

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2022, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER

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

Mr K Woodman
Mrs K Taylor
Mr P Rowsell

Mr T Brandt
Mr P Seib

Cllr Capozzoli

1 Members of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

The meeting commenced after an Open Session for Chilthorne Domer Parishioners only. The meeting was informed that the Skool Beanz project would be submitting a grant application to cover the cost of a shed and some hoops for the community plot at the allotment. The request would be for approximately £350 and would allow equipment to be stored on site, rather than having to bring it backward and forward. The meeting was also informed of a Climate Conference attended last month; a request was made that a member of the Parish Council consider attending next year.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr Batstone.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None received.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.
4. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Mr Seib gave his report to the meeting. Recycling levels are up to 60% gross, the three-weekly bin collections have seen an enormous saving, approximately £5million across the whole of Somerset.
5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – The meeting was informed that at the recent Area East meeting the grant bid from the recreation area was considered and was successful. There are no Full Council or Area East meetings this month. Mr Brandt informed the meeting that he had attempted to apply for funding application for the Village Hall, he requested an application from and then received an email informing him that there was no money left in the Area East budget, Cllr Capozzoli confirmed this to be correct. Cllr Capozzoli informed the meeting of a planning application that had been heard at the Area East meeting for a new bridge to assist the owners of The Newt in Bruton for a bridge over the A359.
6. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR** – Nobody forthcoming at the meeting, Mrs Taylor informed the meeting that there may still be interest.
7. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
 - a) SID – Mr Brandt gave the meeting an update. The SID has been located on the A37 for the majority of the period. The number of vehicles has gone up approximately 50% since the summer. The maximum recorded speed north bound was 114mph and southbound 89mph and there were a clutch of high speeds recorded at approximately 4:30/5am. The 85%ile recorded speed northbound is 39mph and southbound 34mph.

8. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – The clerk reported the response to the enquiry regarding the ‘Violence against the person’ figures. The clerk was asked to invite the PCSO to attend a meeting in the future.
9. **FOOTPATHS** – Nothing to report.
10. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
 - a) Receipts (other than interest): None - Noted
 - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, K Woodman £44.54. – All unanimously agreed.
 - c) Grant requests: None – Noted.
11. **PLANNING MATTERS**
 - a) Applications: None. – Noted.
 - b) Decisions: None – Noted.
 - c) Appeals: None – Noted.
12. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – The clerk gave her report on the budget proposal. It was agreed to increase the budget level for training to cover the Chapter 8 training required. The Council unanimously agreed to keep the precept request at the same level as the previous year.
13. **BROADBAND** – Nothing to report.
14. **VILLAGE HALL** – Mr Brandt reported that the application for funding for the audio/visual equipment to SSDC wasn’t successful. The Village Hall committee has a quarterly meeting in January, and they are investigating other funding options.
15. **RECREATION TRUST** – Mr Brandt reported that the recreation area has recently had some issues with their utility bills level, which is making setting a budget tricky. The play equipment is due to be installed in the next couple of weeks. Cllr Roundell Greene has visited the site to view the solar panels installed as part of SCC’s Climate Change project.
16. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN.** Mr Woodman reported that he had removed the lock on the noticeboard near The Halfway House, he has installed a chain and hasp in its place, the noticeboard is due to be put back into place soon. Mr Batstone had previously reported to the clerk that the property ‘Fieldways’ that has recently been extended seems to now have an additional Council Tax line for ‘The Dwelling’, the clerk will check with the Planning Department at SSDC and open an enforcement query if required. The Council determined that, unless required, the next meeting would be held in February, having delegated minor planning comments to the Chair and Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

17. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 2 FEBRUARY 2023.**