to adopt the

new code of conduct. New register of interest forms were distributed and the clerk requested that councillors complete them and return them to her.

8. **LCN UPDATE** – In Mrs Taylors absence the minutes of the LCN meeting are to be distributed to the members.
9. **ALLOTMENTS** – Further discussion was held over the possibility of taking over the allotments management. The possibility of an Allotment Association was discussed, it was agreed that this route should be put to the parishioners if it is decided that the Parish Council wishes to take over the allotments management. It was agreed that should the Parish Council take over the running of the allotments the Parish Council would need to be absolutely sure that all current uses of the allotments is legal under the allotments act, it would also have to be done in such a way that it doesn't impact heavily on the workload of either the clerk or the council, and it would need to be balanced on what the parishioners want. The clerk is to ask an officer of Somerset Council to come to a meeting in the near future to discuss the options.
10. **FOOTPATHS** – Nothing to report.
11. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
 - a) Receipts: None – Noted.
 - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, hedge cutting. – Agreed unanimously
 - c) Grant requests: None – Noted.
12. **PLANNING MATTERS**
 - a) Applications: None – Noted.
 - b) Decisions: None – Noted.
13. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – The clerk reported that investigations of the Parish Ranger scheme for works to the fingerposts and the memorial railings are ongoing. Mr Seib suggested that the works might be possible by the Yeovil Without Lengthsman with a payment to them under the appropriate section of legislation.
14. **BROADBAND** – No update from Wessex Internet. Some work on the infrastructure is slowly happening.
15. **VILLAGE HALL** – Mr Brandt gave a report for the Village Hall that is to be replicated for the Recreation Trust. No significant changes to report. The Village Hall is doing reasonably financially.
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17. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – Mr Rowsell commented and reiterated his thoughts that should the new housing alongside Tintinhull Road go ahead it should be constructing a new roundabout on Tintinhull Road.
18. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 5 OCTOBER 2023 19:30.**