

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2023, 7.15pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER

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Mr T Brandt (chair)
Mrs R Parsons

Mr M Batstone
Mr P Rowsell

29 Members of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

Mr Brandt informed the meeting and the members of the public present on the way that the discussion on the planning application was to be conducted at this meeting.

Several questions were raised regarding the planning application appeal including:

Will a representative from the Parish Council be attending? – No, the appeal is being determined on written representations only

Mr Ray Buckler, Chairman of Horton Parish Council was invited to speak to give Horton Parish Council's recent experience of an appeal. He informed the meeting that strong/emotive issues such as schools, transport are unlikely to count for much during the appeal process, any issues raised should be planning concerns, the applicant's planning appeal submission should be broken down and addressed that way and that should the appeal be successful the Parish Council should consider what they might request as part of the S106 agreement.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr K Woodman, Mr P Seib and Mrs K Taylor.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – The meeting agreed that all councillors present have a personal interest in item 4, but dispensation to discuss and make decisions had been granted.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.
4. **PLANNING APPEAL – 20/02047/OUT – Outline application for residential development for up to 73 dwellings, including access with all other matters reserved, Land South of Tintinhull Road, Chilthorne Domer** – A lengthy discussion was held regarding the appeal and the process during the application and the appeal. The residents action group have packaged their concerns, including those of the experts they engaged, into a letter for sending to the inspectorate. Mr Brandt discussed the points of interest within the appeal submission and the general points to be included within the Parish Council's response.
5. **SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – None received
6. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
 - a) SID – No report at this time.
Mr Batstone reported that the hedges on Kings Hill and on Tintinhull Road had been cut. It was noted that the hedge outside Castle Cottage has not been cut as yet.
7. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – Nothing to report.

8. **ALLOTMENTS** – Deferred until next meeting.
9. **FOOTPATHS** – Notice has been received that footpath Y4/1 is to have a small section cleared.
10. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
 - a) Receipts: None – Noted.
 - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC. – Agreed unanimously.
 - c) Grant requests: None – Noted.
11. **PLANNING MATTERS**
 - a) Applications: None – Noted.
 - b) Decisions: None – Noted.
12. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – The clerk reported on the correspondence to date with other local PCs regarding Fingerpost maintenance.
13. **BROADBAND** – No formal update.
14. **VILLAGE HALL** – Thanks were given for the flexibility to accommodate the Parish Council meeting at short notice. The first film night is scheduled for 9th July, it was noted that the screen worked well for a laptop presentation for the planning item. Mr Tasker has made financial contributions to the Village Hall as per Mrs Tasker's bequest.
15. **RECREATION TRUST** – The new committee has had its first meeting; a new bank account has been opened as changing the signatories on the old account was proving very problematic. Due to change made by the Government the charitable status will need to be reviewed.
16. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** - None
17. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 7 SEPTEMBER 2023 19:30.** – Noted. It was agreed unanimously that minor planning applications be delegated to Mr Woodman and the Clerk until the September meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:02.