

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER, 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
Mrs K Taylor

Mr M Batstone
Mr P Seib
Mrs R Parsons

0 Members of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

The meeting commenced after an Open Session for Chilthorne Domer Parishioners only, no items were raised.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – None received.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Seib gave his standard declarations of interest – none of which are pertinent to agenda items.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4. **SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Seib gave his report to the meeting which included a suggestion for the local plan information request received from Somerset Council. Mr Batstone raised a question over the recent removal of affordable housing on a planning permission granted in Tintinhull, Cllr Seib explained how the S106a process works and how/why this can happen. Cllr Seib informed the meeting that the redundancies and restructure at Somerset Council are continuing, although there are still a large number of people leaving through their own choice. The budget setting cycle process at Somerset Council is about to start, and it is currently looking like Somerset Council will be able to set a balanced budget for the coming year.
5. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
 - a) SID – No report available at this time. The SID is currently outside the Halfway House. Mr Brandt offered to try and distribute the report before the next meeting.
 - b) Finger posts – The work has been completed by Somerset Forge. The Council thanked Mr Brandt for his efforts on the project. It was noted that currently Ilchester and Yeovil are pointing in the wrong directions on one of the posts, this has been reported to Somerset Forge.

Mrs Taylor reported that the concern over the gullies was damage to the road surface, rather than as previously reported in the minutes. A discussion was held over the Highways Steward option and costs. It was agreed that the clerk is to contact Somerset Council to enquire further, and to also seek advice over the potholes on Chilthorne Hill.

It was noted that the Give Way markings and sign are still missing at the Vagg Lane/Vagg Hollow junction.
6. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – No report from Avon and Somerset Police. Mrs Taylor reported that she had been approached last year by someone reporting that they had been bitten by a dog belonging to someone in the village. It seems that discussion

over the possibility of a recurrence has increased on the parish Facebook page recently. Mrs Taylor will approach the dog owner to discuss.

7. ALLOTMENTS – No update at this time.

8. LCN UPDATE – No minutes of the last LCN meeting have been circulated, and no additional meeting has been held since the last Parish Council meeting.

9. FOOTPATHS – The letter regarding footpath Y4/16 will be delivered soon. A discussion was held over the report of the brook near the Halfway House being fly tipped. Mrs Taylor and Mrs Parsons will investigate further.

The footpath adjacent to Home Farm has been cut back properly.

All of the footpath gates around Pound Farm are in place and will be installed shortly.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS

a) Receipts: None – Noted.

b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Somerset Forge £2028, Wreath £75, Audit fees £48. – All agreed unanimously

c) Grant requests: None – Noted.

11. PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications: None – Noted.

b) Decisions: None – Noted.

c) Appeals: None – Noted.

Local Plan information – The Councillors are requested to provide answers to the clerk before the end of play on Wednesday. The clerk will then collate the responses and send to Somerset Council.

12. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE – None.

13. VILLAGE HALL – The quarterly meeting has been held. The committee is still looking for a secretary and the Chair will be retiring at the next meeting. If no volunteers come forward to fill either post, there are likely to be some issues after April. Mrs Taylor raised the suggestion of a Volunteer Celebratory day, which may raise awareness of what volunteers in the village do and may help to get additional volunteers to come forward.

14. RECREATION TRUST – There is nothing significant to report. The Village Hall and Recreation Trust are going to co-operate to erect a Christmas Tree. Mr Woodman proposed that the Parish Council contribute up to £200 for the project, Mr Batstone seconded the proposal, and all Councillors agreed unanimously, although Mr Brandt abstained from voting due to a potential conflict of interests. The lights switch on will be on 1 December 2024.

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

16. DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 5 December 2024.