

CHILTHORNE DOMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6 MARCH, 7.30pm, VILLAGE HALL, CHILTHORNE DOMER

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Mr M Batstone (Chair)

Mr T Brandt

Mrs A Blaney

Mrs K Taylor

1 Member of the public
Miss E Meecham (Clerk)

The meeting commenced after an Open Session for Chilthorne Domer Parishioners only. Mr Brandt wished to thank Mr Melvin and the Brethren group for the work completed at the recreation ground, it was, and is, much appreciated.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies were received from Mr Woodman – as such Mr Batstone chaired the meeting.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record.
4. **SOMERSET COUNCIL COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** – None received. Mr Brandt apologised, for personal reasons he was unable to compose and distribute a response to the Boundary Commission and the deadline has now passed.
5. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**
 - a) SID – The SID has been outside the school recently, the average recorded speed was under 30mph, the maximum speed south-east bound was 63mph, and north-west bound 71mph. 98% of vehicles were under 30mph. The clerk informed the meeting about a potential scheme, community funded speed reductions. The clerk will contact Highways to discuss the option of a reduction to permanent reduction to 20mph outside the school, and a reduction from 40mph to 30mph towards Tintinhull.
 - b) Tintinhull Road bus-stop – This is ongoing, Mr Brandt will look for prices for noticeboards. Mrs Taylor suggested the idea of getting local artists, or approaching SkoolBeanz, to paint the inside of the bus shelter. Mr Brandt and Mrs Taylor will raise the idea with Ms Honor.
 - Chilthorne Hill Lane – Following the meeting in February Mr Brandt has taken a thorough look at the drainage along the highway. It doesn’t seem that beyond ‘pond corner’ there are any ditches. It was agreed to go ahead with the testing of the liquid either side of the property known as ‘Lapinsfield’ to ensure that it is just water.
 - Mrs Taylor informed the meeting that recently, and due to the cold weather, the ice on the ‘S’ bend has played a part in an accident where a motorbike rider came off their bike. Water seems to be running from land/fields part way across the road, and then back the other way. Do the gullies need jetting? This is outside of Chilthorne Domer Parish, the clerk will check which parish it is in, and discuss with the clerk, and ask for a meeting with them to discuss.
 - Mr Brandt reported that there is water coming over the road at Vagg Hollow and a manhole cover is broken and sitting proud, he has reported it on FixMyStreet.
 - Chilthorne Hill – There was a recent occurrence of another HGV turning down Chilthorne Hill, presumably following a satnav, they had to reverse out onto Tintinhull Road, and damaged verges in

the process. The clerk is to contact Somerset Council to discuss the option of a 'Not suitable for HGV' sign.

- The litter picking group carried out a pick recently in Chilthorne Hollow, whilst some drivers were very courteous, others were much less so, speeding past the hi-vis wearing volunteers, being rude and driving in a manor that could be considered dangerous. It was reported that the overall level of litter, although still high, is down compared to a few years ago.

6. **COMMUNITY SAFETY & POLICE MATTERS** – No reports.
7. **GARDEN PLOTS** – Nothing to report. The clerk is to contact Somerset Council to seek an update.
8. **LCN UPDATE** – The next LCN meeting is scheduled for Monday. Mr Brandt and Mrs Taylor attended the Local Plan meeting in Chard recently, the most interesting part of the meeting was the concerns raised by the planners of where 4000 homes per year could go. The views of the parish and town councils present were voiced, most of the Parish Councils for villages shared the same concerns. Mr Brandt was content that at least headlines had been fed in, Mrs Taylor was not convinced how valuable the feedback given would be to the planners. Mr Brandt would like to find out more about the capacity and workings of the sewage works in the village to help inform responses to future planning applications, the meeting agreed t Mr Brandt's request to contact them directly in an official capacity.
9. **FOOTPATHS** – Mr Batstone has spoken to the contractor regarding the gates around Pound Farm but the weather has been particularly inclement recently. The contractor and Mr Batstone will meet on site to refresh the scope of the works.
Footpath Y4/21 – due to works at the bungalow in Little Sammons the footpath is now hazardous. The clerk is to write to Abri after Mrs Taylor provides photographs of the hazards.
10. **FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCOUNTS**
 - a) Receipts: None – Noted.
 - b) Payments: Clerks Salary, HMRC, Website costs £152.86, Projector £37.39. All agreed unanimously.
 - c) Grant requests: None – Noted.
11. **PLANNING MATTERS**
 - a) Applications: 25/00358/FUL – Construction of an agricultural building for fodder storage, Land at Oakley Lane, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 8RE – After a brief discussion the Parish Council unanimously agreed that they had no objections to this application.
 - b) Decisions: None – Noted.
 - c) Appeals: None – Noted.
12. **CLERKS REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE** – It was noted that Mrs Taylor had not received replies to her email regarding the previously discussed email from Martock Parish Council. Following a brief discussion it was agreed unanimously that Chilthorne Domer Parish Council would like to look further into the options available. Mrs Taylor agreed to continue liaising with Martock.
13. **VILLAGE HALL** – The post of Chair of the committee has now been filled, but there is still a vacancy for secretary. Bookings are going well and all of the microphones are now working.
14. **RECREATION TRUST** – The meeting is next week, there is nothing significant to report, the committee are currently awaiting confirmation from the PTA re a joint fete. Thanks again to the Brethren for clearing the path. A company that supplies robot mowers looked further at the setup of the recreation area and due to the likelihood of vandalism or theft suggest that a robot mower is not a suitable suggestion.
15. **ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** – None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:01

16. **DATE AND TIME OF MEETINGS** – 3 April 2025. To Note, the clerk will be unable to attend on 1 May 2025 due to medical procedure, suggest 22 May 2025, then no meeting in June, subject to room availability.