

## **CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2020, 7.30pm AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM**

Emma Meecham, Clerk, 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 3RE  
Tel: 01935 415361

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

Cllr J Williams

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)  
0 Members of the Public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the clerk explained that as the meeting had not been advertised as required the meeting would be unable to make any decisions, discussion would be allowed. The clerk gave the attending Parish Councillors the opportunity to adjourn the meeting at this point, and the Parish Councillors chose to continue with the meeting aware that they would not be able to make any decisions.

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 K Woodman, Mr M Batstone and Cllr T Capozzoli.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Deferred.
4. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – Cllr Williams gave his report to the meeting which included details of the changing regulations regarding the current Covid-19 pandemic and the increasing rate nationwide. Cllr Williams also updated the meeting on the status of the two Small Improvement Schemes, the work orders for which have been submitted. Cllr Williams informed the meeting that Somerset County Council would be unable to fund the maintenance of the fingerpost sign mentioned at the last meeting as it is not considered essential, they have produced a booklet regarding the requirements for contractors which Cllr Williams would be happy to provide to the Council. Cllr Williams detailed the efforts being made by himself alongside Cllr Bloomfield regarding the reduction of the speed limit on Tintinhull Road.
5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – Cllr Rowsell gave his report to the meeting, Somerset County Council and the District Councils have both been invited by the Secretary of State to submit more information and detail for their respective Unitary Authority bids, he also explained the probable timescale.
6. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
  - a) Small Improvement Schemes – The clerk has nothing further to add following Cllr Williams update.
  - b) Speed limit between Tintinhull and Chilthorne Domer – The clerk has nothing further to add following Cllr Williams update.
7. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – Nothing to report.

**8. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**

- a) Receipts: None – Noted.
- b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, SALC affiliation – Noted.
- c) Grant requests: None – Noted.

**9. PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) Applications: 20/02047/OUT, Land South of Tintinhull Road, Chilthorne Domer, Somerset. Outline application for residential development for up to 73 dwellings, including access with all other matters reserved. – It was explained that although the application site is within Brympton Parish Chilthorne Domer Parish Council were being consulted as a neighbouring authority. The application was discussed at some length with various issues being raised including - infrastructure improvements; possibility of a change in Parish boundary to include these dwellings as part of Chilthorne Domer Parish; the application seems to be being considered as a separate entity and should be considered alongside the other development nearby. Mr Brandt offered to pull the comments together into a document to be share amongst the Council prior to the meeting next week which can then be considered when a decision can be made.
- b) Decisions: None
- c) Appeals: None

**10. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE – Nothing to report.**

**11. ALLOTMENTS –** Mr Scott reported that the plan is to launch the new shared allotments from January, the forms have been drafted and the intention is to use the website for people to sign up.

**12. VILLAGE HALL –** Mr Brandt reported that the Village Hall has re-opened for use by the school 4 days a week for extended mornings or afternoons although this is causing some issues with other users not being able to use the Hall due to the cleaning requirements to ensure the Hall is Covid-19 safe. Negotiations are taking place with other users to allow them to use the Hall at other times. Mr Brandt asked on the progress of the broadband installation and was informed that it hadn't been taken forward at this point.

**13. RECREATION TRUST –** Mr Tasker reported that the Trust had held their AGM last week in which it was reported that the finances were healthy thanks to the Government grant due to Covid-19, but the income has evaporated and ongoing expenses continue. The refurbishment of the bar area project is ongoing and Ash football club have re-started their training sessions. Mr Tasker also informed the meeting that the safety checks on the play equipment had taken place. The bar is currently open on Thursday and Sunday evenings.

**14. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN –** It was requested that verge planting and the website be included on the next agenda.

**15. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.26pm**

**16. DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 24 SEPTEMBER 2020.**

THE VIRTUAL MEETING WILL BE STREAMED LIVE VIA YOUTUBE WHICH CAN BE FOUND FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE [WWW.CHILTHORNEDOMER.ORG](http://WWW.CHILTHORNEDOMER.ORG). IF ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS ANY QUERIES ABOUT HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.