

# **NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017**  
**Holton Village Hall**

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

**In attendance** – David Chapman (Clerk), William Wallace & Hayward Burt

**Electors Question Time/Comments** – none

#### **County / District Councillors Reports**

William Wallace reported that the County Council had appointed more resources to help with the appeal regarding the land at Maperton Ridge (16/05249/CPO). Mr Wallace stressed that as many people as possible should attend the appeal meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**17.142 Apologies** - Hannah Crofts

**17.143 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations** – none

#### **17.144 Minutes of Last Meeting**

Agreed and signed the minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

#### **17.145 Matters Arising from Minutes**

**17.139.1 Parish Finger Posts** - Clerk reported that Charlton Horethorne Parish Council did have SCC training with refurbishing their finger posts. They had also received a grant from SSDC towards the cost of the works. Clerk has asked SSDC if all Parish Councils were able to claim this grant but was awaiting a response. Hayward Burt offered to follow this up with SSDC.

**17.140.3 Request for funding from E A Gale's Trust towards the refurbishment of the stocks in North Cheriton** – Douglas Hodges reported that following the letter sent on behalf of E A Gales Land Trust, the trustees of the E A Gale's trust had agreed to pay £500 towards the cost.

**17.138.1. Review of Action List** – it was reported that a meeting had been held with Gary Warren from Somerset County Council Highways Department regarding issues concerning signage and the speed of traffic through the villages throughout Parish. Mr Warren has agreed to place speed monitoring devices in Holton village to see if the average speed met the criteria for a change to a 20 mph speed limit.

#### **17.146 Planning Applications**

**17.146.1** 17/04592/LBC – Ms Cloake, Apartment 2, Lattiford House Holton BA9 8AH – replacement of boiler and immersion heater and installation of new external flue – no objections.

#### **17.147 Planning Decisions**

**17.147.1** 17/04055/FUL – Austin Smith, Moonrakers, Hatherleigh, Lawrence Hill, Wincanton BA9 8AB – conversion of existing integral garage to additional living accommodation and erection of new adjacent garage – permission granted with conditions.

**17.147.2** 17/04134/COU – Mr Anthony Goodenough, The Old House, Lower North Cheriton Road, North Cheriton BA8 0AE - change of use of use from agricultural to domestic – permission granted with conditions.

**17.147.3** 17/04277/FUL – Mr Laurence Wadman, Elliscombe Farm, Gibbet Road, Maperton BA9 8EA – the erection of of roof over existing cattle yard – permission granted with conditions.

**17.147.4** 17/04356/FUL – Mr & Mrs William Wills, Vale View, Cheriton Hill, North Cheriton BA8 0AD the erection of a single storey side extension – permission granted with conditions.

#### **17.148 Correspondence**

##### **17.148.1 Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments**

Notification of appointment of PKF Littlejohns as external auditors for 2017/ 2018 – noted.

##### **17.148.2 Somerset County Council**

Speed Indicator Devices discontinuation from April 2018 – Clerk reported that there may be the option for Parish Councils to pay for this service in the future but that SCC had not yet informed Parishes with the cost.

#### **17.149 Financial Matters**

##### **17.149.1 Review of bank balances**

The balances and bank reconciliation at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were reviewed. The joint funds currently stands at £8,547.25. Clerk reported that £142.18 had been received from H M R C relating to the reimbursement of VAT.

##### **17.149.2 Appointment of Internal Auditor**

It was agreed that the Lighatouch, the current Internal Auditor, should be appointed for the 2017 / 2018 accounts at a cost of £160.

**17.149.3 Review budget / precept for 2018 / 2019**

The proposed figures for each village were discussed. Clerk reported that the precept had not been increased for at least 10 years. It was agreed that the precept would need to be increased for 2018 / 2019 and that the final amounts would need to be agreed at the meeting in January 2018.

**17.149.4 Authorise Cheques**

100989 - £975.00 Blackmore Vale Carpentry – refurbishment of stocks in North Cheriton

100990 - £62.78 Papertrees – ink cartridges

100991 - £45.00 H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE on Clerk's pay December 2017

100992 - £20.00 Holton Village Hall – hire of hall for meetings in December 2017

100993 - £210.85 D Chapman – Clerk's pay and expenses December 2017.

**17.150 Matters of report and items for next meeting.**

**17.150.1** The next meeting will be held on Monday 15th January 2018 at 7.30pm in Holton Village Hall  
Meeting finished at 20:30

David Chapman  
Parish Clerk

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