

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2025, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER

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Mr T Brandt (Chair) Mrs A Blaney Mrs R Parsons

2 Members of the public
Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

During the open session Mr Melvin informed the meeting of projects coming up for the group.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr Woodman, Mr Seib and Mrs Taylor.
 - 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None received.
 - 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as a true and accurate record.
- Mr Batstone arrived at the meeting.**
- 4. SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – None received.
 - 5. HIGHWAY MATTERS**
 - a) **SID.** – Mr Brandt gave a report to the meeting. The SID had recorded a maximum speed of 78mph heading toward Yeovil while placed outside the school, with daytime average speeds close to 30mph. When placed on Tintinhull Road near Chilthorne Hill Lane facing the village the maximum recorded speed was 80mph with average daytime speeds of just over 30mph.
Mrs Blaney asked how long the results are collected for and at what point the Council steps in, Mr Brandt explained that the SID results help to shape discussions with Somerset Council.
 - b) **Report on site meeting.** Mr Brandt gave a report on the site meeting with the Somerset Council Officer held on September 2nd. Mr Brandt explained that we looked at various different areas within the parish with particular attention to Chilthorne Hill Lane and Tintinhull Road. It was also agreed that the gates on Vagg Lane are still undergoing consideration for enforcement action. The issue with the high friction surface on Ilchester Road has been noted as have the flooding issues on Main Street.
 - c) **Chilthorne Hill Lane drainage.** During the site meeting with the Somerset Council Officer, particular attention was given to the ongoing issues relating to drainage and visibility on Chilthorne Hill Lane. It was acknowledged by all parties that the ditches, stretching from Pond Corner down the road, require clearing. Additionally, Pond Corner itself was identified as an area needing similar attention.
To address these concerns, it was agreed that Mr Batstone would approach the landowner responsible for the ditches, while Mr Brandt would do likewise regarding the land at Pond Corner. Once the necessary clearance work has been completed, any further responsibility for addressing drainage and visibility issues will be transferred to Somerset Highways.

Furthermore, it was resolved that the Parish Council would proceed with testing the liquid that is flowing onto Chilthorne Hill Lane near its junction with Tintinhull Road. The clerk was instructed to send a follow-up letter to the Somerset Council Officer to confirm the actions agreed and maintain ongoing communication regarding progress.

6. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – No report received from Avon and Somerset Police. Mr Batstone reported to the meeting that he had recently been the victim of theft. Specifically, two water tanks, along with the associated stop-cocks and pipes, were stolen from his land situated at Chilthorne Hill Lane. This incident highlights concerns regarding security in the area and underscores the importance of vigilance among landowners and residents. The matter was duly noted by the Council for the record.
 7. **GARDEN PLOTS** – The clerk reported on the email received from Somerset Council Officer Jessica Ware. It was agreed to carry on with the project as previously agreed.
 8. **LCN UPDATE** – Mrs Blaney gave a report from the recent LCN meeting, it was agreed that the clerk will circulate the minutes when received.
 9. **FOOTPATHS** – It was noted that the Countryfile ramble for Children in Need is due to take place on 19th October, the details are in the latest What's On.
 10. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
 - a) Receipts: None – Noted.
 - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC – these payments were unanimously agreed. Defibrillator battery – this payment request has been deferred.
 - c) Grant requests: None – Noted.
 - d) Octagon Theatre funding request from Yeovil Town Council. – A discussion was held over the request from Yeovil Town Council for grants towards the funding of the Octagon Theatre refurbishment. Mr Brandt proposed that the Parish Council grant £1000 subject to a viable plan and routes to funding being secured, this was seconded by Mrs Blaney and agreed unanimously.
 11. **PLANNING MATTERS**
 - a) Applications: None – noted.
 - b) Decisions: None – noted.
 - c) Appeals: None – noted.
 12. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a) Emails to be forwarded to councillors – It was agreed to defer this item until such time that more Councillors were present, and in the meantime the clerk is to carry on as they have been.
 13. **VILLAGE HALL** – No report. One item of note is the Christmas tree event will be held on November 30th.
 14. **RECREATION TRUST** - No report. One item of note is the Christmas tree event will be held on November 30th.
 15. **HR UPDATE** – A competency list has been written up by the working party, this will be forwarded to the other Councillors. It was agreed that the vacancy should be advertised on the SALC website, via Democratic Services at Somerset Council and in What's On.
 16. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – None.
- There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.44pm**
17. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS** – 6 November 2025 7.30pm.