

## Minutes of a meeting of the Queen Thorne Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm by Zoom video/audio call.

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

1. **Apologies** Cllrs Brewer, Harris, Hayton
2. **Chairman's Announcements** The Chairman welcomed any members of the public joining the meeting.
3. **Declarations of Interests** None
4. **The Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2021 were accepted as a true record and it was agreed that they would be signed as such.
5. **Business Items arising from meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2020**
  - a. **Marl Lane, horse warning sign**, Cllr Legg offered to ask Paul Thatcher whether a horse warning triangle could be attached to the *narrow road* sign at the A30 end of the road, to be paid for by the parish council.
  - b. **Condition of road surface at Over Compton Lane**, Cllr Chick declared an interest as he has been paid by a landowner to do drainage work further along the lane. This work should resolve the water problem on the stretch of lane belonging to Mr and Mrs Freeman. The clerk will write and let them know that the work has been done, in the expectation that maintenance of the lane can begin once coronavirus restrictions allow.
  - c. **Fingerposts**, Cllr Yendole reported that the new pyramid for the Ham Lane sign will be collected once the lockdown has eased. He also intends to check all the posts in the area for any required maintenance.
  - d. **Sandford Orcas HGV road signs and street name signs**, Cllr Lowe reported that since the installation of the new signs there have been far fewer HGVs in the village. Replies are now starting to come in from a survey asking villagers if they would like to see road name signs and where.
  - e. **Dorset Local Plan Consultation**, It was decided that each councillor will send the clerk a brief outline of their views and she will formulate a response to the consultation. In the meantime, Cllr reported that Bradford Abbas PC are likely to object to the development area YEO B on the draft plan. The council agreed that it will also oppose this site and asked the clerk to inform Bradford Abbas PC.
  - f. **A30 safety at Marl Lane junction**, Chris Loder has said that the speed monitoring has been delayed by the deployment of police officers to other duties during the lockdown.
  - g. **Pax Lane, Trent, drainage**: Report of site meeting held with Cllr, Kipling, DC Cllr Legg, Rolly Skeats of Dorset Highways and Mr Paul Harris to discuss the problems of drainage in Pax Lane in Trent. Mr Skeats explained why drainage water from Pax Lane had crossed the road, issuing from the cover over the water mains. He was certain from previous experience that this would stop once the ground up the lane had compacted and water would then run down the drains under the road and thence into the gully on the opposite side of the village road. Any problems relating to the gully's capacity to receive this flow would be addressed by providing a larger gully.

## 6. New Business

- a. **Speeding delivery drivers**, This is a problem in Sandford Orcas and Hummer. Residents are encouraged to report incidents.
- b. **Blocked road drain between Over and Nether Compton**, This has been reported several times, most recently by Cllr Yendole. Part of the problem seems to be blocked field drains and an overgrown dew pond on the other side of the hedge. The Clerk will write to P. Thatcher and ask him to come and look.
- c. **Replacement of bench seat at Trent Pond**, The Council will decide on a donation for a new bench at the next meeting.

- d. **Neighbourhood Planning**, Cllr Hayton has taken part in 2 DAPTC training sessions with an expert consultant. The consultant has advised that it may be better and simpler for Trent to deal directly with the Ernest Cook Trust with the help of a consultant in order to make a development plan for the village, rather than creating a neighbourhood plan. Cllrs Hayton and Kipling are due to meet the ECT to discuss this.
- e. **Responding to planning consultations** Cllr Hayton has also attended some useful DAPTC planning training. He was informed that by the time the parish is notified of an application, the planning department will already be a long way through the process of making a decision. It would therefore be beneficial for the council to communicate with applicants as early as possible, preferably at the pre-application phase.
- f. **Grass cutting contract**, The council has asked for quotes and will decide on a new contract at the next meeting.
- g. **Allotments**, Trent Allotments are fully occupied and all paid up for the year. Cllr Kipling is arranging for the remaining area to be cleared. Cllr Biddiscombe reported that most of the plots in Nether Compton are occupied. She will request payments from plot holders.
- h. **Rights of Way, Trent**, Cllr Hayton has written to Dave Ackerley to ask him to visit and give an opinion on the proposed diversion of the path between the pub and the school.
- i. **Hummer Bridge repair works**, There is still no date for the work to be carried out. Cllr Hayton is chasing Network Rail. The weight restriction traffic management has now been extended.
- j. **Donations**, Given that the budget has already been used this year and how the coronavirus will have affected organisations, it was decided to donate £300 to Citizens Advice.

## 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 (Feb/March) £750.26, HMRC £16.40, DAPTC Training £195, Water2Business £18.82, Clerk petty cash £100, **Payments made since last meeting approved at the meeting** HCI Data £102, O&NC Hall £10, Stephen Coles £47.50, SSE £41.84, Water2Business £38.84 **Receipts since last meeting**: Trent Allotments £56.

## 8. Correspondence None

## 9. Planning Matters

### DC Planning Applications – Approved or decided by Parish Council

Name	Reference/Details	Status
Bucklers Farm, The Folly, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/002598   Change of use & alterations to barn to provide ancillary garaging, storage & workshop space for adjacent dwellings. Creation of access & parking area	Objection Pending decision
Bucklers Farm, The Folly, Nether Compton	Appeal A/WD/D/20/002083  Change of use of land from garden to parking area, form vehicular access, construct bridge and bunds	The PC objected to the original application which was refused by Dorset Council. Appeal launched by applicant 03.02.21 The PC supports the Dorset Council reasons for refusal and has nothing further to add to its own original objections.

## DC Planning Applications – Decided or awaiting decision by Dorset Council

Noor Farm, Yeovil Road, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/002371   Erection of replacement dwelling, replacement of barn with garage & workshop	Support Approved 12.01.21
Trent Cottage, Patson Hill	WD/D/20/002590   Erect Single Storey Extension	No objection Pending decision
Nether Valley Barn, Middle Farm, Nether Compton	WD/D/20/002169   Formation of access track (retrospective)	No objection Approved 22.12.20
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
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 Approved 02.02.21
Trent Youngs Primary School, Trent	WD/D/19/002817   Works to facilitate refurbishment - old school house comprising replacement steel double glazed windows, damp-proofing of external ashlar stone walls and internal dry-lining,	Support Pending decision

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

See item 4a

### 10. Dates of Future Meetings

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

**11. Items for next Meeting** Trent and Sandford Orcas drain clearing and side verging, 4 x 4 vehicles and motorbikes on lanes in Nether Compton, The Chairman asked that at the next meeting business should be conducted through the chair.

**The meeting closed at 9.30 pm**