

Minutes of the Meeting of the Queen Thorne Parish Council held on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm in Trent Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs McBeath, Biddiscombe, Carter, Chick, Kipling, Lowe, Morgan, Symms, Dorset Council ('DC') Cllr Legg and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** - Cllrs Allcard, Brewer and Hayton.
2. **Chairman's Statement** - The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for brevity.
3. **Declarations of Interests** - There were no declarations of interest concerning items on the agenda.
4. **Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2021 were accepted as a true record and signed.
5. **New members for Nether Compton –**
 - a. Mr Colin Hart told the council that he was born and brought up in Nether Compton and has recently moved back into the village. Proposed by Cllr McBeath, the council unanimously voted to co-opt him.
 - b. Mr Peter Livingstone told the council that he has recently moved into the area and is interested in joining the council. He will be attending meetings with a view to standing for co-option when he becomes eligible later in the year.
6. **Vice Chair** – Proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr McBeath, Cllr Chick was unanimously elected.
7. **Business Items arising from meeting on November 1st 2021**
 - a. **Hummer Bridge, repair works and surrounding road repairs, update** Cllr McBeath and Cllr Hayton had met with Chris Loder and Cllr Legg to look at road and verge damage in lanes adjacent to the bridge, caused by the diversion and works. Photos have been sent to Mr Loder who will take the matter up with Network Rail. Dorset Highways are providing an estimated cost of works to repair the damage. Work in preparation for the bridge replacement has now started. The council asked the clerk to write and thank Mr Loder for his efforts in getting Network Rail to commence the work.
 - b. **Other road surface issues:**
 - I. **State of Marl Lane** Cllr Chick had reported that the lane is still in a poor state. The clerk will write to Paul Thatcher.
 - II. **Repair of road surface at Over Compton House, update** No further work has taken place and the lane has deteriorated further. The Clerk will write to the owners, copied to Dave Ackerley.
 - III. **Western Street past Trent Manor Dairy** Highways are going to resurface the road after the work at Hummer Bridge has been completed. Network Rail and the farm contractors will be asked to contribute.
 - IV. **Blocked drain on New Road (Near Glebe Farm on the road to Nether Compton)** The clerk will write to Highways who have previously said that a collapsed culvert is the likely cause and will need to be dug out.
 - V. **Flooding on roadway on Western Street just outside the village towards Trent** Cllr Chick reported that details of the problem and the landowner, whose ditches have not been cleared, have been passed to Highways.
 - c. **Neighbourhood Plan: Update** A grant of £1876 has been applied for and received, to cover costs until April 2022. The initial consultation letter has gone out to everyone in Trent, Hummer and Adber and 20 - 30 replies have been received. The committee is due to meet shortly to discuss.
 - d. **Tree planting, update** The trees were planted in the week before Christmas. A decision was taken by Trent Councillors to change the location from Western Street to the lane between Gore Farm and Glebe Farm. This was done because the arrangement for cutting the hedge on the Trent side of Western Street had not been confirmed, and it was felt that the trees should be planted as soon as possible after delivery. Some councillors expressed their disappointment at the decision and it was resolved to procure more trees for Western

Street, at least for the Yeovil side of the road. This could be done for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and will be discussed at the next meeting.

- e. **Over & Nether Compton Village Meeting** Cllr Carter has arranged for the Village Meeting to be held on February 12th. Cllr McBeath said that he would attend to chair the meeting if no one else has volunteered to do so before the event.
- f. **Rights of Way:**
 - I. **Meeting with the British Horse Society** Cllr Legg reported that around 30 people are likely to attend. In order to meet safely in person, the meeting will probably take place in April in Thornford Hall.
 - II. **Information board for the Monarch's Way** The Trent RoWLO has offered to make the board at an estimated cost of £225. The Monarch's Way Association has offered the services of a graphic designer and a donation of £70. The parish council decided to award a grant of £150. The board will be located outside the Manor House. Cllr Lowe pointed out that Perspex covers tend to deteriorate quickly.
 - III. **Permissive bridleway proposal from Gooseland Lane to Stallen** Sherborne Town Councillor Susan Green has come to an agreement with the Ernest Cook Trust, Dorset Council and the tenant farmer. The council agreed to await further details.
- g. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** A sum of £1000 has been allowed in next year's budget. It was suggested that Trent and the Comptons might use their share for the trees on Western Street and that £250 be allocated to Sandford Orcas. How the latter amount might be used will be discussed at a Sandford Orcas meeting. If this is deemed acceptable the grant of £250 will be confirmed at the next parish council meeting.

8. New Business

- a. **Draft local plan and Dorset Council housing numbers – response to CPRE**
Cllr Legg briefly updated the council on reaction to the housing numbers used within the draft local plan. Councillors will read the latest press release and then send their comments to the Clerk who will compile a response to be sent to CPRE
- b. **Fingerpost maintenance** The council expressed its continued thanks to Clive Yendole who is at present continuing with the renovation and maintenance of local fingerposts, even though he has now stepped down from the council.
- c. **A30 crossing at top of Babylon Hill** Cllr McBeath agreed to write again to Chris Loder to enquire about steps discussed at a meeting last year.
- d. **Dorset Council planning webinar** The clerk reminded councillors about the webinar on January 27th.

9. Financial Matters

Financial Report and Payment of Invoices The Council reviewed expenditure against budget year to date. Invoices approved for payment: Clerk salary £818.67, HMRC PAYE £0, KM Dike £ 123.38, Dorset Garden Fencing £1631.82, Second Poor £250, Chew Vallley Trees £3563.16, Trent Memorial Hall £45

Payments made since last meeting approved at the meeting: SSE £58.24, KM Dike £246.77, SO VH £25.00, O&NC VH £25.00, HMRC PAYE 16.20, Trent Memorial Hall, defibrillator parts, £456, Garden Superstore, Tree Guards £49.67 (via petty cash) Neighbourhood Plan - £105.90 paid to Max Snow for mailing costs

Receipts since last meeting:

26.11.21 eighbourhood Plan Grant - £1876.00

10. Planning Matters

DC Planning Applications – Approved or decided by Parish Council

Name	Reference/Details	Status
High Pavement Down Lane Trent	P/HOU/2021/05420 Erection of one and a half and 2 No. single storey extensions , install 2 No. roof lights, install and replace some windows and doors, erection of garden wall,	Support subject to change of material on end garage wall.

	carry out external alterations and erect replacement garage (demolish existing garage and shed).	
The Old Rectory, Crossfields Nether Compton DT9 4QL	P/LBC/2021/05778, Conversion of existing outbuilding to form annexe accommodation	No objection (confirmed after the meeting).
Lower Farm, The Green Nether Compton Sherborne DT9 4QA	P/LBC/2021/05681 Swimming pool, garden building and solar panels	Comments to be confirmed

DC Planning Applications – Decided or awaiting decision by Dorset Council

Half Acre House, Rigg Lane Trent Sherborne DT9 4SS	P/HOU/2021/03539, Erect single storey extension & 1st floor extension	No objection Granted 10.12.21
Church Farm Church Farm Access Road Trent	P/OUT/2021/01823 Erection of 1no. agricultural workers dwelling	Support
Fairways 20 Down Lane From Corner House To J Trent	P/HOU/2021/02428 Erect two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. (Demolish existing side and rear extensions and garage).	Support
Sandford Orcas Manor House Estate	P/FUL/2021/03003 Conversion of ground floor stable building to dwelling.	No objection
Sandford Orcas Manor House Estate	P/LBC/2021/03004 Carry out internal & external alterations associated with the conversion of ground floor stable building to dwelling.	No objection
2, Manor Close Sandford Orcas	P/HOU/2021/02491 Erect single storey extension. Install aluminium windows throughout.	Support Granted 25.10.21
Wood Acres, Harts Lane Junction Above Middle Fa To Junction A30 Dual Carriageway Nether Compton	P/HOU/2021/03985 Erection of new double garage (demolish existing)	No objection Granted 01.12.21
Higher Barton Cottage, Compton Road Over Compton DT9 4QY	P/FUL/2021/03594 Change of Use and erection of a household groundmount PV (Solar Panels) in paddock to generate Carbon Free electricity for the dwelling.	Support Granted 08.12.21
Rockerries, Western Street Over Compton DT9 4QZ	P/HOU/2021/03769 Erect a porch, a single storey side extension and a garden room to the rear. Replace tiled roof with slates.	No objection Granted 29.11.21
Manor House, Compton Road Over Compton	P/HOU/2021/03021 Erect Extensions and Garage Block, demolish existing garage.	No objection Granted 09.12.21
Valley View Noor Farm, Nether Compton	P/VOC/2021/01460 Erection of replacement dwelling & replacement of barn with garage & workshop (variation of condition 1	No objection Granted 13.11.21

	of planning permission WD/D/20/002371 to amend the approved plans & without compliance of condition 6 to allow an unrestricted use of the workshop & garage).	
Folly Cottage, The Folly Nether Compton	P/HOU/2021/02184, Erect first floor extension above Garage	No objection Granted 26.10.21
Lower Farm, Over Compton	P/FUL/2021/01334 Conversion & extension of agricultural building to create 1no. dwelling, including change of use of land to create residential curtilage. Erection of car port & boundary wall	No objection
Gore Cottage, Sandford Orcas	P/LBC/2021/00863 Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement dwelling.	Support
Trent School	P/LBC/2021/00722, Replacement of 12no. windows	No objection Granted 04.12.21

11. Dates of Future Meetings: 7 March, Sandford Orcas; 9 May, Nether Compton; 11 July, Trent; 5 September, Sandford Orcas; 7 November, Nether Compton.

12. Items for next Meeting: Agree new planning rep for Nether Compton; Old School House, Sandford Orcas; 4 x4s at night in the Comptons; Gooseland Lane permissive bridleway; Tree maintenance NC recreation ground.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm