

CHILTHORNE DOMER

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

HELD ON 22 MAY 2024 AT 7.30pm, CHILTHORNE DOMER VILLAGE HALL

1. Election Of Chairman (unless the Parish Council Chairman is present to take the chair) – Mr Woodman was present and chaired the meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence – Apologies were received from Mr Batstone and Mr Seib.
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. Chairman of the Parish Council's Report – Mr Woodman gave the following report:

New Member:

We welcome Andrea to the team.

Finance:

Some expenditure, but the Council's finances still remain sound.

Highways:

Still on-going with pot holes in Chilthorne Hill.

We have continued to use the SID device over the past 12 months. Thank you Tim for downing and moving to various locations.

The finger posts at both ends of the village has been refurbished and what a superb job. Thanks to Tim for organizing that.

Planning:

Still waiting for the start of 28 houses behind the Carpenters.

No other major planning applications in the year.

Internet:

Wessex Internet continued connecting those that wanted faster internet in the village. Good speeds being achieved.

Village Hall:

The village hall finally got a Christmas tree in 2024. Many of the village came out for the light switch on. Too many to thank individually, but many thanks to all who helped here - including the team who provided drinks and nibbles after the switch on. A fantastic turnout.

Special thanks:

Thank you to Karen, Andrea and Tim for all their hard work on the LCN and garden plots.

Thank you to Tim for all his extra help throughout the year.

Thank you to Mark and Tim for standing in when I cannot make the meetings.

Thank you to Emma Meecham for all her continued hard work.
Thank you to everyone who has helped and assisted in the running of the Parish Council. Much appreciated.

5. Village Hall Report – Mr Brandt gave the following report on behalf of the Village Hall committee:

The Village Hall has had a successful year. Occupancy is back to pre-Covid levels, with regular bookings at a good level. Two mornings are kept clear for maintenance, but otherwise there are only three periods currently free. Weekend usage has been good, and the VH has hosted several birthday parties and successful Jumble sales. The village Christmas Tree, organised with the Rec and supported by the Parish Council, was also very successful. The Film Club is doing well and breaking even. Financially, the Hall is doing reasonably and has seen a surplus of £1977 on income on £14278, with a final balance of £17918. Maintenance costs remain high, and at £6847 were up £1843 on the previous year. The Hall Committee has a new Chairperson, Natalie Mason but still needs to attract a new Secretary

6. Recreation Trust Report – Mr Brandt gave the following report on behalf of the Recreation Trust committee:

The Rec has also had a successful year and remains well used. The bookings have increased but are now having to be constrained to limit the workload on the volunteers who run the bar and events. A successful fete was held with the School PTSA. The village Christmas tree with the Village Hall and supported by the Parish Council was highly successful and a repeat is planned for 2025. Other events included an acoustic music night, morris dancing, a Christmas party. The Rec continues to support local clubs including gardening club, short mat bowls, Greensteps, and local youth football clubs. Financially, the Rec is doing well and made a surplus of £5881 on receipts of £37923, and with a total balance of £31595. Several improvements and maintenance works are planned for the next year. The committee is unchanged.

7. Other Matters Raised by Parishioners – No matters raised.
8. Closure of Annual Parish Assembly – there being no further business the meeting closed at 19:42.