

NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday 16th October 2017

Holton Village Hall

Present – Janet Down, David Badham-Thornhill (Acting Chairman), Simon Ford, Graham Boaler, Gillian Freeman, James Lee, Jenny Chambers, Hannah Crofts, Douglas Hodges

In attendance – David Chapman (Clerk), Elizabeth Persson (Outgoing Clerk), William Wallace & 18 Members of the public

Welcome to David Chapman (new Clerk) and Douglas Hodges (new Parish Councillor for North Cheriton)

Chairman welcomed David Chapman and Douglas Hodges to the Parish Council

Electors Question Time/Comments

A number of members of the public raised concerns about the volume and the speed of traffic through the middle of Holton and felt that someone could be killed. Residents wanted a 20mph speed limit and one resident offered to pay for 20mph signs. William Wallace reported that it was unlikely that a 20 mph restriction would be granted as these were usually only implemented near schools or in conjunction with traffic calming measures (such as speed humps). Chairman reported that the Working Group had come up with a number of suggestions including flashing speed devices and a 20mph limit but thought that the Highways Department would not agree to reduce the limit to 20 mph. It was agreed that the Working Group report should be submitted to the Highways Department and SSDC as soon as possible. It was thought that the responses would be either legal or financial. Financial could possibly be overcome by funding or through the future precept. Legal issues would be harder to overcome.

17.115 Apologies - Dave Young & Hayward Burt

17.116 Register of Interests - none

17.117 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations – Hannah Croft declared an interest in Appeal Notification on 16/05249/CPO

17.118 Minutes of Last Meeting

Received and signed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on 18th September 2017.

17.119 Planning Applications

17.119.1 17/03742/FUL – Mr Steve Woodward, The Old Inn, Holton Street, Holton, Wincanton BA9 8AR. Proposed erection of a single storey accommodation building (incorporating 3 no. bedrooms and store) associated with public house, and reduction of levels to the existing footpath. There were no objections.

17.119.2 Appeal Notification APP/G3300/W/17/3178114 Planning reference 16/05249/CPO Hopkins Developments Ltd, Land at Maperton Ridge, Maperton Road, Maperton BA9 8EH (GR:366994-126879) Importation and deposition of construction, demolition and subsoil waste to re-contour land to improve the slope gradient of agricultural field – Hannah Crofts left the meeting. All Councillors and a large number of members of the public who attended the meeting strongly objected to the application/appeal. William Wallace fully supported the Parish Council's decision and said that he would speak to Somerset County Council about their response. Jenny Chambers reported that the appeal was due to be heard in Wincanton on 10th / 11th January 2018 and that as many people as possible should attend but the amount of people who could speak at the hearing may be limited. Concerns were raised from

residents of Maperton, Holton and Blackford. Concerns included road safety and the noise and pollution from the large number of lorry movements and the effect that anything being dumped would have on local watercourses. Graham Boaler reported that over 100 objections had been raised. The Parish Council proposed response was discussed and unanimously agreed. Clerk to submit to inspector by the deadline of 18th October 2017. It was agreed that any responses by members of the public should be submitted by 18th October 2017.

Hannah Crofts rejoined the meeting.

17.120 Planning Decisions

17.120.1 17/03323/FUL – Mr Richard Stratham, The Old School, Lower North Cheriton Road, North Cheriton BA8 0AE. The erection of a single storey rear extension. Permission granted with conditions.

17.120.2 17/03172/FUL – Mr T Banfield, The Nook, Holton Street, Holton BA9 8AN. Replacement of French Doors. Permission granted with conditions.

17.121 Formal welcome to Mr D Hodges our new Councillor for North Cheriton.

Mr Douglas Hodges was welcomed to the Parish Council as a new North Cheriton Councillor. Mr Hodges signed the Acceptance of Office form before the meeting and was handed Register of Interests forms together with Members Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and The Good Councillor Guide.

17.122 Training Review

It was agreed that David Badham-Thornhill would attend the ‘Being a successful Chairman’ course. It was agreed that David Chapman would attend the ‘Essential Clerk courses and that Douglas Hodges would attend the ‘Councillor Essentials’

17.123 Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2018

17.123.1 Decide on format for next year’s Annual Parish Meeting and set date / dates for these. Paper 16.10.17 – 17.123. The option of having three separate meetings or one meeting was discussed. It was agreed that Gillian Freeman would talk to the people who arrange the North Cheriton Village meeting. It was agreed to discuss the matter further at the November meeting.

17.123.2 It was reported that North Cheriton Village Hall would no longer be available on the third Monday of each month. Councillors agreed that, subject to availability, all monthly meetings should be held in Holton Village Hall. Clerk to check availability.

17.124 Certified Annual Return for North Vale Parish Council from Grant Thornton – Paper 16.10.17 – 17.124a Pages 1 & 2

The items on the Grant Thornton report regarding Risk Assessment and Fixed Asset Register were discussed and it was agreed that these would be implemented during the current Financial Year.

17.125 Correspondence

17.125.1 Public Path Diversion Order

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

Jenny Chambers reported that an application to divert the footpath at Sherils Corner in Maperton had been rejected following complaints from the Ramblers Association.

17.125.2 Headstone Request

Cheque (£54) received for a headstone for Mr Maurice Miles in the Cemetery. The size and wording were agreed.

17.125.3 South Somerset Community Accessible Transport Funding (SSCAT) request.

The SSCAT service is looking for a 3 year commitment by Parish Councils to help with funding. It was reported that this was due to SSCAT having lost Lottery funding. Councillors agreed that this was a good cause. It was agreed to consider the matter when the precept was being discussed.

17.125.4 Request for two issues to be looked into at Dancing Cross from a local resident

The issues raised (Signage and sat nav at A303 junction) and Planning permission at The Old Brickyard, Witherleigh Farm Maperton were discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the SSDC Planning Department concerning the buildings erected at The Old Brickyard. It was also agreed that the Clerk would contact the Highways Department about signage at Dancing Cross. It was thought there was little chance of success in persuading sat nav companies to change

their software to avoid certain routes. Hannah Croft reported that haulage company's can sometimes programme their software to avoid certain routes.

17.126 Review of Action List – paper 16.10.17 – 17.126

The Action List was reviewed and it was agreed that the Clerk would follow up on as many items as possible (particularly Highways issues) and report back at the next meeting. James Lee provided a draft letter to Garry Warren at the Highways department regarding signage improvements on the B3145 at Cheriton Hill, North Cheriton.

17.127 Financial Matters

17.127.1 Six month review of all accounts. Paper 16.10.17 – 17.126

The accounts up to 30th September were discussed.

17.127.2 Review of budget for 2017 18 against current costs and review of budget for 2018/19

Mrs E Persson stated that the precept for next year would need to be increased to cover increased running costs. Clerk (David Chapman) reported that some of the money in the bank accounts related to the maintenance at the Cemetery at North Cheriton and had built up over the years. He will calculate this figure for the next meeting. It was agreed to discuss this at the November meeting.

17.113.2 Authorise Cheques

100981 - £10.00 Holton Village Hall - hire of Village Hall for tonight's meeting

100982 - £342.99 Mrs E Persson - Clerk's Pay and Expenses Sept and October 2017

100983 - £200.00 Andrew Greene – maintenance at North Cheriton Cemetery

It was agreed to defer raising payments regarding the Village Halls until the balance relating to the North Cheriton Cemetery had been confirmed.

It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain three quotes for the maintenance / gardening work at North Cheriton Cemetery.

Peter Ramsey handed the Clerk £30.40 for money raised towards the maintenance of the Telephone Box in Holton.

17.114 Matters of report and items for next meeting.

17.114.1 The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th November 2017 at 7.30pm in Holton Village Hall

The Chairman and all the Councillors thanked Mrs Persson for all her hard work over the years and wished her well for the future.

Meeting finished at 21:25

David Chapman
Parish Clerk

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