



NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Holton Village Hall
on Monday 20 March 2023

Present: David Young (Chair), David Badham-Thornhill, Graham Boaler, Jenny Chambers,
Gillian Freeman, Douglas Hodges.
Barry Druce (Clerk)
NO members of the general public attended.

Apologies: were received from Simon Ford, Steve Prior and Janet Down; Nicola Clarke and Sarah Dyke
(County Councillors)

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

County / District Councillors Reports: There was no report from the County Councillors, presumed to be due to their workload being involved in the transfer of Local Authority.

23.21 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations: No declarations of interest were submitted.

23.22 Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 20th February 2023, as PROPOSED by Gillian Freeman and SECONDED by Douglas Hodges, were approved and signed.

23.23 Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

23.24 Planning Applications: There were NO Planning Applications received since the previous meeting.

23.25: Planning Decisions – The following Planning Decision was reported and noted:-

23.25.1 **22/02965/HOU** Erection of a single storey oak framed extension to the rear of the dwelling -
Fives Court Cheriton Hill North Cheriton Templecombe Somerset BA8 0AB **GRANTED**

23.26: Planning Other – No other Planning matters were presented.

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

23.27.1 The Clerk referred to the new Somerset Waste Partnership Service Guide for South Somerset that had been distributed, and this was noted.

23.27.2 The Clerk referred to correspondence that had been received from Wayne Pamphilion, outlining his proposed increase in price for his maintenance work at the North Cheriton cemetery the financial year 2023/2024, raising the figure to £75.00 per visit/cut. It was unanimously DECIDED to accept this price increase and the Clerk was instructed to advise him accordingly.

23.27.3 The subject of the unfilled vacancy of Councillor for North Cheriton was discussed, and the potential problem of a second vacancy if Simon Ford eventually resigned now that he had left the village. It was decided that this would be discussed at the annual meeting to be held in the village in April, with a renewed attempt to finding interested persons to fill the current vacancy, and the Clerk was instructed to also place an advert in 'Excalibur', the church magazine.

23.28: Financial Matters

23.28.1 Review balances as at 20th March 2023 – The schedule was reviewed. The balance as at 20th March 2023 stands at £10,789.27.



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23.28.2 Authorise Cheques – The following items were authorised for payment:-

- (a) Barry Druce -Clerk's salary and expenses for February 2023 - £285.45
- (b) Wayne Pamphilion – Jazz Gardens – Inv 15th March 2023 - £138.00

23.28.3 - Lloyds Bank Business Online Service: The Clerk reported that this was proceeding and the applications for on-line access for the Parish Councillors had been forwarded to the bank and now awaiting the next stage. This was noted.

23.29: Speed Indicator Device latest update – The Clerk reported the current situation with the present device and that information from Simon Ford was awaited when he could access the data, and then new applications for funding towards a second device would proceed.

23.30: Matters of report and items for next meeting.

23.30.1 The Chair reported that the bin was in place and rubbish that had appeared in that location had all been removed.

23.30.2 Gillian Freeman reported that a large wooden board which had been dumped in the roadside hedgerow had been removed and thanked the Clerk for attending to the problem.

23.30.3 The Clerk reported that the problem with the disrepair of a stile on the western end of footpath WN20/5, was now being attended to.

23.30.4 The Chair reported that the potholes in Holton which had recently been reported by the Clerk were being dealt with and thanked the Clerk for addressing the problem.

23.30.5 Gillian Freeman reported that there appeared to be confusion over the collection days for garden waste from properties in North Cheriton and the Clerk undertook to follow this up.

23.30.6 The next meeting will held on **Monday 17th April 2023** at 7:30pm in Holton Village Hall.

The Meeting close at 8.30 pm
