

Minutes of a meeting of the Queen Thorne Parish Council held on Monday 4 January at 7.30pm by Zoom video/audio call.

Present: Cllrs McBeath, Biddiscombe, Carter, Chick, Harris, Hayton, Kipling, Lowe, Simms, Yendole and DC Cllr Legg.

1. **Apologies** Cllrs Brewer, Allcard and Dodd
2. **Chairman's Announcements** The Chairman welcomed David Symms, the new Trent Councillor to the meeting. He also asked the Clerk to write and thank the Sherborne medical practices for their much-appreciated coronavirus information bulletins.
3. **Declarations of Interests** None
4. **The Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2020 were accepted as a true record and it was agreed that they would be signed as such.
5. **Business Items arising from meeting on November 2nd 2020**
 - a. **Primrose Lane, Mudford,**

The council voted unanimously to approve a donation of £2500 to Mudford PC towards the legal costs of opposing this development. This donation had been agreed in principle at the last meeting but was dependent on prior approval from the Dorset Council Monitoring Officer to ensure compliance with regulations. Advice received from the Monitoring Officer and NALC legal team subsequently cleared the way for the donation. It was reported that SSDC have not yet responded to the pre action protocol letter sent by Mudford's solicitors, but the decision has been sent back to committee for review.
 - b. **Report on Chris Loder's visit to Queen Thorne on December 11th**
 - I. **A30 safety at Marl Lane junction** Since the visit, Paul Eastwood of Dorset Council has arranged for a speed camera to be put up for a few days to monitor traffic at the junction
 - II. **Trent School** Mr Loder was told about the plans to set up a walking bus from the pub carpark to the school. The Clerk was asked to write to Dave Ackerley to request a meeting to discuss the possibility of diverting the public footpath to make the route from the pub to school easier. Cllr Legg advised that there had been a somewhat negative response to the grant application for the scheme, but the council felt that the £6,500 estimated costs could be found elsewhere. Mr Loder also went into the school to look at the proposed window works. The School Agent has reportedly spoken with the Conservation Officer and foresees to no further need for parish council involvement.
 - III. **29, Plot Lane, Trent** Mr Loder considered the situation to be unreasonable and will bring it up with the Dorset Planning Department.
 - c. **Marl Lane, horse warning sign.** A member of the public who keeps a horse on Marl Lane reported an incident where a car hit a pedestrian walking alongside a horse. The Highways Officer is still of the view that erecting horse warning signs would not deter people who already ignore the existing narrow road signs and drive too fast for the road. The Clerk will write to Highways again.
 - d. **Condition of road surface at Over Compton House** The owners of the lane, Mr and Mrs Freeman had written to say that the repair work is due to take place in mid-January as long as Covid restrictions allow. The council discussed their questions relating to traffic on the lane and drainage. The Clerk will make enquiries with Dorset Highways.
 - e. **Fingerposts** Cllr Yendole reported that he has now repaired the sign at the top of Ham Lane which will be completed with a new pyramid, currently on order.
 - f. **Sandford Orcas HGV road signs and street name signs** Since the last meeting Cllr Lowe has worked with Dorset and Somerset Highways as well as local farmers to have the appropriate HGV signs put up at almost every junction where there is a route into Sandford Orcas. She is continuing to look into ways to monitor large vehicles driving into the village and is also consulting residents about the proposal to install street name signs.

6. New Business

- a. **Unclaimed rights of way** The council had previously been sent parish maps on which The Ramblers had marked rights of way shown on old maps which are not currently on the definitive map. Sandford Orcas will discuss the paths in their parish at the next village meeting. The Comptons and Trent are also looking at any paths which residents may want to claim.
- b. **Permissive paths** The Clerk told the council about a suggestion to create a permissive bridleway linking Gooseland Lane and Stallen. Cllrs believed that the land may be owned by Sherborne Castle Estates who are unlikely to give permission.
- c. **Dorset Local Plan consultation** The Clerk will inform the council when the consultation begins. Cllr Legg and the CPRE have already sent background information.
- d. **Update on Old School House, Sandford Orcas** Renovation work is going ahead and the owner is hoping to move in shortly.
- e. **Over hanging hedge and bank at Uplands in Over Compton** Cllr Biddiscombe will send the Clerk details of the exact location and properties involved which will be passed on to Rolly Skeats at Dorset Highways.
- f. **Pax Lane, Trent, drainage** (Declaration of interest from Cllr Harris) The drainage work has been done so badly that water runs straight onto the highway. Cllr Hayton has written to Rolly Skeats.
- g. **Dog related signs** The Clerk will deliver the new signs to each village that has ordered them. She will also put information notices on village boards. Cllrs Yendole and Carter will put up signs in the Comptons and Mr David Walden will do the same in Trent.

7. Financial Matters

- a. **Financial Report and Payment of Invoices** The Council reviewed expenditure against budget year to date. Invoices approved for payment: Clerk salary (Dec/Jan) £750.27, HMRC £16.40, KM Dike £118.61 (Dec/Jan), Second Poor £250, A.Yendole £9.06, Clerk petty cash £100, Mudford PC £2,500, Dorset Council £6960
Payments made since last meeting approved at the meeting SSE £46.09, Dorset Council £484.81, ECT £180.00, Marie Curie £40.00
Other payments expected, Ground works at Trent Allotments to be approved
Receipts since last meeting: Trent Allotments £168.
- b. **Budget and Precept** The council approved a budget for 2021-22 which had been prepared at a December committee meeting. It was agreed to increase the precept request to £25,000.

8. Correspondence None

9. Planning Matters

DC Planning Applications – Approved or decided by Parish Council

Name	Reference/Details	Status
Noor Farm, Yeovil Road, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/002371 Erection of replacement dwelling & replacement of barn with garage & workshop	Support
Trent Cottage, Patson Hill	WD/D/20/002590 Erect Single Storey Extension	No objection Pending decision
Glenholme Nursery, Sandford Orcas	WD/D/20/002824 Change of use from agricultural store into a dwelling	Support Prior approval approved 23.12.20

Nether Valley Barn, Middle Farm, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/002682 Formation of access and driveway (Retrospective)	No objection Withdrawn
Nether Valley Barn, Middle Farm, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/002169 Formation of access track (retrospective)	No objection
Lower Farm, Over Compton	WD/D/20/002824 Change of use from agricultural store into a dwelling	No objection Prior approval approved 18.11.20

DC Planning Applications – Decided or awaiting decision by Dorset Council

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 Refused 19.11.20
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
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 Approved 16.11.20
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 Approved 18.11.20
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 replacement steel double glazed windows, damp-proofing of external ashlar stone walls and internal dry-lining,	Support Pending decision

SSDC
Primrose Lane, Mudford, 14/02554/OUT and 15/03942/FUL
See item 4a

10. Dates of Future Meetings

2021 –1 March, 10 May, 5 July, 6 September, 1 November

11. Items for next Meeting Street name signs in Sandford Orcas, Replacement stiles in the Comptons, No HGV sign for the top of Compton Lane, Footpath diversions in Trent

The meeting closed at 9.03 pm