

# **NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm**  
**North Cheriton Village Hall**

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

**In attendance** – Elizabeth Persson (Clerk), 4 members of the public

**16.80 Apologies** – Tim Inglefield

**16.81 Register of Interests** - None

**16.82 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations** - None

**16.83 Minutes of Last Meeting**

Received and signed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

**16.84 Planning Applications**

**16.84.1 16/03417/FUL – Application to erect a double garage using existing access. Wisteria Cottage, Lower North Cheriton Road, North Cheriton, Templecombe, BA8 0AE.**

There were no objections to this planning permission just a request that the comments already made by Mr and Mrs Renwick of Hardings be taken into consideration.

**16.84.2 16/01015/OUT – Appeal in respect of this planning application decision. Original application was for ‘outline application for the erection for 2 bungalows with all matters reserved’ on land west of Elliscombe Cottages, Gibbet Road, Maperton.**

The council’s original comments stand - ‘No objections at this stage of the planning process although there was a query as to whether or not ‘in fill’ was allowed in this area’, plus, there does not seem to be a requirement by the land owner for the property as they appear to be selling off one property at present.

**16.84.3 16/03675/S73A – Application to vary condition 2 of planning permission 14/05472/FUL to require restoration of the land within 30 years of the permission rather than 25 years as originally permitted. Solar Site at Sutor Farm, Moor Lane, Wincanton, Somerset.**

No objections.

**16.85 Planning Decisions**

**16.85.1 16/02009/S73 – Application to remove Condition 4 (agricultural occupancy) of approved planning permission 45934/ A dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 1964. Crofters, Higher Holton Lane, Holton, Wincanton, Somerset BA9 8AP. Permission granted.**

**16.85.2 16/01913/FUL – Application for erection of a replacement industrial building for B8 use (Storage and Distribution). The Industrial Unit, The Old Brickyard, Witherley Farm, Maperton. Permission granted with conditions.**

**16.86 Roads and Signage**

**16.86.1 Speeding through Lattiford, N Cheriton, Holton and Dancing Cross**

The meeting approved the proposal that a working group be set up to look at this issue.

It’s remit will be to ‘Research and discuss methods of reducing speeding within our Parish’s and reducing the amount of traffic through the centre of Holton Village. These methods can be ones implemented at both local and/or county level’. The working group

should put together a proposal, including costings to bring before the Parish Council for approval and further action.

The Council agreed that the Clerk should write to the personnel department at Thales in Templecombe asking if they would kindly ask their staff not to use Holton as a cut through but to go around by Anchor Hill.

#### **16.86.2 Outstanding signage**

There was no update on outstanding signage issues as Colin Fletcher has a meeting with the Traffic Management Team in Taunton this week who are dealing with all the issues.

#### **16.87 North Cheriton Cemetery**

Following an internment at the cemetery during August, a number of issues were highlighted with regard to the cemetery:-

- The verge needs to be trimmed up to the path on the cemetery side of the road to allow safer access for pedestrians.
- The hedge needs to be kept trimmed up to the finger post in order that vehicles going in and out the cemetery have good visibility.
- The vegetation along the walls needs to be removed, particularly the sapling trees, to stop the wall being undermined.
- The hedges within the cemetery need to have a regular cut as part of the maintenance contract.
- The driveway/path through the cemetery needs to be weed-killed and cleared to allow easy access for maintenance and funeral vehicles.
- A tree surgeon needs to be consulted regarding the trees within the cemetery.
- The cemetery map needs professional restoration.
- The chapel key needs to be located.
- Temporary road signs and a fluorescent jacket need to be purchased for use when a funeral is taking place in order to allow safe passage of visitors across the busy road.

Although some members of the council said that the Cemetery used to be kept to a higher standard including some of the points above the general consensus was that with so few internments taking place it was not necessary and no decision was reached on any of the above.

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

None have, as yet, been received.

#### **16.89 Training**

It was authorised for the Clerk to go on a Budget Setting and Broader Financial Management Course covering precept preparation run by SALC at the cost of £30.

#### **16.90 Adoption of Holton and North Cheriton telephone boxes**

The first stage of the adoption process has been implemented. We are now awaiting a response from BT.

#### **16.91 Feedback from HELAA Information evening**

The two sites, one in Holton and one in Maperton, put forward as possibly suitable for development to SSDC have been turned down.

#### **16.92 Clerk's Contract**

The Clerk's contract with accompanying job description were approved.

#### **16.93 Creation of Action List to be updated prior to and reviewed at each meeting**

It was agreed that an action list with all actions agreed from each meeting would be a great way to keep the agenda's to specific items for discussion and also keep track of issues.

#### **16.94 Councillor Training**

This should now be taking place on 11<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm in Holton Village Hall with Justin Robinson. The Chairman, Dave Young, will now not be able to attend so will go to Edgar Hall for refresher training at a later date. All other Councillor's will, at this stage, be able to attend.

#### **16.95 Correspondence**

- 16.95.1** South Somerset District Council has sent a resolution relating to a statement agreed by the Councillors condemning any form of racism, intolerance, bigotry or xenophobia. Please see Paper 19.09.16 – 16.87.1. They have requested that all Town and Parish Council's make the same commitment. The Parish Council agreed to adopt this resolution.
- 16.95.2** Area East Committee Agenda and Minutes available (FYI)
- 16.95.3** SSDC Health and Well-being Service Newsletter (FYI)
- 16.95.4** SWP August 2016 monthly briefing and New Recycling site measures from 3 October 2016 (FYI)

#### **16.96 Financial Matters**

- 16.96.1** Account Review – as of 13 August 2016 there was £8,124.04 in the current account.
- 16.96.2** Authorise Cheques
  - £10 for hire of Village Hall for tonight's meeting
  - £18.75 for Clerks expenses
  - £110.48 Clerks Pay
  - £160 Andy Greene Garden Maintenance

#### **16.97 Matters of report and items for next meeting.**

- 16.97.1** The ragwort on the A303 was reported to the Highway Agency.
- 16.97.2** Dog Fouling signs have now been placed around Holton village and a notice put in Excalibur for the October issue.
- 16.97.3** The next meeting will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm in Holton Village Hall. Dave Young sends his apologies. Nick Haggett will be chairing the meeting.
- 16.97.4** Item for next agenda – check what resurfacing took place on the A303 alongside Holton and why certain parts were missed out.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Mrs Elizabeth Persson  
Parish Clerk

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