

## **CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2021, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER**

Emma Meecham, Clerk, 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 3RE  
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Mr M Batstone, Chairman  
Mr T Brandt  
Mr D Welch

Mr P Rowsell  
Mr H Tasker

Cllr Williams

3 Members of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

The meeting commenced after an open session for Chilthorne Domer parishioners only.

Highway issues along Chilthorne Hill Lane were raised, both sides of the road have collapsed and silt and debris is being washed down the lane on a regular basis. There are also issues with the culvert on the S bend. Cllr Williams has discussed the issues with the Area Highways team and has been assured that a Super Intendent will visit the site and will be able to attend a site meeting. The clerk is to write to Highways to arrange a meeting.

The area of grass where the willow trees have been cut down was raised. Two trunks are to be removed and the member of public would like the Parish Council to consider the creation of a bench from the third. The possibility of planting fruit trees and similar in the area was also discussed. It was reported that there is a hole in the fence to the play area nearby, the clerk is to report this to SSDC. The clerk informed the meeting that any planting or the construction of the bench would need permission from SSDC as the land belongs to them.

The stone bus shelter is looking tired, permission was sought to seek prices for the creation of a painted mural as a project for the local youths and a local artist, it is hoped that the youth involvement will help to secure the mural's future. Permission to seek quotes was granted.

### **AGENDA**

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Cllr Capozzoli and Mr Woodman
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed unanimously subject to an alteration to the County Councillors report.
- 4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Williams gave his report to the meeting. Unfortunately we have as yet not received any speed bike data from the Police. Cllr Williams updated the meeting on the move to a Unitary Authority, the draft structural change orders have been published and the elections for the new Council will either be held in May 2022 or May 2023. If they are held in May 2022 there will be 110 Councillors, if it is delayed until May 2023 this will be to give time to conduct a Boundary Review, however, the fall-back position will still be 110 Councillors. Whichever date is used the subsequent election will be in May 2027, then 4 yearly. In 2023 the District Council will cease to exist, Somerset County Council will be the continuing authority with the District Council staff being subject to TUPE.

The Parish Council elections will likely be held at the same time as the Unitary authority elections.

5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Rowsell reiterated Cllr Williams update on the Unitary Authority process.
6. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR** – Nobody forthcoming
7. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
  - a) SID – The clerk updated the meeting. Following discussion the meeting unanimously agreed to go ahead with an order from ElanCity.
8. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – No up to date statistics available on the website.
9. **VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES**
  - a) War memorial wall – Mr Batstone informed the meeting that there is some repair and repointing required to the wall surrounding the war memorial. He has approached the previous craftsman who can complete the work for £420. The meeting agreed unanimously to go ahead.
10. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
  - a) Budget – The meeting discussed the proposed budget as put forward by the clerk. It was agreed unanimously.
  - b) Receipts: - None.
  - c) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, SALC £142.46 – Agreed unanimously.
  - d) Grant requests: - None.
11. **PLANNING MATTERS**
  - a) Applications: None – Noted.
  - b) Decisions: None – Noted.
  - c) Appeals: None – Noted.
12. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – The clerk informed the meeting of a conversation and email received from Sam Shaw at Somerset County Council re a potentially required part repayment of the Climate Emergency grant due to a lower level of cost and the need to complete the project end report.
13. **FOOTPATHS** – The clerk reported on the email received from Richard Coate from Somerset County Council and on the footpath wardens that had volunteered directly with SCC.
14. **VILLAGE HALL**
  - a) Broadband – The clerk confessed that she wasn't really sure what she was looking for. Following discussion and input the clerk was advised to look at a wifi access point/4G router with SIM. It was noted that the Connecting Devon and Somerset website may be able to offer grants.
15. **RECREATION TRUST** – Mr Tasker informed the meeting that the recreation trust was ticking over.
16. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – Mr Batstone reported that trees and crocuses for planting have been offered to the Parish Council by the Rotary Club, the meeting agreed to accept the offer of both. Mr Rowsell reported that 4 Electric Vehicle Charging Points are to be installed in the car park at The Halfway House.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:05pm**

17. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 2 DECEMBER 2021.**