

## **CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2022, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER**

Emma Meecham, Clerk, 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 3RE  
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Mr P Seib  
Mr T Brandt  
Mr P Rowsell

Mr M Batstone (Arrived slightly late)  
Mrs K Taylor

1 Member of the public (Mr Vickery)

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

Due to the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair at the start of the meeting Mr Seib volunteered to Chair the meeting.

The meeting commenced after an Open Session for Chilthorne Domer Parishioners only. There being no members of the public present no items were raised.

### **AGENDA**

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr Woodman. The Council thanked the clerk for attending even though she was unwell.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were declared unanimously as a true and accurate record.
- 4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Mr Seib gave his report to the Council including: following the recent OFSTED report SCC's Children's Services received a Good ranking; SCC is still producing some smaller childrens home withing the Council; SCC's finances have been hit due to price increases, fortunately monies were put into reserves during Covid, but it is not clear how long it will last; All councils are struggling with things like power bills and the government are aware, the electricity bill for SCC is likely to increase by up to 5 million pounds; SCC reports that recruitment is tricky at the moment, with several key statutory functions struggling; The LGR programme is on track, it is unlikely that much change will be visible from outside the authorities involved until Vesting Day, 2 April 2023, but from the inside there will be massive changes; Some decisions such as tax levels are already being made in anticipation for Vesting Day along with other decisions that will be required soon after; The innovation zone at Puriton – an old explosives factory that is being developed, is the only site bidding for the Giga factory; The innovation zone is known as Gravity and is likely to bring approximately 7500 jobs to the area eventually; The Council is likely to get to retain the business rates collected from the site for a lengthy period of time; The Somerset Climate Change Business Summit has been held successfully; The Public Health Nursing Team have received a 'Good' award from the Care Quality Commission; and 130 thousand tonnes of waste has been 'pulled' from landfill by the Recycle More project which has already won one award and are nominated for another.  
Mr Seib also informed the Council about the ongoing consultation on the Local Community Networks. Mr Brandt gave further information having attended a meeting as the Parish Council's representative. Following some discussion, the Council ran through the

consultation questionnaire and agreed on their answers. The clerk is to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council and submit.

5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – Cllr Rowsell reported that due to the passing of Queen Elizabeth the Area East meeting was cancelled and has been rescheduled for Wednesday 12 October, the grant request for the Recreation Area is on the Agenda and it is looking promising that the funding request for £6000 will be granted.
6. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR** – Nobody forthcoming.
7. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
  - a) SID – Mr Brandt gave a report to the Council. There is an issue with some of the posts that have been installed as they are not where we requested them and due to their height, the SID may cause an obstruction to footways and may not have a clear view of the highway with other posts causing an obstruction.
8. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – The clerk gave details of a report received from Avon and Somerset Constabulary, there was one case of Arson & Criminal Damage in September.
9. **FOOTPATHS** – The Council discussed the application to add a restricted byway and upgrade to footpath Y31/2 in the neighbouring parish of Yeovil Marsh, following discussion the Council are in support of the application. Mrs Taylor reported that contractors have been appointed to do the remedial works to the footpath bridge, but to date it is not clear when the works will take place.
10. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS** – Mr Batstone passed on the thanks from Mr Simon for the contribution to the works to fix the gates recently received.
  - a) Receipts: None - Noted
  - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Poppy appeal. External audit £240, Software £59.99, Stone repairs to passing bay £312 – All payments unanimously agreed. The clerk noted that the new cheque book has yet to be received and that there would need to be two cheques from this list written and signatures found outside of the meeting.
  - c) Grant requests: None
11. **PLANNING MATTERS**
  - a) Applications:

22/02133/HOU Erection of wrap around side extension and alterations to materials of dwelling to include cladding and render, Alveare Tintinhull Road Chilthorne Domer Yeovil. – Mr Seib invited the applicant (present) to speak, Mr Vickery informed the Council of the details of the planning proposal. During the discussion Mr Brandt noted that he felt the colour and materials of the scheme should be in-keeping with the surrounding buildings, particularly the school and Mr Batstone noted that he felt a pitched roof for the single storey element would be better – although due to the location and shape this is unlikely to be possible. Following the discussion the Council agreed unanimously with the proposal from Mr Rowsell, seconded by Mr Brandt – To support the proposal subject to a materials condition.

22/02601/HOU Erection of a porch and an upgrade to conservatory (including roof alterations), Long Acre Tintinhull Road Chilthorne Domer Yeovil – The council discussed the proposal, following a brief discussion the Council agreed unanimously to support the proposal.
  - b) Decisions: None
  - c) Appeals: None
12. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – The clerk reported on the Audit findings, one action for future audits, the asset figure needs to be considered.
13. **BROADBAND** – Mr Brandt reported that following a phone call to Wessex Internet there is a 3-month delay in the area, thought to be partially due to land access issues. Mr Brandt has left a message requesting that Christine O'Grady from Wessex Internet call him.

14. **CLIMATE CHANGE** – Mr Brandt has discussed the draft paper with Mr Woodman and Mr Batstone as a working party. Mr Seib proposed that the Council adopt the paper, this was seconded by Mr Rowsell and agreed unanimously.
15. **VILLAGE HALL** – Nothing significant to report. Mr Brandt reported that he has had a meeting with a potential supplier for solar panels. There was concern initially regarding asbestos in the roof, Mr Brandt has now obtained plans showing the location of any asbestos so can continue the conversations. Mr Brandt informed the meeting that quotes for the audio-visual equipment for the Village Hall have been received and hopes to be in a position to bring the grant request to the next Parish Council meeting.
16. **RECREATION TRUST** – Mr Brandt reported that the Trust is eagerly awaiting SSDC's decision on the play equipment grant.
17. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – Mr Brandt requested that the Clerk steps up the search for Chapter 8 training, Mr Seib noted that Brympton Parish Council may also have nominees to attend. It was confirmed that there are six attendees/nominees from Chilthorne Domer Parish Council.  
**There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.**
18. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 3 NOVEMBER 2022.**