

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2024, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER

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Mr M Batstone
Mr T Brandt

Mr P Rowsell
Mrs K Taylor

1 Member of the public

Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

Mr Melvin informed the meeting that 22 hours were used to clear the footway near Castle Cottage as raised at the last meeting. Mr Melvin also informed the meeting that the group had recently assisted Avon and Somerset Police on Exmoor for a disaster training exercise, feeding 190 people involved.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr Woodman, Mr Seib and Mrs Parsons.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Mr Batstone declared an interest in the payment item to himself.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4. **SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** – None received.
5. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
 - a) SID – The SID is currently installed on Tintinhull Road. A new set of batteries have been purchased and installed. The second set of batteries is yet to be purchased, there is ongoing agreement for the expenditure. During the recent installation on the A37 the maximum speed recorded was 102mph. The 85th percentile is within the 40mph speed limit.
6. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – Mr Brandt reported that there has been repeated acts of vandalism on the trees at the Recreation Ground, replanting had happened and protection shields installed. The meeting noted the recent overturned car on the A37.
7. **LCN UPDATE** – Mr Seib had previously distributed an email containing a report from the workshop. It was noted that Somerset Council Highways would like to utilise the LCNs as a communication tool for priorities and information. The Highways Officers present at the workshop explained that works are done based on risks, rather than the level of numbers of reports. A brief discussion was held.
8. **FOOTPATHS** – It was reported that the works to the gate behind Home Farm have been completed.
9. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
 - a) Receipts: None – Noted.
 - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Batteries for SID, Gate maintenance. – All agreed unanimously. (Mr Batstone did not vote on the Gate maintenance payment).
 - c) Grant requests: None – Noted.

10. PLANNING MATTERS

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

11. CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE – Nothing to report.

12. BROADBAND – Broadband has been installed at the Village Hall, there is good access in the hall, although in the meeting room it is lower quality/strength. There is no current date for the installation at the Recreation Ground.

13. VILLAGE HALL – Broadband noted as above. The next meeting for the Village Hall committee is next week, there are no changes to the committee, which is still looking for a new secretary and for confirmation of a new maintenance operative.

14. RECREATION TRUST – There is little to report, there is a reasonable positive cash flow at the moment, which may be required for ongoing maintenance. The committee is working well.

15. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN – Missing signs need to be chased, particularly the one at Vagg Lane. Requested that Allotments to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

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

16. DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 MAY 2024 19:30 (in Meeting Room due to election ongoing in Main Hall).