

## CHILTHORNE DOMER

### MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

**HELD ON 2 MAY 2024 AT 7.30pm, CHILTHORNE DOMER VILLAGE HALL**

1. Election Of Chairman (unless the Parish Council Chairman is present to take the chair) – Mr Woodman was present and chaired the meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence – None received.
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Those present unanimously agreed the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4. Chairman of the Parish Council's Report – Mr Woodman gave the following report:

Chilthorne Domer Parish Council  
Chair's Report 2023-24

#### FINANCE

We have had expenditure this year, but the Council's finances still remain sound.

Thank you to all Councillors who have helped manage the finances in the past year.

Our accounts and all other financial information are available to view on the Parish website.

#### HIGHWAYS

Over the past 12 months we have seen the continued use of the SID device in various locations in the village. Special thanks to Tim for downloading and moving to the various locations.

The village has seen several accidents already this year, mainly on the sharp 'S' bend on Tintinhull road.

There was also a lack of gritting in the winter months that again increased accidents in the village and forced road closures - very inconvenient for residents in the village trying to get to and from work.

Thank you to the Plymouth Brethren for their hard work in clearing pathways in the village and to both the Plymouth Brethren and the Greensteps group for litter picking.

#### PLANNING

We have had a few planning applications over the last 12 months. Still waiting for the start of the 28 houses behind the Carpenters Arms.

We have seen the planning application for the 73 houses finally refused.

#### INTERNET

12 months on Wessex internet have connected a few properties within the village but more are still waiting to be connected.

#### SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to Karen Taylor for attending LCN meetings.

Thank you to all Councillors for supporting me throughout the past 12 months, especially Mark and Tim for chairing the meetings when my work does not allow me to attend.

Thank you to Emma Meecham, our Clerk, for all her hard work.

5. Village Hall Report – Mr Brandt gave the following report on behalf of the Village Hall committee:

Financially, the Village Hall has had a successful year. Occupancy is back to pre-Covid levels, with all afternoons, 3 out of 5 mornings and 4 out of 5 evenings on regular bookings during the week. Weekend usage is lower, but the VH has hosted several birthday parties, Jumble sales and a wedding reception. A monthly Film Club was formed last year and is seeing slowly increasing attendees; it looks likely to break even and we hope to see it continue. Financially, the Hall is doing reasonably, with £15940 in the Bank at the end of the year, although this was a reduction of £1620 on the previous year. However, expenditures this year has included over £5000 on repairs and maintenance and the purchase of 30 new chairs. The Hall Committee has a new Treasurer and a new maintenance officer, but needs to attract a new Secretary, Joan Ostheimer having retired from the position. Any suitable volunteers gratefully received.

6. Recreation Trust Report – Mr Brandt gave the following report on behalf of the Recreation Trust committee:

The Rec has also had a successful year. It has not yet held its AGM so end of year financial figures are not available, but they are expected to show a positive balance of around £3400, making the current bank balance about £23600. The Rec Bar was refurbished and has a much newer look and a number of new trees have been planted, although some had to be replaced after vandalism. The Rec remains well used; the skittles league being particularly well supported. Bookings have ranged from christenings to wakes and have included Morris Dancer and Motorcycle enthusiast groups. The Rec also held events to celebrate the late Queen's Jubilee, and then the Coronation and, although no Fete was held last year, one is planned for this year.

7. Other Matters Raised by Parishioners – No matters raised.

8. Closure of Annual Parish Assembly – there being no further business the meeting closed at 19:37.