

## CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4 JANUARY 2024, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER**

Emma Meecham, Clerk, 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 5PB  
Tel: 01935 415361

Mr K Woodman  
Mr T Brandt  
Mrs K Taylor

Mr M Batstone  
Mr P Seib  
Mr P Rowsell

1 Members of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

Mr Melvin asked if there was anything that the Parish Council could do to put pressure on Somerset Council Highways to sort the drainage issues around the parish, particularly by Rectory Cottage.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None received.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Seib reiterated his standard apologies.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 4. SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Seib gave his report to the meeting, which updated the meeting on the financial emergency being dealt with by Somerset Council. Mrs Taylor asked if the list of services likely to be withdrawn by Somerset Council, as promised at the recent LCN meeting, is still going to be forthcoming. Cllr Seib confirmed that it would be.
- 5. HIGHWAY MATTERS**  
Mrs Taylor asked if the road sweeping was still continuing, as there is a lot of leaf litter/grass etc in the gulleys along Main Street.  
**Clerk is to write to Somerset Council Highways and enquire.**
  - a) SID – The SID has been installed along Tintinhull Road. Mr Brandt confirmed that the batteries weren't charging properly on the charger supplied, he has tried using a different charger which may have worked, if not new batteries will be required, which Mr Brandt confirmed he would source and purchase. The meeting unanimously agreed that Mr Brandt could spend up to £100 on new batteries if required.
  - b) Village gateway signs – Mr Batstone has received some requests for village gateway signs on the A37 at the parish boundaries. Following a discussion, it was agreed that Mr Brandt and Mr Batstone will determine locations and measure the available verge. Which will allow the clerk to approach Glasdon for a quote for the full cost of gateway signs.  
**Mr Brandt and Mr Batstone to measure verge.**  
**Clerk to contact Glasdon for quote.**
- 6. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – No updates received.
- 7. LCN UPDATE** – The date of the next LCN meeting has been received. Mrs Taylor confirmed that she could attend, however, she may be a little late as there is a clash with a personal commitment.

8. **DEVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL** – A discussion was held which included the possibility of getting the Parish Ranger to attend to some works that the Parish may require. The clerk is to contact Brympton Parish Council to ask how much the Parish Ranger costs, who the contact is and how much they have budgeted for the year. It was agreed that for the time being the Parish Council will start to make a list of jobs that they consider need doing, this list can then be subject to public consultation through the newsletter later in the year.

**Clerk to contact Brympton Parish Council clerk.**

9. **FOOTPATHS** – Mr Batstone informed the meeting that the replacement gateposts had not been received, even though they had been promised approximately 4 months ago, for the gates on Y4/9.

**Clerk to write to the PROW and chase.**

10. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**

- a) Receipts: None – Noted.
- b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Village Hall hire - £180. – All agreed unanimously.
- c) Grant requests: None - Noted
- d) Budget – Any changes – Following a brief discussion the Council agreed unanimously that the previous budget setting is accurate.

11. **PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) Applications: None – Noted.
- b) Decisions: None – Noted.
- c) Appeals: APP/R3325/W/22/3313410 Land South Of Tintinhull Road, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 8RA – Appeal dismissed. – Noted. The Parish Council were pleased with the decision and congratulated all within the Parish (or nearby) that submitted reports to the Planning Inspectorate.

12. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – None.

13. **BROADBAND** – No update from Wessex Internet. It is noted that Gigaclear are also in the area, in what seems like a race.

14. **VILLAGE HALL** – The Village Hall committee has a new treasurer, Keith Brownhill, with Mark Ostheimer stepping down. The first meeting of the committee for this year is on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

15. **RECREATION TRUST** – The Recreation Trust have started making tentative enquiries regarding the possibility of the Parish Council helping with the costs of the football pitch cutting as there is a large gap between what the football teams pay and what it costs. Mr Brandt will inform them that they will need to submit a grant request.

16. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – Mr Rowsell gave his apologies in advance for the next 2, possibly 3 meetings. Mrs Taylor informed the meeting that as part of the work for the 'Buses Under Threat' project the latest Greensteps newsletter included a full bus timetable, along with information regarding the fares.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.56pm**

17. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 1 FEBRUARY 2024 19:30.**