



# NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Holton Village Hall  
on Monday 16 January 2023

**Present:** David Young (Chair), David Badham-Thornhill, Graham Boaler, Jenny Chambers, Janet Down, Steve Prior, Simon Ford, Gillian Freeman, Douglas Hodges.  
Barry Druce (Clerk) and Nicola Clark (County Councillor).  
No members of the general public attended.

**Apologies:** were received from Jenny Chambers and.

**Electors Question Time /Comments:** No questions or comments were raised.

**County / District Councillors Reports:** Nicola Clark gave a brief round up on County Council activities previously covered in her written report (previously circulated), including the timetable for the new Council Meetings. She referred to the flooding on the B3145 (Minute 22.139 refers) and reported that work was being impeded due to the land that needed to be accessed was still flooded, but was scheduled to be undertaken asap when conditions permitted.

**23.01 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations:** The Chair declared an interest in PA 22.03571.PAMB - Barn at Bella's Ground, Grove Lane, North Cheriton.

**23.02 Minutes of Last Meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022, as PROPOSED by Graham Boaler and SECONDED by Simon Ford, were approved and signed.

**23.03 Matters Arising:** (a) The Clerk referred to Minute 22.145.3 and reported that he had spoken with SALC on the £447 balance that had been collected in Holton and was being held by the Parish Council, and advised that their view is that if each individual donator could not be easily identified, the money should be ring-fenced and used on projects which are for the exclusive benefit of Holton residents. This was noted and agreed and the Clerk was instructed to advise the main participant accordingly.

(b) The Clerk referred to Minute 22.146 and reported that he had spoken with SPARK Somerset, that they were preparing details on likely contacts to approach for grant aid, and those details were still awaited. This was noted and it was agreed to wait and follow up when those details came through.

(c) The Chair referred to Minute 22.139.b and stated that he had spoken with Mr Higgins and confirmed the preferred colour of the bin but had heard nothing since. He continued that someone had dumped 3 bags of rubbish in the lay-by and was concerned that this was the beginning of a bigger problem. General discussion followed during which it was stated that it seemed the bags had been removed, but Nicola Clark undertook to chase this up with the County Council.

**23.04 Planning Applications:** The following Planning Applications were reported:-

23.04.1 22/03267/S73A S73A application to vary Condition 02 (approved plans) to convert garage into an office & additional windows of planning consent 20/00157/FUL; The erection of 1 No. new dwelling to replace existing agricultural barn - Maperton Stud Maperton Wincanton Somerset BA9 8EH – A short discussion followed and it was decided that **NO OBJECTION be submitted**

23.04.2 22.03571.PAMB Application for Prior Approval under Class Q of the GPDO 2015 (as amended) for Change of Use of Agricultural Building into 1 Dwelling (Class C3) with Associated Operational Development - Barn at Bella's Ground, Grove Lane, North Cheriton, Somerset - Simon Ford reported that he had spoken with the Agents concerned and explained the process involved. After a short discussion the situation was noted.

23.04.3 – Manor Farmhouse< Holton Road, Holton – Application to fell three trees – it was decided that no comments be submitted.

**23.05: Planning Decisions** – The following Planning Decisions were reported and noted:-

23.05.1 22.156.1. SCC/3940/2022 Section 73 planning application which seeks a variation of planning condition 2 that limits lorry movements from Blackford Quarry – Blackford Quarry, Blackford Hill, Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 7EA – **PERMISSION GRANTED**



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**23.06: Planning Other** – Jenny Chambers referred to the situation at Maperton whereby the traffic in and around the village was becoming busier and heavier, with lorries coming and going all day from early, from Maperton Quarry, even though it was not actually officially open for that use. General discussion followed concerning this growing problem and Nicola Clark stated that if comments and concerns were sent to her or Sarah Dyke by the residents, they would build an evidence file that could be used at some appropriate time in the future.

**23.07: Correspondence:** All correspondence of interest had previously been distributed by email and taken as read.

## **23.08: Financial Matters**

**23.08.1 Review balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022** – The schedule was reviewed. The balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 stands at £11,858.53.

**23.08.2 Authorise Cheques** – The following payment was authorised for payment:-

- (a) Barry Druce -Clerk's salary and expenses for December 2022 - £285.45
- (b) Wayne Pamphilion – Jazz Gardens – Inv 19 2023 - £207.00

**23.08.3 - Lloyds Bank Business Online Service:** The Clerk reported that this was still ongoing as completed forms were still being collected for forwarding to the bank. This was noted.

**23.08.4 – Precept for 2023-2024** – The Clerk referred to the comparison report showing the effects of different percentage rises on the precept for 2022-2023. The Chair stated that in view of the current economic climate he would prefer to see the precept for 2023-2024 held at the same level as the for the current year. After a brief discussion it was **PROPOSED by Graham Boaler, SECONDED by Steve Prior and unanimously AGREED that the precept for 2023-2024 should be held at the current level of £9,000.00.** The Clerk was instructed to notify the local authority accordingly.

**23.09: Speed Indicator Device latest update** – Simon Ford stated that there was no further update from him at present. (see minute 23.03(b) for current details on grant funding).

## **23.10: Matters of report and items for next meeting.**

**23.10.1** Steve Prior asked if any problems were foreseen with a local incentive to place flower displays under the village name signs, and the general view was that this would be quite acceptable.

**23.10.2** – The next meeting will held on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023** at 7:30pm in Holton Village Hall.

**The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm**

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