

## CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER 2023, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER**

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

Mr M Batstone  
Mr P Seib

Mr T Brandt  
Mrs K Taylor

1 Members of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

Ms Honnor informed the meeting that she is desperate to expand the SkoolBeanz project and to enable her to focus on it she intends to give up her job next year. She informed the meeting that she has been in contact with Dan Bennett at Somerset Council who has agreed to allow her to use plot 6 as well as her current plots, and that he is going to contact the tenant of plot 5 with a view to either getting it well tended, or to give them notice to vacate the plot. If notice to vacate is given Ms Honnor hopes to also take on this plot.

### **AGENDA**

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr Woodman and from Mr Rowsell. Mr Woodman was away with work, and Mr Rowsell was on his honeymoon, the Parish Council congratulated Mr Rowsell on his marriage.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Subject to an amendment to item 18 to read 'Recreation Trust doing reasonably well financially', rather than Village Hall the minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 4. SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Mr Seib distributed a paper copy of his report to those in attendance of the meeting. Mr Brandt raised a query regarding the provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP) in existing areas. Mr Seib reported that Somerset Council is funding some installation of EVCP within public areas, but there is no grant scheme for third parties to install them, so unless they are likely to see 'passing trade' it is unlikely that Somerset Council will consider the installation of EVCP.
- 5. HIGHWAY MATTERS**
  - a) SID – The SID has been located outside the school recently. Most vehicles are reasonably law abiding, however, the maximum speed recorded was 81mph going toward Tintinhull, there were also quite a large number of vehicles recorded over 70mph, even between 5pm and 6pm.
  - b) Signs – Mr Batstone reported that there is no Give Way sign or marking at the junction of Vagg Lane and the hollow, or at the junction of Kings Hill and the hollow. The clerk is to request of highways whether it is possible to have a plan of where the signs should be.
- 6. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – Nothing to report.
- 7. LCN UPDATE** – Mrs Taylor gave an update following the inaugural LCN meeting that she attended.

8. **ALLOTMENTS** – A lengthy discussion was held over the allotments. Mr Brandt explained that he could see the benefits of the Parish Council taking over the administration of them, however, he can also see the disbenefits of doing so. It was agreed by all that the Parish Council cannot consider taking over the administration unless, and until, the status is legal, which it currently is not. Mr Brandt suggested that a formal meeting or conversation with Dan Bennett over the options may be beneficial. It was agreed that a letter combining 3 elements should be sent. The points to be included are requesting a meeting; sorting out the plot management; and explaining that the Parish Council could not consider taking over the management until the legal complexities have been dealt with. Further discussion over the legalities of SkoolBeanz using the site were held. It was agreed that Mr Brandt and Mr Batstone would approach other allotment holders to discuss the upkeep of plots.
9. **FOOTPATHS** – Mr Batstone reported that he has met with the new Footpath Warden for the area. The work on the three gates near Pound Farm is progressing, the PROW team will supply the hardware and Mr Clothier will install it. There is an issue with a hedgerow collapse on path Y4/7, Mrs Taylor will contact the homeowner.
10. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
  - a) Receipts: None - Noted
  - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, British Legion wreath, SALC affiliation. – All agreed unanimously.
  - c) Grant requests: None – Noted.
11. **PLANNING MATTERS**
  - a) Applications: None – Noted.
  - b) Decisions: None – Noted.
12. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – The clerk had circulated an email offering places on Chapter 8 training, unfortunately the date wasn't suitable, but it was agreed that the clerk should reply thanking them for the offer and asking to be kept informed of any future opportunities.
13. **BROADBAND** – Although there has been no formal update from Wessex Internet it was noted that the infrastructure installation along Main Street was ongoing. Mrs Taylor reported that when she contacted Wessex Internet recently, she was informed that internet would be available in November.
14. **VILLAGE HALL** – Nothing significant to report. The next Quarterly meeting is coming up. The Hall is doing reasonably well financially but may approach the Parish Council for a grant for some trees along the frontage.
15. **RECREATION TRUST** – Nothing significant to report, the recreation trust is doing reasonably well financially.
16. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – None.
17. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 2 NOVEMBER 2023 19:30.**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.**