

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2025, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER

Emma Meecham, Clerk, 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 5PB
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Mr K Woodman (Chair)
Mrs R Parsons

Mr M Batstone
Mrs K Taylor

Mr T Brandt
Mr Peib

Mrs A Blaney

0 Members of the public
Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

The meeting commenced with an open session for Chilthorne Domer Parishioners, there being no members of the public present no items were raised in the open session.

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None received.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Seib gave his standard declaration, no further declarations made.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by the Councillors present at that meeting.
- 4. SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Seib had sent his report to the clerk earlier that evening, which had been forwarded to the Councillors. The content was noted.
- 5. HIGHWAY MATTERS**
 - a) SID. – Mr Brandt gave a report to the meeting, the SID had recently been installed alongside the A37. The maximum speeds identified were 92mph heading toward Ilchester and 76mph heading toward Yeovil. 98% of the vehicles heading toward Yeovil were travelling at less than 40mph with 75 vehicles recorded at or above 50mph, and 89% of the vehicles heading toward Ilchester were travelling at less than 40mph with 450 vehicles travelling at or above 50mph.

The clerk confirmed that a follow up email had been sent to Mr Nicholson of Somerset Highways but as yet no response had been received.

Mr Batstone confirmed that he had spoken to Mr Harvey regarding clearing the ditch, Mr Harvey is currently busy but will attend to it. Mr Brandt confirmed that he had spoken to Mr Simon regarding pond corner, Mr Simon will clear the vegetation and create a ditch between the pipes.
- 6. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – No report received from Avon and Somerset Constabulary. Mrs Taylor reported the arson attack at The Brook to the meeting.
- 7. GARDEN PLOTS** – Mrs Taylor informed the meeting that she had discussed the public consultation with Ms Honor who was content with the intention and would be attending the meeting. The clerk was requested to chase up an update from Somerset Council, aware that the contact was leaving the employment of Somerset Council at some point in November.
 - a) Presentation – Mrs Taylor ran through the presentation she had prepared for the public meeting to be held on November 27th 2025. Thanks were given by all to Mrs Taylor.

8. **LCN UPDATE** – No minutes of the last meeting, or notification of the next meeting have been received by either the clerk or Mrs Blaney.
9. **FOOTPATHS** – The Countryfile Children in Need ramble took place, no issues on those footpaths were noted.
10. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS** – It was agreed that £6000 would be transferred from the current account to the reserve account.
 - a) Receipts: None – Noted.
 - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, RBL Wreath £75, Laptop software £79.99, Clerks expenses £30, Allotment rent £25 – all agreed unanimously.
 - c) Grant requests: None. – The clerk received the grant request form from the Church at the beginning of the meeting so this will be added to the next agenda, however, it was noted that there was an error in section 8 as all money owed or promised by the Council had been paid, contrary to the statement supplied.
 - d) Budget: Items to be included. – Should include monies to cover election.
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 – Discussion held. It was proposed that for the time being the clerk is to continue to forward emails as she has been, 6 Councillors voted in favour of this proposal, 1 against.
13. **VILLAGE HALL** – Christmas tree is being erected on the morning of Saturday 29th November, with the switch on event in the evening of Sunday 30th November at 5pm. The school have informed the committee that they are likely to cut approximately £2000 worth of bookings next year. The committee is looking to find out more information and Mr Brandt will report back.
14. **RECREATION TRUST** – Nothing to report.
15. **HR UPDATE** – The advert wording was distributed. CVs will be forwarded by the clerk to Mr Brandt. It was agreed that the post will be advertised through SALC, SLCC, and Somerset Council Democratic Services. Mr Brandt will 'post' the adverts. The SALC login details are to be forwarded to Mr Brandt and Mrs Taylor.
16. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

17. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 4 December 2025, 8 January 2026 (altered date) 7.30pm.** – Mr Woodman gave his apologies for the d4 December meeting.