

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER 2021, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER

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Mr K Woodman, Chairman
Mr T Brandt

Mr M Batstone

Cllr Williams
Cllr Capozzoli

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

The meeting commenced after an open session for Chilthorne Domer parishioners only, no items had been sent to the clerk for inclusion, and no members of the public were present.

AGENDA

- 83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Cllr Rowsell, Mr Tasker and Mr Welch.
- 84. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared
- 85. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – There was an alteration to the wording of the recording of item 76, following which the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 86. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR** – The clerk requested that the meeting note the resignation of Mr Scott. Thanks were given to Mr Scott for his efforts on the Parish Council.
- 87. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – Cllr Williams gave his report to the meeting. It contained a recap and an update of the Unitary authority changes. Cllr Williams also noted that the recent consultation from SALC may have been flawed and further details are awaited. The existing authorities are looking to move forward with the Local Community Networks that will form part of the new Authority structure, these networks will include input from numerous organisations with a devolved budget to allow for more local decisions to be made.
- 88. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – Cllr Capozzoli gave his report to the meeting. It was noted that the phosphates issue is still causing problems for SSDC’s Planning Service and SSDC Planning Service and the land supply could be described as being in dire straits because of it, the issue has caused a large backlog of applications within the Planning Service.
- 89. HIGHWAY MATTERS**
 - a) SID – The clerk gave an update on the purchase and other items. The clerk apologised for not having completed more due to illness.
The Parish Council noted that there had been damage to a substantial wall near the access to Vagg Farm, outside of the Parish boundary. Mr Woodman asked Cllr Williams for an update on the Speedwatch scheme. Cllr Williams duly obliged, the scheme now requires a co-ordinator to identified for each scheme, along with a communicator. The training for operatives has also increased.
- 90. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – There are no up-to-date statistics available online.

91. VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

- a) Clock – Following discussion at the last meeting further discussion was held. Mr Batstone agreed to discover if the Church wish to house the repaired clock and Mr Brandt agreed to discover if the Village Hall committee would be willing to house it if the Church do not want to/cannot.

92. PARISH COUNCIL LAPTOP – The clerk informed the meeting that the current laptop is beginning to become cumbersome to work on. Prices were given for a replacement laptop and the meeting unanimously agreed to the purchase of a new laptop up to £800.

93. WEBSITE – Following several previous discussions regarding the design and ease of use of the website Mr Brandt has completed significant work to remedy the issues. The clerk confirmed that the work completed has addressed her concerns. It is noted that the clerk needs to 'fill in some gaps' with documents not available to Mr Brandt at this time. The meeting gave thanks to Mr Brandt for his work to address the concerns.

94. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS

- a) Receipts: - Noted.
b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Solar Panels – Agreed unanimously, Mr Batstone noted that in previous years the Parish Council had given £50 for a wreath for the remembrance service, the meeting unanimously agreed to continue this year with the donation. The service is due to take place on 14 November at 10.30am.
c) Grant requests: - Noted.

95. PLANNING MATTERS

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

96. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE – None.

97. ALLOTMENTS – The clerk passed on the thanks received from the Skool Beanz project. It was agreed that this item is to be removed from the Agenda as a standing item.

98. FOOTPATHS – The meeting discussed the frustration at various footpath issues that had been reported several times over a lengthy period. The clerk is to contact Eve Wynn's manager to try and discover what is going on.

99. VILLAGE HALL

- a) Broadband – As the Village Hall is now being used more Mr Brandt requested that the Parish Council reinvestigate the options for providing Wi-Fi to the hall as previously agreed. The clerk is to obtain prices for the Parish Council to consider.
Mr Brandt reported that the Quarterly meeting of the committee is coming up and users are returning to the hall.

100. RECREATION TRUST

- b) Solar panels – The solar panels are now installed and working. The clerk and Mr Brandt are to compile the paperwork necessary for Somerset County Council as part of the grant. The meeting gave thanks to Mr Brandt for his work on this project.

101. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN – Mr Brandt reported that the majority of the gulleys and drains on Main Street are blocked, he will provide the information required to the clerk. Mr Batstone noted that the fencing around the war memorial is in need of attention, this has been noted before, but the clerk has been unable to find anyone to provide prices for the work, efforts will be made to amend this.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

102. DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 11 NOVEMBER 2021.