

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 JULY, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER

Emma Meecham, Clerk, 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 5PB
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Mr T Brandt (Chair)
Mrs K Taylor

Mr P Seib
Mr M Batstone

Mrs A Blaney

Mrs R Parsons

2 Members of the public
Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

The meeting commenced after an Open Session for Chilthorne Domer Parishioners only, in his role as Chair Mr Brandt allowed a resident of Brympton to address the meeting. Ms English reported that she had contacted Highways regarding the number of motorbikes going through Thorne and has discussed it with a member of Brympton Parish Council. Mr Seib explained the current situation with the recent request to change the gate to allow a mobility scooter use easier access, the legal status of the highway and current speed limit. Mrs Blaney confirmed that the number of motorbikes using the lane as a cut through has increased over the last few years. Ms English has made a log of incidences and agreed to pass these to the clerk so that a discussion can be held with the PCSO.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Woodman.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Seib – Somerset Councillor, Brympton Parish Councillor
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Subject to two minor amendments (Mrs Taylor wrongly noted as the Village Hall rep when it should be Mr Brandt, and the donation amount to the village hall being subject to a typo, should read £2,000 instead of £200 as stated) the minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4. **SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Seib's written report had previously been circulated by email by the clerk. Cllr Seib discussed in further detail the proposal for electoral division changes. Mr Brandt expressed his concerns over the proposed separation of Chilthorne Domer and the Brimsmore Estate into two electoral divisions, Cllr Seib clarified this as a misunderstanding. The meeting was encouraged to send comments to the clerk by the end of the month for collation and to be forwarded, individual Councillors are also welcome to send comments to the Electoral Commission individually. Individual Councillors should also respond to the Government consultation on the planning process individually if they choose to do so.
5. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
 - a) SID – No report this month.
 - b) Bus Champion – Mrs Parsons volunteered to take on this role.
 - c) Change in Area Highways Service Manager and Area Highways Assistant Service Manager – Email noted. Meeting with John Nicholson to be arranged to discuss the following: 's' bend dangers; pond corner drainage; weeds on Main Street; speed issues on A37 and Tintinhull Road; Chilthorne Hill potholes; Vagg Lane onto the hollow – Give Way sign and markings still missing
6. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS**

- a) Anti-social motorbike riding – Discussed during open session.
7. **GARDEN PLOTS** – The working group has met again to discuss how best to engage with the local community. A questionnaire with 6 or 7 questions is being drafted and will be circulated to the Council when ready. Also considering face-face contact. The working group will seek permission from the Council to go ahead with any engagement activities. The working group is also working on a draft lease agreement. Mr Seib proposed that a sum of up to £25 be agreed for the purposes of printing questionnaires, this was agreed unanimously.
8. **BUS STOP** – Mr Batstone confirmed that he had been in discussion with Mr Vincent regarding the necessary repairs. It was agreed unanimously that any quote up to £500 be agreed, between £500 and £1000 would require discussion between Mr Batstone, Mr Woodman and the clerk.
9. **LCN UPDATE** – The AGM has been held at which it was suggested that a breakfast network meeting be held, Mrs Blaney is content to attend, subject to availability.
10. **FOOTPATHS**
- a) Request for funding for footpath works materials on Pound Farm land - £591.39 – Mr Batstone did not vote on this item. Following a brief discussion Mr Brandt proposed that the Council agree to fund the request, Mr Seib seconded the proposal and the remaining Councillors agreed unanimously.
- The footpath to the side of Little Sammons into Lower Vagg Farm is still in a bad condition, the clerk is to contact Abri again.
 - The bridge on Y4/8 has several slats that are dangerous.
 - The clerk is to investigate the process and costs for amending the definitive map for the footpath north of the Church.
11. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
- a) Receipts: None - Noted
- b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC. – Agreed unanimously.
- c) Grant requests: Request from St Mary's Church - £600 for landscaping maintenance. – No grant request form has been received, item to be deferred to the next agenda.
12. **PLANNING MATTERS**
- a) Applications: 25/00611/HOU – Single-storey domestic extension to the east of the main house and re-ordering of the existing garage to form a studio. Sunny Banks, Main Street, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 8RD – Amended plans. – The meeting considered the amended plans and resolved to support the application as amended.
- b) Decisions: None – Noted.
- c) Appeals: None – Noted.
13. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – Minor works information sheet (as forwarded) – The information did not indicate a definitive answer for costs to a Parish Council for a s171 licence. It was agreed that this item be included on the next meeting agenda.
14. **VILLAGE HALL** – Nothing to report.
15. **RECREATION TRUST** – Nothing to report.
16. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – Mr Batstone asked if the Council wished the hedgerow on Kings Hill be cut again – it was unanimously agreed that this should go ahead.
17. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 4 September 2025 7.30pm (subject to planning matters).** It was unanimously agreed that minor planning matters be discussed between the Chair and the Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9:15pm