

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER

Emma Meecham, Clerk, 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 5PB
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Mr K Woodman
Mr T Brandt

Mr M Batstone
Mrs K Taylor

Mr P Seib
Mrs R Parsons

1 Member of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

OPEN SESSION

No items raised.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None received.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Seib declared his standing interests.
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 gave his report to the meeting. He explained that Somerset Council were approaching the 2nd phase of the restructure, with informal consultations with staff commencing yesterday, the top two tiers have been completed. The Monitoring Officer of Somerset Council has left and there is an interim monitoring officer in post currently. Cllr Seib informed the meeting that he, and other councillors, are aware that the roadworks in Yeovil have been causing severe delays, some of these roadworks are due to the replacement of the gas main by Wales and West Utilities, these have been delayed due to existing pipe not being where indicated on the utility company's records, there was also a water leak on Rowan Way which required the works there to be undertaken as an emergency. Due to the current legislation utility companies have rights to demand access to do works on highways.
5. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
 - a) SID – No report this month. The Council considered the letter received regarding the extension of the warranty; this would cost £199 per year. It was proposed by Mr Brandt that the value for money was sufficient to propose that the warranty be extended. This was seconded by Mr Seib and agreed unanimously.
 - b) Finger posts – Mr Brandt informed the meeting that the fingerposts have been removed for refurbishment by Somerset Forge. Mr Brandt also informed the meeting that the Council had been awarded a grant of £250 per post from CPRE for these works. The works are anticipated to take approximately 2-3 weeks.

Mr Brandt discussed the possibility of a meeting with Yeovil Without and Tintinhull Parish Councils regarding a joint approach to Tintinhull Road issues. The clerk is to approach both clerks to try to arrange a meeting with them and either Mr Brandt or Mrs Taylor.

Mr Brandt informed the meeting that the railings to the play area at Little Sammons from Tintinhull Road did not allow mobility scooters to get through. The railings (and play area) and

owned by Somerset Council so they could be asked to attend and rearrange the railings, or a price sought for paying the Highways Steward to do the works. The clerk is to approach Somerset Council.

Mrs Taylor raised the issue of the weeds in the gullies on Main Street, there is concern that the weeds will lead to flooding. The option of a Parish working party was considered, however, investigation would be needed regarding insurance cover. The option of paying the Highway Steward was also considered.

6. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – No report received from Avon and Somerset Constabulary. Mr Brandt informed the meeting that at the latest LCN meeting the request for attendance at meetings was raised with Avon and Somerset Constabulary during an opportunity in their presentation to the meeting. No minutes or confirmation had been received by the time of this Parish Council meeting.
7. **ALLOTMENTS** – Nothing to report.
8. **LCN UPDATE** – During the recent LCN meeting, attended by Mr Brandt, the main topics of discussion were anti-social behaviour and crime. There was a presentation from Yeovil Crime Reduction team and Avon and Somerset Constabulary. There was no opportunity for a discussion on anti-social behaviour, which will be rescheduled, it was suggested by Mr Brandt at the meeting that this discussion was held in two separate meetings, one for Yeovil and one for the villages, as the experiences were likely to be very different. There have been no minutes of confirmation at the time of the Parish Council meeting.
9. **FOOTPATHS** – Mrs Taylor fed back the information regarding the verge near the bench to Mr Madden, he is considering planting wildflowers on/in the verge.
10. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
 - a) Receipts: None – Noted.
 - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Defib accessories. – 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** – The clerk reported on the receipt of an email offering funding for a defibrillator.
13. **VILLAGE HALL** – Nothing to report, the next meeting is in two weeks.
14. **RECREATION TRUST** – Nothing to report.
15. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – The slow and wide campaign ride has been postponed until the New Year due to the roadworks on Thorne Lane, the state of the signs was discussed, these should be erected better or removed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:32pm

16. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 7 November 2024.**