



NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Holton Village Hall
on Monday 19th December 2022

Present: David Young (Chair), Graham Boaler, Janet Down, Steve Prior, Simon Ford, Gillian Freeman, Douglas Hodges. Barry Druce (Clerk) and Sarah Dyke (County Councillor).

No members of the general public attended.

Apologies: were received from Jenny Chambers and David Badham-Thornhill .

Electors Question Time /Comments: No questions or comments were raised.

County / District Councillors Reports: Sarah Dyke gave a brief round up on County Council activities previously covered in her written report (to be circulated).

22.137 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations: none.

22.138 Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 21st November 2022 were approved and signed.

22.139 Matters Arising: (a) Graham Boaler referred to Minute 22.128(a) and asked what the current situation was with registering as an Asset of Community Value the Old Inn at Holton. Steve Prior reported that the current situation is that the application has been put on hold because a 10 year Lease Agreement has been made with new tenants for the public house and the new tenants were hoping to reopen the premises early in the New Year and all appeared to be positive. The situation was noted.

(b) The Chair stated that he had spoken with Mr Higgins concerning the siting of a rubbish bin and had originally been advised that this was being held up due to a shortage of labour. However, the Chair was delighted to state that within an hour of that conversation, Mr Higgins had recontacted him, advised that the situation had suddenly changed, that the work on the site had been started and the wheely bin had been ordered. The situation was noted.

(c) Sarah Dyke referred to the recent flood problem on the B3145 between North Cheriton and Charlton Horethorne, and reported that works had recently been carried out there and it was planned that 180m of new drainage would be put in asap in the New Year on the adjoining private land. Doug Hodges reported that the work that he had witnessed there so far was a fiasco. He had been advised by those on site that the blockage could not be sorted so it had been decided that new replacement pipework would have to be put in to resolve the issue. After general discussion the position was noted.

(d) Referring to Minute 22.132.1 the Clerk reported that works had been carried out in the highway there which so far appears to have resolved the flooding issue. Simon Ford stated that someone/thing had hit the North Cheriton Cemetery wall. He undertook to investigate and identify if/what work may need to be done. The Chair reminded that the cemetery wall is covered by the Parish Council's Insurance policy.

22.140 Planning Applications: No Planning Applications had been received since the November meeting.

22.141: Planning Decisions – The following Planning Decisions were reported and noted:-

22.141.1 **22/02812/HOU** External alterations to existing house including: a proposed porch to the East (Front) elevation and proposed alterations to existing openings on the West Elevation to form French Doors and side windows, to match existing - Holton Lodge Cheriton Hill North Cheriton Templecombe Somerset BA8 0AD - **PERMISSION GRANTED**

22.141.2 **22/02878/TCA** Notification of intent to Fell No.4 Trees within a Conservation Area. Thistledown Holton Street Holton Wincanton Somerset BA9 8AN - **APPROVED – NO TPO**

22.141.3 **22/02870/TCA** Notification of intent to Fell No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area. LOCATION: The Nook Holton Street Holton Wincanton BA9 8AN - **APPROVED – NO TPO**

22.141.4 - **22/03047/TCA:** Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 2 Trees within a Conservation Area. The Old Post Office Lower North Cheriton Road North Cheriton Templecombe Somerset BA8 0AE - **APPROVED – NO TPO**



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22.142 : Planning Other – Nothing to report.

22.143 _ Correspondence: All correspondence of interest had previously been distributed by email and taken as read.

22.144 E A Gale's Parish Lands Charity – Nothing to report. It was decided to remove this item from future agendas unless anything appropriate had to be raised for discussion.

22.145 Financial Matters

22.145.1 Review balances as at 30th November 2022 - The schedule was reviewed. The balance as at 30th November 2022 stands at £12,149.43.

22.145.2 Authorise Cheques – The following payment was authorised for payment:-

(a) Barry Druce -Clerk's salary and expenses for November 2022 - £298.40.

22.145.3 Steve Prior raised a query on the balance of £447 which was being held in the accounts following a local collection that had been previously carried out to obtain donations towards the purchase of speed limit signs in Holton. He reported that the speed signs had been provided since by other means and the question had been raised over whether that money on hold could now be released to carry out repairs to the local phone box. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should see expert advice before making a decision.

22.146 Speed Indicator Device latest update – The Clerk reported that following the previous meeting he had been provided with paperwork by David Badham-Thornhill from the previous round of enquiries with SID suppliers, and had considered the prices that had been quoted the. He had contacted the current supplier who had previously quoted the best price, and they had confirmed that they would hold their price for a second unit at the originally quoted price. He therefore had contacted the Local Authority but been informed that the Community Fund Grant assistance had been completely allocated and no further funding was now available from them. They were unsure what the situation was going to be with the new Local Authority following reorganisation in April 2023, and suggested that the Paris Council might like to approach Spark Somerset for support/advice. After a short discussion, the Clerk was instructed to contact Spark Somerset accordingly.

22.147 Matters of report and items for next meeting.

22.147.1 The next meeting will held on **Monday 16th January 2023** at 7:30pm in Holton Village Hall.

The Meeting closed at 8.40 pm
