

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1 AUGUST 2024, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER

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Mr M Batstone
Mr T Brandt

Mr P Seib
Mrs K Taylor

1 Member of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

Open Session

Ms Blaney attended to introduce the 'Pass wide and slow' campaign to the Council. She explained that the roads have increasingly become more dangerous and significantly busier, there was a recent incident/near miss with a coach not slowing down whilst driving along Tintinhull Road while she was waiting on horse back at the junction of Tintinhull Road/Vagg Lane/Road with no name. Banners for the campaign have been put up in the village. On 15 September a group of horse riders will be coming together to ride along Vagg Lane, Vagg Hollow, Kings Hill, Main Street, Tintinhull Road, Montacute Road, Lufton, Balls Hill, Thorne Lane and back through Thorne. Details for the clerks for Tintinhull and Brympton were passed to Ms Blaney to allow her inform them of the activity.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr Woodman and Mr Rowsell.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared over and above Mr Seib's regular declarations.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.
- 4. SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Seib reported that there was little to report that was directly relevant to the parish, however, on wider news he reported that staff and assets have been transferred, as of today, from Somerset Council to Yeovil Town Council for Yeovil Recreation Centre, Ninesprings, The Octagon and Westlands (amongst others). The planning application at Coppitts Hill, near Brimsmore Garden Centre has been returned to the applicant for further pedestrian connectivity to and from it. Cllr Seib reported that it is likely that Somerset Council should be able to set a balanced budget for the next financial year, but any large expenditure that has not been foreseen could cause the submission of a Section 114 notice, effectively declaring bankruptcy.
- 5. HIGHWAY MATTERS**
 - a) SID – It has been installed on the A37 recently but no report has been downloaded as yet. Mr Brandt informed the meeting that it will be installed on Tintinhull Road in time for the Pass wide and slow event.
 - b) Pass wide and slow campaign – Discussed during open session.
There is an ongoing issue with vegetation in the gullies on both sides of Main Street between the Village Hall and Castle Cottages. The clerk is to report this to Somerset Council.
- 6. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – No report received by the clerk. It was noted that during Home Farm Fest, on the Saturday night, there were some issues with teenagers

trying to get in without tickets, this ended in a physical altercation when they couldn't gain access. It was suggested that a request to the Police next year for a higher visible presence might be a wise idea.

7. **ALLOTMENTS** – Nothing further at this time.
8. **LCN UPDATE** – The business of the recent meeting comprised of the election of the new Chair, Mike Hewittson was elected again. A report was received by the meeting of the business of the last year along with a general report of the LCN works. There is a level of frustration over the pot-hole repair criteria. One key item of business for future work is a higher level of inter parish working and assistance for such work is likely to be of high importance.
9. **FOOTPATHS** – The question of responsibility for the cutting of vegetation/grass verges was raised, particularly by the allotments. Some specific areas have been addressed by users, but other areas remain. Various footpaths have overgrown vegetation, Mrs Taylor offered to discuss with the landowner concerned.
10. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
 - a) Receipts: None – Noted.
 - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC. – Agreed unanimously.
 - c) Grant requests: None – Noted.
 - d) Previous SALC invoice. – Mr Seib left the room due to his position at SALC. The clerk informed the meeting of an email relating to a past unpaid/unreceived invoice. The meeting agreed to pay the invoice. Mr Seib returned to the meeting.
11. **PLANNING MATTERS**
 - a) Applications: None – Noted.
 - b) Decisions: None – Noted.
 - c) Appeals: None – Noted.
12. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – None.
13. **VILLAGE HALL** – Mr Brandt reported that at the last quarterly meeting the budget and accounts were reviewed. There are some concerns over the energy bills, which are currently being monitored. Solar panels on the roof aren't really an option due to the presence of asbestos. Mr Seib informed Mr Brandt about the County wellbeing fund, details of which are available on the SALC website.
14. **RECREATION TRUST** – The fete was successful with over £2000 raised for both the rec and the school, along with a donation to the Church. It was noted that the higher level of input from the school was helpful and gratefully received.
15. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:43.

16. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS** – 5 September 2024.