

## **Minutes of a meeting of the Queen Thorne Parish Council held on Monday 2 November at 7.30pm by Zoom video/audio call.**

**Present:** Cllrs McBeath, Allcard, Biddiscombe, Carter, Chick, Dodd, Harris, Hayton, Lowe, Yendole and DC Cllr Legg.

1 member of the public was present.

1. **Apologies** Cllrs Brewer and Kipling
2. **Declarations of Interests** None
3. **The Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 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 September 7th 2020**

#### **a. Primrose Lane, Mudford, to consider a request for a donation from Mudford Parish Council towards the legal costs of opposing the development.**

At the start of the discussion Cllr Hayton was asked if he had an interest to declare. He confirmed that he did not have any disclosable pecuniary interest. He declared that he had been advising Mudford PC on a voluntary basis using his knowledge of development issues. He further stated that he was a supporter of the Friends of Mudford Action Group but not a member of the group. He had recently spoken to BBC Somerset about the Mudford Development on behalf of QTPC. The Clerk and Council accepted that this did not prevent Cllr Hayton taking part in the discussion or voting.

Cllr Hayton told the council that the barrister acting for Mudford PC had issued the pre-action protocol letter and SSDC had requested an extension until November 16<sup>th</sup> to respond. If they have not responded satisfactorily by that date, Mudford will commence the judicial review proceedings. Following a request from Mudford PC, QTPC voted by 8 votes to 1, with 1 abstention to donate £2500 to Mudford PC towards the legal costs of opposing this development. On Cllr Legg's advice, the council stipulated that the donation be dependent on prior approval from the Dorset Council Monitoring Officer to ensure compliance with regulations. The Council agreed to make a virement from Projects and Parish Amenity sections of the budget for the donation.

- b. Mobile phone signal and broadband in Queen Thorne** Following enquiries from the Clerk, Dorset Council has informed the parish council that Vodafone is not looking at either the Queen Thorne or Yeohead areas as part of its 5G Rural Dorset pilot to increase coverage in Dorset. The Clerk has written to Chris Loder with details of areas where the broadband connection is particularly poor. He has had meetings with the Minister for Digital Infrastructure and is working with other Dorset MPs to try and get improvements in broadband and mobile connection.
- c. 29, Plot Lane, Trent.** There has been no response so far from the planners about parish council concerns over recent planning decisions on this property. This has been taken up with Chris Loder and will be discussed at his visit in December.
- d. Road safety on the A30 at the Marl Lane junction** Since the last meeting the Clerk had obtained a FOI report on collisions over the last 5 years from Dorset Police. Somerset Police do not hold records on accidents on Dorset roads. Since then Cllr Legg had been in communication with Dorset Highways and reported a recent accident. Highways have agreed to review the history of accidents and road safety provision on this stretch of road. This will also be brought up with Chris Loder in December.
- e. Marl Lane potholes, horse warning sign** Highways are unwilling to install signs as this would be contrary to their Dorset signs protocol policy. The potholes have been reported.
- f. Planning reform consultation** The Parish Council has responded to the consultation which has now expired. Any individuals can still send their views to Chris Loder which he will take into consideration.
- g. Vacancy** The Council voted unanimously to co-opt Mr David Symms from Adber as the new member for Trent.

## 5. New Business

- a. **Chris Loder visit 11th December** Cllr McBeath will write to Mr Loder to confirm the visit. Items: Trent School parking, 29 Plot Lane, A30 road safety and also Sevingates planning decision.
- b. **Trent School – parking, traffic issues and outstanding planning application** Trent Councillors reported that a new scheme to alleviate the school parking and traffic is being considered by the school. It will involve parking at the pub and a new footpath with an estimated total cost of around £6000. The planning application is moving forward with a recent positive report from the conservation officer and further plans submitted.
- c. **Appeal to householders to maintain area in front of their property** This will be included in the QT Magazine report and the Sandford Orcas newsletter.
- d. **Neighbourhood Plan** It was agreed that given the current lockdown the neighbourhood plan public consultation must be left on hold
- e. **Sandford Orcas HGV road signs** Cllr Lowe has been in contact with SSDC. They have no budget left for signs until next July. However, they have agreed that a pictorial HGV sign will go up at the top of Great Pit Lane this week. The sign at the Rimpton turn off will also be moved to a better position. Cllr Lowe will speak to villagers about the possibility of security cameras to count HGVs in the village as has been suggested by Dorset Highways.
- f. **Installation of road name signs in Sandford Orcas** Following the successful scheme in Trent, the Council agreed that this would also be beneficial in Sandford Orcas, in particular for delivery drivers. The Clerk quoted some costs which were considered reasonable and it was decided that Cllr Lowe will survey opinion in the village.
- g. **Fingerpost at the top of Ham Lane, Trent** The Council agreed that the sign pointing down a rough track is of little use and it was decided that Cllr Yendole will take it down and use it for spares.
- h. **Nuisance bonfires, appeals to residents** The Council approved the article in the Queen Thorne Magazine as well as letters to be sent to Sandford Orcas residents.

## 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 (Oct/Nov) £681.87, HMRC £49, KM Dike £474.43 (Sept/Oct), Queen Thorne Magazine £100, A.Yendole £39.97, Clerk petty cash £100.  
**Payments made since last meeting approved at the meeting** Ian James £25 (via M Hayton and petty cash), Landlife Wildflowers £44.50 (paid through petty cash), Steve Rose £75.00, PFK Littlejohn £240.00  
**Other payments expected already agreed:** Dorset Highways £5800, Dorset Sign Shop £404  
**Other payments expected,** Ground works at Trent Allotments to be approved  
**Receipts since last meeting:** Dorset Council precept £11,500.
- b. **Conclusion of Audit Report** The Clerk reported that the audit had been concluded with no matters causing concern. It was noted that the end of year accounts had been delayed this year by the coronavirus situation.
- c. **Bank signatories** The Council agreed that Cllrs Lowe and Allcard should become signatories on the bank account and that Cllr Brewer should be taken off the mandate.

## 7. Correspondence None

## 8. Planning Matters

DC Planning Applications – Approved or decided by Parish Council

Name	Reference/Details	Status
Bucklers Farm, The Folly, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/002386   Use of the land to site a log cabin as temporary living accommodation associated with adjacent building projects	Objection – this is an unnecessary building on virgin land.
Bucklers Farm, The Folly, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/002083   Change of use of land from garden to parking area, form vehicular access, construct bridge and bunds	Objection – Unnecessary as there is space around the new houses, inappropriate in the location and the bridge would be a flood risk
Ratleigh Wood Poultry Unit, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/001876   Erection of an extension to existing poultry building following demolition of an existing dilapidated poultry building	No objection Pending decision
LAND AND BUILDING SOUTH OF, COMPTON ROAD, NETHER COMPTON	WD/D/20/002104   Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling (Use Class C3) and associated operational development	QT PC was not a consultee, however we did write with concerns about the application. Prior approval refused 09.10.20
Plum Orchard House, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/001826   Erect extension to garage to form store/workshop	No objection Approved 16.10.20
Nether Valley Barn, Middle Farm, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/002163   Installation of solar panels on car port and change of roofing material	No objection with request to avoid retrospective applications

DC Planning Applications – Decided or awaiting decision by Dorset Council

Lower Farm, Over Compton	WD/D/20/001967   Change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse	No objection Prior approval refused 09.10.20
Sevengates, Over Compton	WD/D/20/002054   Change of use from agricultural building to dwelling (Class C3)	Objection Prior approval not required 30.09.20
Glenholme Nursery, Sandford Orcas	WD/D/20/001786   Change of Use of Agricultural Building to Dwellinghouse	Support Prior approval refused 28.09.20
Culdrose, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/001662   Replace existing flat roof over attached garage with a pitched roof	No objection Approved 09.09.20
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 Pending decision
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
Trent Youngs Primary School, Trent	WD/D/19/002817   Works to facilitate refurbishment to the old school house comprising	Support Pending decision

	replacement steel double glazed windows, damp-proofing of external ashlar stone walls and internal dry-lining,	
Patson Hill Farm, Patson Hill, Trent	WD/D/19/001247/8 Change of use and Remedial works to outbuilding	No objection Approved 02.10.20

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Primrose Lane, Mudford, 14/02554/OUT and 15/03942/FUL

See item 4a

**9. Dates of Future Meetings**

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

**10. Items for next Meeting** None

**The meeting closed at 9.27 pm**