

NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday 20th November 2017
Holton Village Hall

Present – David Young (Chairman), Janet Down, David Badham-Thornhill, Simon Ford, Graham Boaler, Gillian Freeman, James Lee, Douglas Hodges

In attendance – David Chapman (Clerk) & Hayward Burt

Electors Question Time/Comments – none

County / District Councillors Reports

Hayward Burt reported that boundary changes being considered could mean changes to the polling districts in the Blackmore Vale ward.

17.129 Apologies - Hannah Crofts, Jenny Chambers & William Wallace

17.130 Register of Interests - none

17.131 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations – James Lee reported that he knew the applicant on planning application 17/04134//COU

17.132 Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed and signed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on 16th October 2017.

17.133 Matters Arising from Minutes

17.123.1 Date and format of Annual Parish Meeting - it was agreed that the one meeting should be held to cover all three villages and that it should be after North Cheriton have held their village meeting.

17.125.1 Diversion of Footpath at Sherils Corner, Maperton – it was reported that Jenny Chambers stated at the last meeting that this diversion request had been rejected due to objections from the Ramblers Association. It turns out that Jenny had been misinformed and that the diversion request has not been rejected and is still at the consultation stage.

17.126.1 Letter to Highways Department regarding signage improvements for B3145 at Cheriton Hill – the wording of James Lee's letter to G Warren was agreed. Clerk to forward to Mr Warren.

17.125.4 Issues at Raised by a Local Resident – Clerk reported that SSDC Planning Department is corresponding with the owners of The Old Brickyard, Witherleigh Farm regarding a retrospective planning application. It was also reported that the Highways Department say that sat nav companies get their information from Ordnance Survey and that the Highways Department do not have the facility to preclude HGV's from the road network save for the legal recourse of traffic regulation orders (weight and width limits).

17.134 Planning Applications

17.134.1 17/04055/FUL – Mr Austin Smith, Moonrakers, Hatherleigh, Lawrence Hill, Wincanton BA9 8AB Conversion of existing garage to additional living accommodation and erection of new adjacent garage – no objections.

17.134.2 17/04277/FUL Mr Lawrence Wadman, Elliscombe Farm, Gibbet Road, Maperton BA9 8EA erection of roof over existing cattle yard – no objections.

17.134.3 17/04134/COU Mr Anthony Goodenough, The Old House, Lower North Cheriton Road, North Cheriton BA8 0AE Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic – no objections.

17.134.4 17/04279/FUL Mr & Mrs Rochford, Spring House, Maperton BA9 8EH Alterations to include the erection of a first floor extension – no objections.

17.134.5 17/04356//FUL Mr & Mrs Wills, Vale View, Cheriton Hill, North Cheriton BA8 0AD the erection of a single storey extension – no objections.

17.135 Planning Decisions

17.135.1 17/03742/FUL – Mr Steve Woodward, The Old Inn, Holton Street, Holton BA9 8AR The erection of a single storey accommodation building (incorporating 3 No. bedrooms and store) associated with public house, and reduction of levels to existing footpath – Permission granted with conditions.

17.135.2 17/03363/FUL – Mr Mr Andrew Wadman, High Winds, Higher Holton, Holton BA9 8AU Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian and formation of ménage – permission granted with conditions.

17.136 Training Review

It was agreed that David Badham-Thornhill would attend the 'Being a Successful Chairman' course on 30th November. It was agreed that David Chapman would attend the 'Essential Clerk' course on 6th December and that Douglas Hodges would attend the next available 'Councillor Essentials' course.

17.137 Correspondence

17.137.1 Public Path Diversion Order

Confirmation of Public Path Diversion Order for footpath WN16/1 in the Parish of Maperton - noted.

17.137.2 Highways Department

Somerset County Council Highways Department have requested that the Parish Council check the grit bins in the Parish and confirm if they need refilling. Graham Boaler agreed to check the bins at Elliscombe and Sherils Corner and report back. The Highways Department also offered grit that could be collected from their depot. Dave Young reported that there was still a lot of grit remaining from previous years.

17.137.3 South Somerset District Council

The SSDC Local Plan Review is open for consultation and is available to viewed in local council offices and on their website - noted

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Christmas tree recycling scheme – noted.

17.137.5 South West Waste Partnership

Clerk reported that revised dates for refuse collections had been received and had been posted on the Parish notice boards.

17.138 Review of Action List

The updated Action List was reviewed. Clerk reported that the Highways Issues together with the Working Group report had been sent to Gary Warren at the Highways Department and a meeting with him to discuss the issues would be arranged.

17.139 Parish Finger Posts

Clerk reported that Somerset County Council is arranging training for volunteers who wanted to be involved with restoration works on Parish finger posts and that he had registered that the Parish Council had registered an interest in attending the training. It was reported that the finger posts in Charlton Horethorne appeared to have been refurbished. Clerk to contact their Parish Council to see what process they followed.

17.140 Financial Matters

17.140.1 Review quotes for grass cutting / maintenance at North Cheriton Cemetery

The Councillors discussed the quotes. The unanimous decision was to accept the quote from Jazz Gardening Services.

17.140.2 Review of bank balances

The balances were reviewed. Clerk reported that £6,466 of the funds represented the money that has been built up over the years for the maintenance of the Cemetery at North Cheriton. It was agreed that the precept would need to be increased for 2018 – 2019.

17.140.3 Authorise Cheques

100984 - £19.99 NALC – purchase of Local Council Administration book

100985 - £45.00 HMRC – PAYE on Clerk's Pay November 2017

100986 - £223.76 D Chapman – Clerk's pay and expenses November 2017

100987 - £10.00 Holton Village Hall – hire of hall for November 2017 meeting

100988 - £120.00 Andrew Greene-Cemetery maintenance

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the trustees of the E A Gale's Trust on behalf of the E A Gale's Land Trust to request funding for the recent work to the stocks in North Cheriton. It was agreed to hold payment for the works until a response was received.

It was agreed to add Simon Ford as a trustee to the E A Gale's Land Trust.

17.141 Matters of report and items for next meeting.

17.141.1 The next meeting will be held on Monday 18th December 2017 at 7.30pm in Holton Village Hall Meeting finished at 20:55

David Chapman
Parish Clerk

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