



NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Holton Village Hall
on Monday 21st November 2022

Present: David Young (Chair), David Badham-Thornhill (Vice-Chair), Janet Down, Steve Prior, Simon Ford, Gillian Freeman. Barry Druce (Clerk) and Sarah Dyke (County Councillor).
No members of the general public attended.

Apologies: were received from Jenny Chambers, Graham Boaler and Douglas Hodges.

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

County / District Councillors Reports: Sarah Dyke gave a brief round up on County Council activities previously covered in her written report.

22.126 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations: none.

22.127 Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 24th October 2022 were approved and signed.

22.128 Matters Arising: (a) Steve Prior outlined the progress he had so far made with the possible adoption of the Old Inn at Holton as an asset of community value. He reported that he had completed the application form and asked councillors for any feedback they may have on the comments he had included in support of the application. He explained that the process is that the application is reviewed by the Local Authority and if approved, it is placed on a Register. The property owner is then precluded from doing anything with the property for a period of 6 weeks, giving the Parish the opportunity to raise funds to purchase the property. Sarah Dyke stated that the Plunkett Foundation has a long history of providing support in similar situations and suggested that they may be a good organisation to contact for funding aid. The Clerk was instructed to formally complete and forward the application on receipt of the details from Steve Prior.

(b) The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Highways Department and obtained an update on the situation with the 'Roundels' that had been painted on the roads in Holton. He reported that the Officer there was confident that all had been carried out in a satisfactory manner and that two other expected 'roundels' were scheduled to be completed at other locations in the village when time and weather permitted. Sarah Dyke undertook to look into the matter.

(c) Steve Prior reported that the road signs and rumble strips on the main road near Holton were now very dirty and/or deteriorating and suggested that there was a need for remedial action. Sarah Dyke undertook to look into it.

22.129 Planning Applications:

22.129.1 : 22/02812/HOU External alterations to existing house including: a proposed porch to the East (Front) elevation and proposed alterations to existing openings on the West Elevation to form French Doors and side windows, to match existing - Holton Lodge Cheriton Hill North Cheriton Templecombe. Simon Ford stated that he had made enquiries concerning this application and had visited the site. He stated that it was intended to simply make minor alterations that appeared to be sensible improvements, and that would have little or no impact on surroundings. **Short discussion followed and it was decided that NO OBJECTION be submitted**

22.129.2 : 22/03047/TCA Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 2 Trees within a Conservation Area - The Old Post Office Lower North Cheriton Road North Cheriton Templecombe Somerset BA8 0AE.. - **After a brief discussion it was decided that NO OBJECTION be submitted.**

22.130: Planning Decisions – The following Planning Decisions were reported and noted:-

22.130.1 **22/03089/AGN** Notification of intent for the erection of garaging for agricultural machinery Elliscombe Farm, Gibbet Road, Maperton, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 8EA, (GR:367968/12768) -

PRIOR APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED



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22.130.2 **22/02474/FUL** Change of use of agricultural land and barns to domestic curtilage/residential use (retrospective). The change of use has already started and the works have been completed - Cheriton View Higher North Cheriton Road North Cheriton Templecombe Somerset BA8 0AQ - **GRANT PERMISSION**

22.130.3 **22/02808/TCA** Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No.01 tree within a Conservation Area - Church Of St Peter And St Paul North Cheriton Road Maperton Wincanton Somerset BA9 8EJ – **APPROVED – NO TPO**

22.131 : Planning Other – Nothing to report.

22.132 _ Correspondence:

22.132.1 The Clerk referred to the letter that had been received from the Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Unit which outlined their intention to create a database of Somerset Emergency Community Contacts (SECC) and set out the expected roles for that contact. After a short discussion it was decided that the Chair should be registered in that capacity.

22.132.1 The Clerk referred to the letters that had been received from the Leader of the Somerset County Council and from the Director of Finance and Governance, concerning the precept for 2023/2024 and the procedure that should be followed. The Clerk was instructed to formulate and provide figures for consideration at the next meeting, for ratification and submission in January 2023. As part of the process, it was considered appropriate that quotations for the maintenance of the North Cheriton Cemetery should be sought from three known contractors and the Clerk was instructed to follow this up. Sarah Dyke suggested that the Local Authority may be interested in quoting for the contract and provided the name of the appropriate officer to contact (James Deval).

22.132.1 The Clerk referred to a letter that had been received from a concerned local which had pinpointed a problem with flooding at North Cheriton Cemetery that was being created due to apparent blockage of the drains in the adjacent highway. The Clerk was instructed to follow this up.

22.133 E A Gale's Parish Lands Charity – Nothing to report.

22.134 Financial Matters

22.134.1 Review balances as at 31st October 2022 - The schedule was reviewed. The balance as at 31st October 2022 stands at £12,803.83.

22.134.2 Authorise Cheques – The following payments were authorised for payment:-

(a) Barry Druce -Clerk's salary and expenses for October 2022 - £283.40

(b) Wayne Pamphilon – Invoice wp3 2022 – North Cheriton Cemetery Maintenance - £345.00

22.135 Speed Indicator Device latest update – Simon Ford stated that the SID device had been moved to North Cheriton Hill and although considered a great location for the SID, it had presented difficulties with fixing it to the post which he eventually got over after a struggle. He stated that due to the overgrown hedgerow the device was performing intermittently and he intended to return there as soon as he was able and trim back the hedge. He also stated that the device appeared to be in need of servicing and intended to look into it with the supplier. Referring to the need for a second device, the Clerk stated that he had discussed the past history on the SID with the previous Parish Clerk and had clarified that the time limit restricting applications for further grant funding had now expired. He was instructed to approach the Authority for assistance once establishing the cost of purchasing a second device, after liaising with Simon Ford on suitable suppliers.

22.136 Matters of report and items for next meeting.

22.136.1 The next meeting will held on **Monday 19th December 2022** at 7:30pm in Holton Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 8.40 pm
