

NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

Monday 17th January 2022

Holton Village Hall

Present: Dave Young (Chairman), Janet Down, Simon Ford, Jenny Chambers & David Badham-Thornhill.

In attendance: Hayward Burt, William Wallace and David Chapman (Clerk).

Electors Question Time/Comments - none

County / District Councillors Reports:

William Wallace reported that faults on highways can be reported on the Somerset County Council website.

Mr Wallace also reported that the local government reorganisation in Somerset should soon be passed via Government Standing Orders and will be effective from April 2023 with elections taking place in May 2022.

Hayward Burt reported that, due to staff shortages, South West Railways has implemented a new timetable affecting the trains to and from Templecombe.

Mr Burt also reported that SSDC has grants available until 28th February for hospitality businesses affected by Covid 19.

22.01 Apologies: Gillian Freeman, Hannah Crofts, Graham Boaler and Doug Hodges.

22.02 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations: none

22.03 Minutes of Last Meeting;

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 15th November 2021 were agreed and signed.

22.04 Matters Arising from Minutes:

Clerk reported that Doug Hodges has trimmed the tree by the bus shelter in North Cheriton.

22.05 Planning Applications:

22.05.1 APP/R3325/W/21/3286401 – 21/01735/PAMB Maperton Dairy Unit, Maperton BA9 8EN – appeal regarding refusal of prior notification for conversion of agricultural barns into 5 residential dwellings (C3 use) and ancillary works. Appeal withdrawn - noted.

22.06 Planning Decisions:

22.06.1 21/02205/FUL Solar Park, South of Brains Farm, Wincanton (adjoining Parish) – erection of solar park and associated works – approved. - noted.

22.07 Correspondence:

22.07.1 Resident of North Cheriton – concerns about a fence built at the bottom of their garden that is blocking their view. Councillors felt that, as the fence is not over 2 metres tall there is probably nothing that the Parish Council can do. Simon Ford will investigate.

22.07.2 HSBC Bank – notification that the bank will now start imposing a monthly account fee and a charge for each transaction – Clerk will check with HSBC if they have another or account that does not incur charges and, if not, will investigate moving to another bank that does not charge.

22.07.3 Local Resident – concerns about the amount of time taken to clear the debris from the bus stop on the A357 in North Cheriton and replacing the old one. Clerk reported that the debris has now been cleared and that the Highways Department aim to erect a new sign in the financial year starting April 2022. Clerk will contact the Highways Department to find out when the sign will be erected.

22.07.4 Somerset County Council – notification that members of the public can report faults on public footpaths via the SCC website. Noted

22.07.5 Somerset County Council – notification that members of the public can report problems with roads on their website. Noted.

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

22.09 Speed Indicator Device:

Clerk reported that SSDC may be prepared to provide a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of another SID but not until after June 2022 which is 3 years after the original grant.

22.10 Financial Matters:

22.10.1 Review of bank balances at 31st December 2022 – reviewed and agreed. The current balance stands at £10,344.99

22.10.2 Authorise Cheques:

101144 £281.65 D Chapman – Clerk's salary and expenses January 2022

101145 £65.00 Wayne Pamphilon – grass cutting at North Cheriton cemetery

22.10.3 Agree budget / precept 2022 / 2023 including review of donations. Councillors reviewed the budget papers and proposals. After a lengthy discussion Councillors agreed to increase the precept to £9,000. It was also agreed to continue donating towards the cost of grass cutting at the churchyards in each village.

22.11 Matters of report and items for next meeting:

22.11.1 The next meeting will held on Monday 21st February 2022 at 7:30pm in Holton Village Hall.

Jenny Chambers reported that the drains at Sherils Corner are blocked and this is causing water to pour down the road towards the slip road from the A303. Clerk to raise the matter with the Highways Department.

Clerk reported that, after a request from a local resident, an application is being made to SSDC for free wild flowers for the Churchyard in Holton.

Dave Young reported that he has been asked about installing dog poo bins in Holton. Clerk reported that these can only be installed with the permission of SSDC and that they are currently conducting a review and are not authorising any new bins at this time.

Meeting closed at 8:10

David Chapman – Parish Clerk

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