

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2023, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER

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

Mr M Batstone (Chair)

Mr T Brandt

Mrs K Taylor

Cllr Capozzoli

1 Member of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr Woodman, Mr Rowsell and Mr Seib.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared.
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. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – None received.
5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Capozzoli gave his report to the meeting. There has been no change to the phosphates issue. At the recent Area East meeting it was decided to remove the funding for the Wincanton regeneration project. At the recent Full Council meeting extra funding for the Yeovil regeneration project was discussed, the budget was £24million, £9.75million of which was received from the future high streets fund from central government, other sources included various Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy obligations and SSDC funds. An extra £8million was requested and granted. It has been noted as part of the project that 47 Middle Street in Yeovil is to be demolished, although it is privately owned, and rebuilt as it is unsafe. Cllr Capozzoli noted that next month (March) he will be finishing as a Councillor as the Unitary Authority will be formed in April. The meeting gave their thanks to Tony for his work on the District Council. Cllr Capozzoli informed the meeting that the Halfway House has agreed to house asylum seekers. The meeting requested that the clerk write to the owner to find out some details to share through the newsletter.
6. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR** – Rachael Parsons expressed an interest in being co-opted to the council, she was duly accepted and joined the meeting.
7. **HIGHWAY MATTERS** – It was noted that the vegetation by the bus shelter needs to be cut back as the hedge/conifers were impacting the footway. It was requested that the clerk contact Highways regarding the footway from the north side of the Manor House going toward Home Farm with a view to getting it resurfaced and with regard to the highway surface near the property Amberley.
 - a) SID – The SID is currently on the A37 directed north, the plan is to move the SID before the A3088 closure to see the impact on the number of vehicles/speeds. The purpose of the purchase of the SID was explained to Ms Parsons. The recent figures from near the school on Tintinhull Road showed that the maximum speed recorded was at approximately 8.30pm and was 81mph, there were several instances of people

travelling at over 60mph with the 85th%s of 31mph & 33mph in both directions. On the A37 the maximum southbound speed recorded was 86mph with 85th%s of 28mph and 32mph, although the traffic lights for the roadworks were in place during this time.

8. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – The report received shows that no crimes have been reported in January.
9. **FOOTPATHS** – There is a notice that has been erected by the faulty bridges to inform the public of the formal closure for the repair, however, the notice was put up in (probably) early January, with a three-week closure but works have yet to be completed.
10. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
 - a) Receipts: None – noted.
 - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Village Hall hire £216. – All agreed unanimously
 - c) Grant requests: Recreation Area play equipment – Discussed and agreed to increase the previously agreed figure inline with the discussions held at the time.
11. **PLANNING MATTERS**
 - a) Applications:
APPLICATION NO. 23/00044/DPO APPLICANT Mr and Mrs Wills
PROPOSAL: Application for discharge (cancellation) of S.106 agreement (Non-Fragmentation of the Site) in relation to Planning Application 940726
LOCATION: New Oakley Farm Oakley Lane Chilthorne Domer Yeovil Somerset BA22 8RQ
– Following discussion the Council agree that they had no objection to the proposal.
 - b) Decisions: None – Noted.
 - c) Appeals: None – Noted.
12. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – Ilchester Gems Majorettes request – the clerk informed the meeting of the previous correspondence from the majorettes group, nothing further has been received from them. The clerk informed the meeting of the conversations held with a resident of King Hill and with Highways regarding the level of grit in the grit bin on Kings Hill. This has been addressed; however, the Council discussed the option of purchasing a grit spreader for next year to help ensure that the grit is used at an appropriate density.
13. **BROADBAND** – Wessex Internet are due to complete the 'build' at the end of March, at which point dwellings etc will start to be connected.
14. **VILLAGE HALL** – The quarterly meeting was held recently, the finances are looking reasonable but keeping an eye of the costs of utilities etc. The committee considered the option of opening as a warm hub but the costs seem that they may be prohibitive. Mr Brandt informed the meeting that as there is an ongoing investigation, the Post Office Director cannot to commit to if/when the local pop-up branch will reopen. Mr Brandt informed the meeting that there may be an alternative additional source of funding that may be available for the audio/visual system which is being investigated with further information probably available from mid-March.
15. **RECREATION TRUST** – The play equipment has been installed. There have been some significant costs associated with the 5yr electrical checks. The committee are considering various options that are hoped to increase the use of the recreation area and clubhouse.
16. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – The Chair asked for suggestions for contractors to repaint the war memorial railings. Mr Brandt noted that the Recreation Area now has a presence on the website.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:22

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