

## CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2026, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER**

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

Mr M Batstone

Mr T Brandt

Mr P Seib

1 Members of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

The meeting commenced with an open session for Chilthorne Domer Parishioners only, no items were raised.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mrs Taylor and Mrs Blaney.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Seib confirmed his standard declarations, none of which directly conflict with agenda items.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.
4. **SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – Cllr Seib will endeavour to send an electronic report as soon as possible. Cllr Seib confirmed that the budget setting cycle is being held up as Central Government have not yet set figures.
5. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
  - a) SID. – Mr Brandt gave a report to the meeting, the SID had been placed outside the school, where the maximum recorded speed was over 70mph late at night, with most vehicles travelling between 30mph and 40mph, the SID has now been moved to the A37.
  - b) Signage – The clerk updated the meeting on the conversations held with Highways Officers at Somerset Council. Mr Batstone offered to go to Alpha Signs for a price for a ‘Caution Pedestrians’ sign. The clerk is to let Brympton Parish Council know of the intent to hang a sign on the gate.
  - c) Chilthorne Hill Lane surface – The clerk updated the meeting on the email from Mrs Ferguson, which had been circulated, and the subsequent response from John Nicholson from Highways at Somerset Council. Mr Batstone confirmed that some potholes had been filled earlier that day. Mr Batstone will discuss the ditch clearance again with the land owner.

The meeting discussed the land slip on Vagg Lane, just up from/opposite Greenacres. It was also noted that there is an area of vegetation that needs cutting back opposite Greenacres. The clerk updated the meeting on the discussion with Mr Nicholson regarding the replacement high friction surface on the A37.
6. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – Mr Brandt informed the meeting of ongoing issues on Coppits Hill, although it was noted it is not within the parish.
7. **GARDEN PLOTS** – The clerk informed the meeting that they had obtained a contact at Somerset Council.
8. **LCN UPDATE** – Mr Seib confirmed that he would be attending the networking breakfast as the Parish Council representative.

**9. FOOTPATHS**

- a) Potential Rights of Way email. – Having looked at the information supplied it was noted that 703/11 and one other footpath outside of the parish are no longer in use. The old maps show that 703/11 was moved to its current location. Y4/10 on the definitive map does not represent the current signed route.

**10. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**

- a) Receipts: None. - noted
- b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Dillington Advertising invoice £78, stamps £13.60. – All agreed unanimously.
- c) Grant requests: None. – noted.

**11. PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) Applications: None – noted.
- b) Decisions: None – noted.
- c) Appeals: None – noted.

**12. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – Mr Brandt queried the distributed email from Somerset Council regarding dog prohibition orders with concerns over the churchyard. It was noted that although the order would cover the churchyard Somerset Council would have no powers to enforce it.

**13. VILLAGE HALL** – Mr Brandt reported that earlier in the week the Village Hall Q2 meeting had taken place. Unfortunately, the secretary is no longer joining the committee. Finances are currently OK although the mid/long-term message from the school is still uncertain, they are currently booking on an ad-hoc basis.

**14. RECREATION TRUST** – Nothing to report.

**15. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – None

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:28pm.**

**16. DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 5 March 2026 7.30pm.**