

NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
Monday 18th August 2017
North Cheriton Village Hall

Present – Janet Down, Dave Young (Chairman), Simon Ford, Graham Boaler (Acting Clerk), Gillian Freeman, James Lee, Jenny Chambers, Hannah Croft

In attendance – William Wallace, Hayward Burt

17.100 Apologies - Elizabeth Persson (Clerk), David Badham-Thornhill

17.101 Register of Interests - None

17.102 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations - None

17.103 Minutes of Last Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Council

Received and signed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on Monday 21st August 2017.
Received and signed the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday 15th May 2017 that got missed at the July meeting.

17.104 Planning Applications

17.104.1 17/03363/FUL – Mr Andrew Wadman, High Winds, Higher Holton, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 8AU. Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian and formation of menage. There were no objections or observations on this application.

17.105 Planning Decisions

17.105.1 17/02590/FUL – Mr Austin Smith, Moonrakers, Hatherleigh, Lawrence Hill, Wincanton, BA9 8AB. Change of use for existing Log Cabin to holiday accommodation. Permission granted with conditions.

17.105.2 17/02489/FUL – Mr and Mrs Brown, Badgers Way, Holton, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 8AL. Conversion of integral garage to workspace and erection of detached double garage and bin store. Permission granted with conditions.

17.105.3 17/02991/FUL – Mr and Mrs M and R Rochford, Spring House, Maperton Road, Maperton, Wincanton, BA9 8EH. Erection of car port with workshop. Permission granted with conditions.

17.106 Consider applications received for co-option to fill the casual Councillor vacancy in North Cheriton (Paper 18.09.17 – 17.106)

Mr Douglas Hodges was co-opted on to the Parish Council as a new North Cheriton Councillor. He will be invited to attend the October meeting where he will be formally welcomed.

17.107 Parish Clerk Position

The Staffing Committee put forward the proposal of re-appointing David Chapman as Parish Clerk; the proposal was voted on and approved by the whole Council. The Chairman has undertaken to contact David Chapman to advise him of his appointment, and we expect him to attend our October Meeting. During the discussion councillors were reminded that at our August Meeting (i.e. before David had applied) a decision was taken and minuted to place further advertising for the post, however on receipt of David's application the Chairman was able to poll councillors by telephone and a decision was taken that further advertising was unnecessary in light of David's proven suitability for the post.

17.108 Holton telephone box repair funds

The Council is still waiting to hear further from Pete Ramsay who has been superintending repairs as to what, if any, shortfall remains following recent fund-raising efforts in the community.

17.109 New speeding fines – an opportunity for Cheriton Hill – See Paper 18.09.17 – 17.109

James Lee presented a paper which included the possibility that recently-increased statutory fines for speeding could finance permanent safety cameras; William Wallace congratulated the local community Speedwatch on their efforts and success in demonstrating that excessive speed is flagrant on this stretch of highway, but pointed out that the traditional yellow-box fixed cameras have been switched off throughout Somerset for some years; he offered his support for requests for police mobile safety cameras. we were also advised that in the case of requests for road marking and signage Colin Fletcher's former responsibilities have now been assigned to Gary Warren, Highways Engineer, 01935 845850. The issue will be raised again at our October Meeting.

17.110 Repair of North Cheriton Village Stocks -

Gillian Freeman reported that the work by our chosen contractor is in progress and should soon be completed.

17.111 Letter from Holton PCC regarding donation to churchyard funds.

Noted

17.112 Update on website.

Simon Ford described the process by which he has arranged the progressive update of Council documentation onto the NVPC website, all at no cost to the Council, for which councillors expressed their appreciation.

17.113 Financial Matters

17.113.1 Account Review – unavailable at this time due to Clerk absence.

17.113.2 Authorise Cheques

£10 for hire of Village Hall for tonight's meeting

Clerk's Pay and Expenses – deferred to next meeting

£10.99 Papertrees

17.114 Matters of report and items for next meeting.

17.114.1 The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th October 2017 at 7.30pm in Holton Village Hall.

Mr Graham Boaler
Acting Parish Clerk

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