

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2022, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER

Emma Meecham, Clerk, 15 Meadow Road, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 3RE
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Mr K Woodman
Mr T Brandt
Mrs K Taylor

Mr M Batstone
Mr P Seib
Mr P Rowsell

0 Members of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

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

AGENDA

- 36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Cllr Snell and Cllr Capozzoli.
- 37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared.
- 38. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Subject to the addition of Mr Nunn’s surname to minute item 33 the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 39. COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – Cllr Seib reported that the first meeting of the Council had been held. This meeting determined the model and responsibilities for the portfolio’s. A Section 114 notice has been received from the Secretary of State which requires the District Councils to get permission for any spend from the continuing authority. There is currently no clarity on the Local Community Networks (LCNs), with no budget or staffing details. One of the new committees that has been established is the Communities Committee which will be looking at the LCNs. Cllr Seib reported that one of the big issues that affects Parish Council level authorities is a mass deficit on block funding for schools, particularly for SEN and the disabled community, there seems to be some previously unknown or undeclared projects for which the funding needs to be reviewed. National changes to Adult Social Care have been announced, these will have an impact locally, particularly due to the age profile of Somerset. There is some good news on Children’s services regarding public provision, the Council are expecting an OFSTED inspection imminently.
- 40. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – The meeting was informed that SSDC are continuing with the arrangements for virtual meetings, where the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council have been given delegated powers. Ongoing capital projects are seeing colossal levels of inflation, including the Yeovil Refresh project, some additional funding has been allowed to ensure that phases 1-4 can be completed, inflation on some aspects is approximately 20%. The works to the Octagon Theatre have been committed to and will take place, they will definitely affect the delivery of the pantomime for one season, possibly two. During the budget setting period an additional £2million were set aside for additional staffing should there be unforeseen issues, as yet these don’t seem to have materialised and less staff seem to be leaving.
- 41. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR** – None forthcoming.
- 42. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

The verges on Kings Hill need cutting, Mr Batstone agreed to attend to these when he can. The hedge on the bend at the bottom of Coppits Hill (almost opposite the Yeovil Marsh turning) is encroaching on the highway. The clerk is to report this.

There is an issue with visibility at Vagg crossroads. The clerk is to report this.

- a) SID – Mr Brandt gave a briefing on the SID figures. The issue of the location of the required posts was discussed, Mr Brandt and Mr Woodman agreed to provide the clerk with details.

43. COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS – The clerk has contacted Avon and Somerset Police for the information/data from the latest visit from the A&S speed bike as requested but has received no response. The works completed on the gateposts near Home Farm seems very minimal for the cost, Mr Batstone offered to investigate.

44. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS

- a) Receipts: None – Noted.
b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC – Agreed unanimously.
c) Grant requests: None – Noted.

45. PLANNING MATTERS

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

46. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE – None.

47. BROADBAND – Mr Brandt has been contacted by Wessex internet, they are unable to 'locate' the Recreation Area on their systems, Mr Brandt will provide them with the latitude and longitude details.

48. CLIMATE CHANGE – Mr Brandt is still working on this.

49. VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION TRUST– Both are doing fairly well and coping financially with their budgets showing they should be ok for the next year, however, the costs of electricity for both locations are a serious concern. Mr Brandt wishes the Parish Council to be aware of the high potential for problems. A discussion was held over possible solutions, including the possibility of the Parish Council helping the Village Hall with the costs of solar panels.

The Recreation Trust did a good job for the Jubilee celebrations.

Defibrillator - The Church, Village Hall and Recreation Trust have agreed to put key fobs on their keys to be handed out to hirers with the access code for the defibrillator on. Mrs Taylor has contacted Curry Rivel Parish Council regarding the experiment of not locking the cabinet to their defibrillator, however, it appears that this is incorrect, Curry Rivel Parish Council have not been leaving their cabinet unlocked. Mrs Taylor has looked up the defibrillator locations on the South West Ambulance Services (SWAST) website, the one at the Recreation area is not on the national database, Mrs Taylor has been in touch with SWAST to see what the next steps are. A discussion was held regarding the options. Thanks were given to Mr Seib for providing the keyfobs.

50. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN – The clerk was asked about the Chapter 8 training and first aid courses, she informed the meeting that more work is required and will happen.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

51. DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – 7 JULY 2022.