

## **CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER 2021, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER**

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

Mr M Batstone, Chairman  
Mr T Brandt

Mr P Rowsell  
Mr H Tasker

Cllr Williams

3 Members of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

The meeting commenced after an open session for Chilthorne Domer parishioners only. Permission and funding is being sought by Ms Honnor for a community orchard project on the area adjacent to the Play Area, the costs for the trees (and necessary guards/stakes etc) would be approximately £400.

Ms Honnor advised the meeting that she was trying to find the right artist for the project to refresh the bus shelter, this is partially on hold until the weather warms up.

### **AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr Woodman and Mr Welch.
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 of the meeting.
4. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – None received.
5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Rowsell gave his report to the meeting. He confirmed that the Unitary Authority elections are to take place in May 2022. This should be considered an opportunity for more powers to be devolved to Parish Councils and other more local groups, Cllr Rowsell recommended that Parish Councillors should start considering what extra powers they would like. As Chilthorne Domer and Brympton Parishes are to be joined it was suggested that the chair of Chilthorne Domer Parish Council and the chair of Brympton Parish Council could start talking.
6. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR** – Nobody was forthcoming.
7. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
  - a) SID – Following an update and discussion it was agreed that the Clerk is to go ahead and place the order with ElanCity, ask SCC to place the new posts and to enquire re Chapter 8 training dates with Coram Construction.
8. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – There are no up to date statistics available on the website.
9. **VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES** – Mr Brandt informed the meeting that within the last two weeks the defibrillator was required, however there was some delay in obtaining the code for the box from the ambulance service due to the locations of the defib and the casualty. The plan is for some members of the village to hold the code, Mrs Clothier is investigating if this is an option. Mr Brandt informed the meeting that the pads are due for

replacement soon, following discussion the council unanimously agreed to pay for the replacement pads.

**10. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**

- a) Budget – no changes required.
- b) Receipts: - None.
- c) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Clerks expenses- All agreed unanimously.
- d) Grant requests: - None.

**11. PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) Applications: None – Noted.
- b) Decisions: None – Noted.
- c) Appeals: None – Noted.

**12. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE – None.**

**13. FOOTPATHS –** With no further contact from SCC's PROW Officer the clerk is to raise the issue with Cllr Williams. Mr Batstone believes that the gate posts are dangerous and that they need replacing or the footpath should be closed.

**14. VILLAGE HALL**

- a) Broadband – Mr Rowsell offered to bring his portable router to the village hall to do some tests.

**15. RECREATION TRUST**

- a) Solar panel grant repayment – Mr Brandt informed the meeting that upon looking at the figures the refund of £451.50 to SCC should be authorised, the meeting agreed this unanimously.

**16. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN –**

Following the recent first aid incident it was suggested that an article be placed in the village newsletter to investigate if there is any interest in a first aid course if one was to be put on.

**There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20:36pm.**

**17. DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 6 JANUARY 2022.**