

## **CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 JUNE 2024, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER**

Emma Meecham, Clerk, 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 5PB  
Tel: 01935 415361

Mr K Woodman  
Mr P Seib  
Mrs K Taylor

Mr M Batstone  
Mr T Brandt

3 Member of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

Mrs Luscombe reminded the meeting that last year the Green Steps group had asked about permission to plant some trees on the grass verge opposite Villa Verde, at the time Somerset Council Highways said that they would rather that the trees were within the hedgerow. Mr Seib suggested that Mrs Luscombe provide him with more information including a sketch map and a list of preferred species.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mrs Parsons.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared other than the standard interests from Mr Seib.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4. **SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Mr Seib advised the meeting that there was nothing specific to the parish and that there was a small amount of other activity due to the upcoming election.
5. **ALLOTMENTS** – Prior to the meeting Mr Brandt had put together and circulated a summary of the allotment situation. Mr Seib informed the meeting that he had recently had conversations with the Officer at Somerset Council, the suggestion was that the best way forward would be to 'de-allotment' some of the plots, but resources, legal team capacity and time were the stumbling blocks to this. A thorough discussion was held including the possibility of the formation of an allotment association. Mr Brandt and Mrs Taylor agreed to look at ways of forming an allotment association.
6. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
  - a) **SID** – It is currently outside the school. Previously it was outside the former nursery on Tintinhull Road within the 40mph zone. Facing east the maximum speed recorded was 90mph and the 85<sup>th</sup> %ile speed was 44mph, facing west the maximum speed was 107mph with the 85<sup>th</sup> %ile at 42mph. When it was last outside the school, facing west, the maximum speed was 68mph outgoing and 65mph incoming to the village, the 85<sup>th</sup> %ile was 32mph.

Other highway matters

Sprouting gulleys – the Parish Council have received a complaint, Mr Seib agreed to take it up with Somerset Council.

Kings Hill flailing – Do the Parish Council want this to be carried out again? – Yes

A37 traffic sign – This is still obscured – clerk to report again.

Give Way sign at the end of Vagg Lane – this still hasn't been replaced. Clerk to report again.

30mph sign on Tintinhull Road – This is still obscured. – Clerk to report again.

Horse riding sign opposite Brimsmore Garden Centre – This needs to be removed.

7. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – No report received. Mr Brandt reported that a resident of Main Street had his car window smashed whilst they were on holiday.

8. **FOOTPATHS** – Nothing to report.

9. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**

a) Receipts: None – Noted.

b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Memorial railings, Internal audit. – All agreed unanimously.

c) Grant requests: None – Noted.

d) Adoption of accounts – The meeting agreed to the adoption of the accounts as prepared and circulate.

e) Annual Governance statement – The clerk read the details and they were agreed.

f) Accounting statements – The clerk read the details and they were agreed.

10. **LCN UPDATE** – AGM on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr Seib agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

11. **PLANNING MATTERS**

a) Applications: None – Noted.

b) Decisions: None – Noted.

c) Appeals: None – Noted.

d) To note: 24/01133/COL at Greenacres Vagg Lane Chilthorne Domer, Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension. – Noted.

Mr Seib gave an update on the new planning process within the new constitution at Somerset Council.

12. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Chair's Community Awards – Noted.

13. **BROADBAND** – Broadband at the Rec and at the Village Hall are connected.

14. **VILLAGE HALL** – The committee are still looking for a secretary which is beginning to cause some concern.

15. **RECREATION TRUST** – The committee are working with the school to run the fete in July. A greater use of the football ground has been secured but it does mean that the pitch needs to be mown all year, the costs for this are still being worked out.

16. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – None.

17. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – PROPOSED TO SKIP JULY MEETING DUE TO ELECTION DATE (subject to delegation of powers for minor/regular payments and minor planning applications) BUT MEET IN AUGUST (1/8/24).** – Noted, Mr Brandt proposed, and it was agreed unanimously, that powers be delegated to the clerk plus one or more councillors, unless it is felt that a meeting is required.