

Minutes of a meeting of the Queen Thorne Parish Council held on Monday 7 September at 7.30pm by Zoom video/audio call.

Present: Cllrs McBeath, Allcard, Biddiscombe, Chick, Harris, Hayton, Lowe and DC Cllr Legg. Cllrs Dodd and Yendole were prevented from connecting to the meeting by technical issues. 2 members of the public were present.

- 1. Apologies** Cllrs Brewer, Carter and Kipling
- 2. Declarations of Interests** None
- 3. The Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2020 were accepted as a true record and it was agreed that they would be signed as such.

- 4. Business Items arising from meeting on July 6th 2020**
 - a. Nether Compton Recreation Ground** As Cllr Yendole could not join the meeting this item was deferred.
 - b. Primrose Lane, Mudford** The barrister acting for Mudford PC has advised that a judicial review would have at least a 50% chance of success. Before any decision is taken, he will send his points to SSDC for their reaction. The Parish Council agreed to let Mudford PC know that Queen Thorne is supportive of Mudford's position, but any decision on a donation will be made at a later date once the points in the letter to SSDC are shared.
 - c. Mobile phone signal in Queen Thorne** Following news from Dorset Council that Vodafone is looking at sites to increase coverage in Dorset, the parish council agreed to ask them to consider Queen Thorne and suggest sites for infrastructure. The Clerk noted that there is no signal in Sandford Orcas, with Nether Compton patchy but signal in Trent and Over Compton is okay.
 - d. Adber Triangle Wild flower seed.** The Council agreed to an increased cost to around £42

- 5. New Business**
 - a. Planning Reform Consultation** The Council agreed to individually study the consultation and make their views known to the Clerk before the October deadline. Cllr Legg stressed the major and potentially detrimental effects this could have for areas like Queen Thorne.
 - b. 29, Plot Lane, Trent** Chris Loder has agreed to discuss the consequences of recent planning decisions on this property with Dorset Council. Cllr McBeath will contact his office for a report. The council agreed that the current situation is unsatisfactory.
 - c. Road safety on the A30 between Sherborne and Yeovil** The Clerk will request information on accidents in the last 5 years from Dorset and Somerset Police.
 - d. Marl Lane:** Cllr Legg agreed to ask Highways when the resurfacing work will take place. The Clerk will make enquiries about a horse warning sign.
 - e. Pot holes on Spring Lane, Sandford Orcas** These will be reported to Highways
 - f. Japanese Knotweed next to Homecroft, Sandford Orcas** Dorset Council has now completed the spraying and will mark the area and respray in future.
 - g. Funding request from Life Education Wessex for Trent School visit** – see below
 - h. Trent School PTA funding request for Covid protection expense for Gore Farm visits** The Council agreed to donate £600 to Trent School PTA to be divided as they see fit.
 - i. New street signs in Trent** Cllr Harris spoke for the whole council when he said how delighted he was that the signs have now been installed. It is thanks to the efforts and determination of Cllr Phil Street who negotiated with various bodies over many months that Trent now has street signs. The council is very grateful to Cllr Street for this and all his other service to Trent and Queen Thorne. Cllr Harris thanked Cllrs Hayton and Kipling as well as the Clerk for arranging the installation. The Council is very grateful to Ian James who worked hard to install the signs on a voluntary basis so that they might be up in time for Cllr Street's birthday. The Council agreed a gratuity of £25 to go behind the bar at the Rose and Crown for Mr James and also approved the cost of the signs at £404.01 plus postcrete at £50.70.

- j. **Casual Vacancy** The council is very sorry that serious illness has forced the resignation of Cllr Street. Dorset Council has published a vacancy notice. This is likely to be filled by co-option at the November meeting.

6. Financial Matters

- a. **Financial Report and Payment of Invoices** The Council reviewed expenditure against budget year to date. Invoices approved for payment: Clerk salary (Aug/Sept) £750.27, KM Dike £355.83 (July, August), Trent PCC £1000.00, Sandford Orcas PCC £1000, Over with Nether Compton PCC £2000, Clerk petty cash £100, Clerk for Wickes payment made £50.70

Payments made since last meeting approved at the meeting Water2business £80.71 and £21.61, SSE £36.54

Other payments expected already agreed: Dorset Highways £5800

Receipts since last meeting: Trent Village Hall £125.

7. Correspondence None

Open Forum

Simon and Vicky Drury of Over Compton answered questions about the planning application at Lower Farm, Over Compton.

8. Planning Matters

DC Planning Applications – Approved or decided by Parish Council

Name	Reference/Details	Status
Lower Farm, Over Compton	WD/D/20/001967 Change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse	No objection
Sevengates, Over Compton	WD/D/20/002054 Change of use from agricultural building to dwelling (Class C3)	Objection - too far from the road. Farm is too small to require 2 houses
Glenholme Nursery, Sandford Orcas	WD/D/20/001786 Change of Use of Agricultural Building to Dwellinghouse	Support
Culdrose, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/001662 Replace existing flat roof over attached garage with a pitched roof	No objection
The Old Forge, 8 Compton House	WD/D/20/001545 Replace 1 fixed pane with a hinged opening pane for two separate windows	No objection
Bucklers Farm, The Folly, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/001377 Conversion of An Agricultural Barn into Two Dwellings	No objection Withdrawn 18.08.20
Sandford Orcas payphone	WD/D/20/001582 Notification of intention to remove 23 public payphones	Objection

DC Planning Applications – Decided or awaiting decision by Dorset Council

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Bucklers Farm, The Folly, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/001230 Change of use of land from garden to parking area	No objection Refused 30.07.20
37 Higher Barton, Trent	WD/D/20/000884 Works to facilitate Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of single and double storey extension to rear and side	Support Approved 30.07.20
Anchor Farm, Hummer	WD/D/20/001161 Single storey side/rear extension to allow for conversion of barn into dwelling for holiday/tourist accommodation, involving demolition of lean to.	No objection with conditions Approved 12.08.20
The Harbour, Trent	WD/D/20/001245 Erection of summerhouse to front garden	Support Approved 14.08.20
The Old Rectory, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/000832 Conversion of existing outbuilding to form annexe accommodation	No objection Approved 27.08.20
Middle Farm, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/001051/2 Renovation of farmhouse and erection of garden room, 2 porches and loggia; alterations to access and roadside stone wall; landscaping; and installation of solar panels	No objection Pending decision
Nether Valley Barn, Middle Farm, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/000722/721 Removal of timber stable buildings to courtyard and removal of adjoining steel frame barns, the conversion and alteration of stone barn buildings to create No. 1 dwelling and the construction of a carport building	No objection Approved 14.07.20
Trent Youngs Primary School, Trent	WD/D/19/002817 Works to facilitate refurbishment to the old school house comprising replacement steel double glazed windows, damp-proofing of external ashlar stone walls and internal dry-lining,	Support Pending decision
Patson Hill Farm, Patson Hill, Trent	WD/D/19/001248 Remedial works to outbuilding	No objection Pending decision

SSDC

Primrose Lane, Mudford, 14/02554/OUT and 15/03942/FUL
See item 5b

Lavender Keepers, Great Pit Lane, Sherborne, DT9 4FG
20/00231/FUL - Valid From 17/02/2020
Change of use to land for the siting of a proposed tipi for cafe/farm shop.

The Council wrote to SSDC in support of the application. Approved 13.08.20

9. Dates of Future Meetings

2 November – TBC Sandford Orcas or virtual

2021 – 4 January, 8 March, 3 May, 5 July, 6 September, 1 November

10. Items for next Meeting None

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm