

NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

Monday 21st November 2016 at 7.30pm
Holton Village Hall

Present – David Badham-Thornhill, Gillian Freeman, Jenny Chambers, Janet Down, Graham Boaler, Nick Haggett, Hannah Croft, Dave Young, James Lee

In attendance – Elizabeth Persson (Clerk), 1 member of the public

16.116 Apologies – William Wallace

16.117 Register of Interests - None

16.118 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations – Councillor David Young declared an interest through employment as a gardener to the owners of the property subject to Planning Application 16/04629/FUL. No dispensations granted.

16.119 Minutes of Last Meeting

Received and signed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on Monday 17th October 2016.

16.120 Planning Applications

16.120.1 16/04629/FUL – Application for alterations, refurbishment and improvements to existing detached farmhouse. Home Farm House, Maperton, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 8EH. No objections/comments.

16.120.2 16/04694/FUL – Application for demolition of car port, removal of thatched roof construction. Erection of a two storey extension, construction of a mansard roof to provide first floor accommodation. Frying Pan Copse, Yarlinton, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 8DX. No objections/comments.

16.120.3 16/04947/FUL – Application for change of use and conversion of former equestrian building to form a single dwelling. Maperton Stud, Maperton, Wincanton, Somerset, BA9 8EH. There was only one concern regarding this application and that is the increased traffic within the village and especially around the Dancing Cross junction that has already been highlighted on many occasions as a problem junction. This is the third application in the last 18 months that is going to increase traffic at this junction and we would ask, once again, that the traffic department review the speed limit through this junction.

The Council were not sure whether they could make comment on the previous application for this courtyard development or not. When the previous application was put for the adjoining houses the residents asked if the track, now been proposed for this application, could be used as the entrance but it was stated on the response, by planning, that this track was not owned by the developer which it, in fact, is and was. The Clerk is to query this with the planning and enquire if this can this be reviewed or whether it is all 'done and dusted'.

16.121 Planning Decisions

None

16.122 Roads and Signage Working Group

There has been no date set for this as yet due to all the members been unable to make the suggested dates before Christmas. We are now looking at dates in January. If there is no date that all members can make the meeting will go ahead on the best available.

16.123 Query regarding the resurfacing of the A303 and why it was done in some parts and not others.

This will be placed on the Action List and the Clerk will take it up with the Highways Authority.

16.124 External Auditors Report Follow-up

As part of SALC's Health Check, Justin Robinson asks if he could come and sit in on our December meeting as a 'critical friend' to assess the meeting and draw up a report afterwards. All councillors are in agreement with this.

16.125 Consider applications received for co-option to fill the casual Councillor vacancy in North Cheriton

None have, as yet, been received.

16.126 Review of Action List

Please see action list on website for updates.

16.127 Correspondence

- 16.127.1** Rural Services Network – Weekly Email News Digest (FYI)
- 16.127.2** Area East Committee Agenda and Minutes available (FYI)
- 16.127.3** SSDC Health and Well-being Service Newsletter (FYI)
- 16.127.4** SWP October 2016 monthly briefing (FYI)
- 16.127.5** SSDC Press Release: Don't fall victim to bogus HMRC council Tax e-mails (FYI)
- 16.127.6** £500 Grant Vouchers for broadband (FYI)
- 16.127.7** Somerset Rivers Authority Newsletter (FYI)
- 16.127.8** Feedback from Let's End Loneliness in South Somerset workshop (FYI)
- 16.127.9** Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty (FYI)
- 16.127.10** Poster to encourage county council candidates (FYI)
- 16.127.11** James of Over The Moon Tents who has recently purchased the Old Brickyard, Maperton, would like to adopt the roadside verge approach to the entrance. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to James for his proposed work but unfortunately the Parish Council would not be able to contribute to the costs of work as this would set a precedent for all work within the parish and there are many residents that look after the verges outside their property.
- 16.127.12** Charity Commission News – Autumn 2016 (FYI)
- 16.127.13** Winter Service 2016/17 – South Somerset. We were asked to notify the Council if any grit bins needed filling up and I have requested that the Gibbet Lane grit bin be filled. This is the incorrect bin and it is the bin at Sheril's Corner, Higher Clapton that is in need of filling. The Clerk will update the request.
- 16.127.14** A request from Blackford and Compton Pouncefoot Parish Meeting about our experience with getting broadband. The Clerk will reply with details of what North Cheriton have done in signing up with Wessex Internet.
- 16.127.15** Countryside Alliance request for nominations for their Rural Oscars (FYI)
- 16.127.16** Avon & Somerset PCC Newsletter October 2016 (FYI)
- 16.127.17** SSDC – Rural Housing Action Plan (FYI)
- 16.127.18** Council Matters Autumn 2016 – Came & Company Insurance Brokers (FYI)

16.128 Financial Matters

16.128.1 Account Review

The meeting reviewed the accounts for the first half of the year. See summary on website.

16.128.2 Budget for 2017/18

The budget for next year was discussed with the first draft being presented to the Council. Further details are being researched over the next month for further discussion

at December's meeting. Quotes for a new internal auditor, payrol and VAT return will also be sort.

16.128.3 Authorise Cheques

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

£21.60 for Clerks expenses

£184.14 Clerks Pay

£80 Andy Greene Garden Maintenance - Cemetery

16.129 Matters of report and items for next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th December 2016 at 7.30pm in Holton Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Mrs Elizabeth Persson

Parish Clerk

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