



NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

held at Holton Village Hall on Monday 17th July 2023

Present: David Young (Chair), Graham Boaler, Jenny Chambers, Douglas Hodges, Simon Ford and Julian Sincock.
Barry Druce (Clerk)

Apologies: David Badham-Thornhill, Janet Down, Steve Prior and Nicola Clarke (Unitary Councillor).

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

Unitary Councillors' Report: There was no written report and no Councillor present.

23.62 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations: No declarations of interest were submitted.

23.63 Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 16th June 2023, as PROPOSED by Graham Boaler and SECONDED by Simon Ford, were approved and signed.

23.64 Matters Arising: (a) The Clerk referred to minute 23.61.2 and reported that this had been referred to the Unitary Councillor and was awaiting the results of her enquiries.

(b) The Clerk referred to minute 23.61.4 and reported that the appropriate statutory notices had been posted which indicated electors' rights to call for an election to fill the vacancy created by Gillian Freeman's resignation. The deadline for such action was the 21st July 2023, and should there be no call, the Parish Council could proceed and fill the vacancy by co-option. Simon Ford and Julian Sincock commented that such a person may have been identified and this was noted.

(c) The Clerk referred to minute 23.61.3 and reported that no action had yet been taken to register the ACV in respect of the Old Inn, Holton, as no feedback had been received from DBT because he had not been able to contact the owner. The situation was noted and the matter held over to be reviewed.

23.65 Planning Applications: The following planning application had been received since the last meeting

23.65.1 **23/01650/PAMB** - Prior Approval from Agri to dwellings - **Land East Of Blackacre Hill North Cheriton**

23.66: Planning Decisions – The following Planning Decisions that had been received since the previous meeting were briefly discussed and noted.

23.66.1 - **23/01238/PAMB** - Prior Approval Notification for change of use of agricultural building to 4 No. dwellings - **Agricultural Building At Maperton Farm Maperton Blackford** - **APPROVED**
Members expressed their surprise and disappointment over this decision and general discussion followed over the apparent acceptance by planners that the work that had been carried out to the building was sufficient to justify proceeding.

23.66.2 - **223/01236/S73A** - S73A application for the removal of Condition 3 (The temporary classroom hereby permitted shall be removed and the land restored to its former condition (grassed amenity land) on or before 29th October 2023), of planning application 18/02449/FUL. (The siting of a temporary classroom unit) - **Marchant Holliday School , Higher North Cheriton Road, North Cheriton.**

GRANTED

23.67: Planning Other – No other matters had arisen that required discussion.

23.68: Correspondence: All correspondence of interest received by email had previously been distributed and were taken as read. The Clerk referred to the items that had been circulated with the agenda, and the items were noted (Stakeholder letter - PODS complaints change).



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23.69: Financial Matters

23.69.1 Review balances as at 30th June 2023 – The schedule was reviewed. The balance as at 30th June 2023 stands at £15,845.40.

23.69.2 Authorise Cheques – The following items were authorised for payment:-

- (a) Wayne Pamphilon – Inv 80 2023 - £225.00
- (b) Barry Druce - Clerk's salary and expenses for June 2023 - £290.28

23.69.3 - Lloyds Bank Business Online Service: The Clerk reported on the current position with regards to On-line banking access with Lloyds Bank, and advised members who were prepared to be involved on the steps they needed to take to complete their online access.

23.69.4 – The Chair reported that he had spoken with the maintenance contractor for the North Cheriton cemetery and had discussed with him the areas of work that needed attention. After further discussion, members decided that the Clerk should write to the contractor and request that he attends to the hedge and the yew tree; Douglas Hodges undertook to remove the intrusive ragwort from the unattended graves and the Chair undertook to trim those graves once that work had been completed.

23.70: Speed Indicator Device latest update – Simon Ford gave an update on the state of play with the existing S.I.D. He stated that the local volunteer expert (Matt) had spent many hours looking at the device and identifying its failings. Progress had been slowed due to the fact that the Company's man had been on sick leave, but Simon and Matt intended to visit the Company's premises in the near future and examine their new version of the device and establish if it was viable to consider purchasing a second device from them. The Clerk reported that he had raised an enquiry with the new Somerset Council to establish their current policy on the siting and operation of S.I.D's, and was awaiting a response.

23.71: Matters of report and items for next meeting.

23.71.1 – The Chair stated that he had been contacted by a resident and asked if there was a need for planning permission to install a domestic heating oil tank in their garden. The Clerk undertook to make enquiries and advise accordingly.

23.71.2 - The Chair stated that a resident had contacted him and complained that during a recent alteration to the property next to them had resulted in two additional windows being added which were not included in the planning application, and which now overlooked their property. Simon Ford undertook to examine the plans and report back to the Chair.

23.71.3 - The Clerk stated that a neighbouring Parish Council had recently decided to reduce the number of their meetings from 12 to 10 per year, cancelling the meetings normally held during August and January each year, and asked members if they had considered doing the same. General discussion followed on the pros and cons of such a move, and it was PROPOSED by Graham Boaler, SECONDED by Douglas Hodges, and unanimously AGREED that the Parish Council should in future have meet 11 times each year, and cancel the meeting normally held in August, and that a further review should be carried out at the meeting in September 2023 to establish if they wished to reduce the number of meetings any further by cancelling the meetings normally held in January each year.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm
