



# NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Holton Village Hall  
on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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**Present:** David Young (Chair), David Badham-Thornhill (Vice-Chair), Graham Boaler, Janet Down, Steve Prior, Simon Ford, Jenny Chambers, Douglas Hodges. One member of the general public.

**Apologies:** were received from Gillian Freeman.

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

**County / District Councillors Reports:** No representatives present.

**22.115 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations:** none.

**22.116 Minutes of Last Meeting:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were approved and signed.

**22.117 Matters Arising:** (a) Referring to the problem of speeding traffic, the Chair stated that he had had meetings with representatives from the County Council's Highways Department to discuss traffic calming measure in Holton and pointed out where appropriate road-surface 20 mph roundall speed limits should be painted, but despite that, they had been painted at the wrong locations in the village. The Clerk undertook to contact the Authority and discuss further with the view to having the correct ones introduced.

(b) 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. His contact at the Local Authority had put him in touch with the appropriate body and they had advised that the Parish Council should go ahead and register their intention. He stated that no-one knew what the property owner's intentions were with regards to the property and it was proving impossible to contact him. General discussion followed and various suggestions were made with regards to locating the owner. He stated that he was quite happy to progress the Registration process but would prefer to contact the owner as a first step and identify his intentions before taking any further action. He outlined the process that would need to be followed to identify local support, including calling a public meeting, and the various other alternatives that could be employed to obtain a minimum of 21 signatures, etc. The Chair undertook to attempt to speak to the owner before the next step is taken and liaise with Steve Prior before the appropriate application is made.

## **22.118 Planning Applications:**

**22.118.1 : 22/02519/S73A** Construction of a 9.3 hectare solar park with associated works. S73A application to amend condition 2 of approval 14/05472/FUL (as varied by 16/03675/S73A) to remove the time limiting element for the solar site of 30 years from the approval date, which will allow the permitted solar installation to continue in perpetuity. Solar Site At Sutor Farm Moor Lane Wincanton Somerset. - **After lengthy discussion it was decided to OBJECT to the removal of the 30 year limitation on the grounds that there was no clear planning reason for its removal.**

**22.118.2 : 22/02489/FUL** Changes to window and door design and insertion of rooflights for barn conversion permitted by 16/04947/FUL, Maperton Stud Maperton Road Maperton Wincanton – The Applicant addressed the Meeting and explained the situation, together with the detailed action she had taken when preparing the Application. Jenny Chambers stated that she and Graham Boaler had visited the site and they could see why there is a need to make the proposed changes. She continued that there are no objections from the neighbouring property owners. - **A short discussion followed and it was decided that NO OBJECTION be submitted.**

**22.118.3 : 22/02593/ADV** No. 3 roundabout advertisement/sponsorship signs/chevrons with directional signs, downlighters. Grassed. Anchor Hill Roundabout Wincanton Somerset. - **This Application was fully discussed and it was decided that NO OBJECTION BE REGISTERED PROVIDED THE DOWN-LIGHTERS WERE REMOVED.**

**22.119 : Planning Decisions** – None to report.



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**22.120 : Planning Other – 22.120.1 : 22/02808/TCA Tree Order** - Church Of St Peter And St Paul North Cheriton Road Maperton Wincanton Somerset BA9 8EJ - Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No.01 tree within a Conservation Area – **Noted**

**22.120.2 : 22/02870/TCA Tree Order** - The Nook Holton Street Holton Wincanton BA9 8AN - Notification of intent to Fell No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area. - **Noted**

**22.120.3 : 22/02878/TCA Tree Order** - Thistledown Holton Street Holton Wincanton Somerset BA9 8AN - Notification of intent to Fell No.4 Trees within a Conservation Area. - **Noted**

## **22.121 \_ Correspondence :**

**22.121.1 Somerset County Council Warm Spaces Questionnaire** – The Clerk referred to the survey currently underway where the County Council is asking villages for suggested locations to provide ‘warm spaces’ for residents who may be experiencing difficulties with the current energy price crisis, and the fact that grant aid of up to £1,000 was being made available for approved locations. Steve Prior stated that the Holton Village Hall Committee had already made an application but been turned down. Discussion followed and North Cheriton councillors decided to look into the possibility of applying for their Hall.

**22.121.2 RBLI Remembrance 2022 Order Form** – The Clerk referred to the notification from the Royal British Legion Institute which invited orders for items for use in conjunction with the coming Remembrance Day.

**22.121.3 Cerne Abbas Open Gardens 2023** – Councillors noted the advert that had been received in respect of next year’s Open Gardens at Cerne Abbas.

**22.121.4 Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Precept Consultation** - Councillors noted the notification received from the Fire and Rescue Service concerning their precept for 2023-24.

**22.122 E A Gale’s Parish Lands Charity** – Nothing to report.

## **22.123 Financial Matters**

**22.123.1 Review balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022** - The schedule was reviewed. The balance as at 30 September 2022 stands at £13,096.23.

**22.123.2 Authorise Cheques** – No payments to be made this time.

**22.123.3 Maintenance at North Cheriton Cemetery** : The tendering process for the maintenance works at the cemetery was discussed and it was decided that this should be looked into with the view to introducing a formal procedure for the new financial year.

**22.124 Speed Indicator Device latest update** – Simon Ford stated that the SID device was about to be moved. Brackets had yet to be put up on the designated location on North Cheriton Hill. He stated that nevertheless data was being constantly collected and recorded. The need for a second unit was discussed and the possibility of obtaining a grant for a second unit was tabled. The Clerk undertook to make enquiries with the previous Parish Clerk and clarify the past history before moving forward.

## **22.125 Matters of report and items for next meeting.**

**22.125.1** The next meeting will be held on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022** at 7:30pm in Holton Village Hall.

**The Meeting closed at 8.55 pm**

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