

NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

.DRAFT MINUTES

.Monday 15th August 2022

.Holton Village Hall

Electors Question Time /Comments – none

County / District Councillors Reports:

Sarah Dyke reported that the process of setting up Local Community Networks is being reviewed and that a new scheme will be put forward in a few months time, possibly with a new name.

Sarah also reported that there is a £18.5m 'black hole' in the County Council's finances, partly caused by the 'cost of living' increase in expenses.

The Council has set up a scheme for people badly affected by increased fuel and food costs offering support and access to safe and warm places.

A cost of living and ecological emergencies have been declared.

Present: Dave Young (Chairman), Gillian Freeman, Simon Ford, Steve Prior & Graham Boaler.

In attendance: David Chapman (Clerk), Barry Druce, Sarah Dyke and 3 members of the public.

22.90 Apologies: Janet Down, Jenny Chambers, David Badham – Thornhill, Doug Hodges, Hayward Burt, William Wallace and Nicola Clarke.

22.91 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations: none.

22.92 Minutes of Last Meeting;

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 15th July 2022 were agreed and signed.

22.93 Matters Arising from Minutes:

Clerk reported that he has written to the SCC Highways Department for an update on the roundels on the road by the new 20mph speed limit signs in Holton.

Clerk reported that the PCSO says that a police speed enforcement camera has attended at Cheriton Hill in North Cheriton and has caught 22 people exceeding the speed limit. The camera will be attending later in the month. Councillors thought that the best time to attend is when commuters are using the road.

22.94 Planning Applications:

22.94.1 22/02019/HOU Lower Farm House, The Old Rectory Lane, North Cheriton – alterations and extensions to existing dwelling to include new dormer window and two storey rear extension. The applicant gave an overview of the application. **Councillors had no objections.**

22.94.2 22/01395/FUL Land at Lower Farmhouse, The Old Rectory Lane, North Cheriton – erection of 1No. Dwelling house and detached garage. The applicant gave an overview of the

application. **Councillors had no objections subject to there being no objections from the Highways Department.**

22.94.3 22/02154/HOU 2 The Barns, Lower Cheriton Lane, North Cheriton – demolition of existing extension and erection of a single storey extension to side and a single storey extension to rear of dwelling – the applicant gave an overview of the application. **Councillors had no objections.**

22.95 Planning Decisions:

22.95.1 22/00929/FUL 2 The Barns, Lower Cheriton Lane, North Cheriton – formation of new vehicular access and driveway – approved with conditions – **noted.**

22.96 Planning Other: none

22.97 Correspondence:

22.97.1 SSCAT Bus – thank you letter for recent donation – noted.

22.97.2. New Somerset Council – proposal to harmonise the amount of council tax relief for all district council areas. Clerk reported that the proposal is to set the amount at 100%, which is the level currently used by South Somerset District Council. This would mean that there would be no change in the current rate – **noted.**

22.92.3 South Somerset District Council – rubbish bin at lay-by in Holton. SSDC specify that a 240 litre wheeled bin is installed, as they consider that a normal bin is too small and would be overfilled, resulting in rubbish being left outside the bin. The cost of the bin and fixing to a post was discussed.

Dave Young will speak to Crestmoor Construction.

22.98 E A Gale's Parish Lands Charity – nothing to report.

22.99 Financial Matters:

22.99.1 Review balances as at 31st July 2022. The schedule was reviewed. The balance as at 31st July 2022 stands at £14,065.75

22.99.2. Authorise Cheques:

101169 £258.66 D Chapman – Clerk's salary and expenses August 2022

101170 £98.00 Society of Local Council Clerks – annual subscription

22.100 Speed Indicator Device:

Simon Ford reported that he has been encountering problems with the SID unit due to the ingress of water into some of the connectors and USB ports and that he will need to speak to the manufactures. He may need to take the unit back to them for modifications.

22.101 Co-option of Parish Councillor for North Cheriton:

Clerk reported that the person, who had previously shown an interest in the vacancy, has decided not to apply, as he spends several months of the year out of the country. Clerk reported that he has asked the Excalibur magazine to report that there is a vacancy.

22.102 Matters of report and items for next meeting: none.

Meeting closed at 8:50 pm

David Chapman – Parish Clerk

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