

# NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

## .DRAFT MINUTES (including Annual Parish Council Meeting)

.Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### .Holton Village Hall

All Councillors present signed an acceptance of office form.

AM22.1 Election of Chairman – Dave Young

AM22.2 Election of Vice Chairman – David Badham -Thornhill

AM22.3 Appointment of village planning contacts

Holton – David Badham -Thornhill

Maperton – Jenny Chambers

North Cheriton – Simon Ford

AM22.4 Appointment of Internal Auditor 2022 / 2023 – Mrs D Vanstone

AM22.5 Review and agree annual insurance policy. Clerk reported that the Parish Council is in the final year of a 3 year long term agreement.

Electors Question Time /Comments – none.

County / District Councillor Reports

Dave Young welcomed Sarah Dyke and congratulated her on her election success.

Sarah thanked William Wallace for his work over the last 17 years as County Councillor. She reported that a new council leader has been appointed and that the various committees are being set up.

Present: Dave Young (Chairman), Doug Hodges, Gillian Freeman, Simon Ford, Jenny Chambers & Graham Boaler.

In attendance: David Chapman (Clerk).

Electors Question Time/Comments - none

County / District Councillors Reports - none

22.51 Apologies: Janet Down, Hayward Burt, William Wallace and Nicola Clarke.

22.52 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations: none.

22.53 Minutes of Last Meeting;

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 19th April 2022 were agreed and signed.

22.54 Matters Arising from Minutes:

Clerk reported that the SCC Highways Service Manager had stated that there was no justification in further signs on Gibbet Lane to prevent lorries turning down to Sherils Corner as there is a 7.5t weight

limit on that stretch of road. Councillors disagreed and felt that the limit was not working as very large HGV's are still using this road. Councillor Sarah Dyke offered to contact Mr Warren.

Clerk reported that, in answer to a resident's complaints about the speed of traffic travelling from the Old A303 down through Holton village, the SCC Highways Service Manager has suggested setting up a community speed watch or using a speed indicator device. Clerk will check if there is a suitable post for a SID along that stretch of road.

Dave Young reported that Crestmoor has ordered the rubbish bin for the lay by in Holton.

Clerk reported that Crestmoor is dealing with the licences for the new posts and hope to install them in the next two weeks.

#### 22.55 Planning Applications:

22.55.1 22 22/00929/FUL 2 The Barns, Lower Cheriton Lane, North Cheriton – formation of new vehicular access and driveway – **no objections.**

22.55.2 SCC/3940/2022 Blackford Quarry, Blackford Hill, Yeovil BA22 7EA – section 73 planning application which seeks a variation of planning condition 2 that limits the lorry movements from Blackford Quarry. **Councillors were opposed to the application for the following reasons:**

**Paragraph 5 of the applicants planning statement requests to vary condition 2 of the original grant of planning permission 'due to the characteristics of the stone being extracted' The characteristics of the stone are the same now as at the time of the original planning application.**

**Local residents are already suffering in full the expected noise, dust, vibration and congestion of heavy vehicles on narrow rural lanes. There is no justification to further reduce their amenity by acceding to the applicant's request to either increase the size of the vehicles or increase the frequency of the journeys.**

#### 22.56 Planning Decisions:

22.56.1 HOU Two Acre Paddock, Clapton Lane, Maperton – side extension to dwelling house – approved with conditions – **noted.**

Clerk reported that a local resident had raised concerns about the Parish Council's decision to object to the retrospective planning application regarding the decking at North Cheriton Hall. Gillian Freeman declared an interest and did not vote. After much debate Councillors decided that they still had the same concerns and would not be changing their comments already submitted to the SSDC Planning Department.

#### 22.57 Correspondence:

22.57.1 South Somerset District Council – Planning Project Update – Clerk to circulate.

22.57.2 CCTC – Invitation to South East Somerset Local Community Network Launch Event - **Clerk will attend and report back at next meeting.**

22.58 E A Gale's Parish Lands Charity – nothing to report.

#### 22.59 Financial Matters:

##### 22.59.1 Authorise Cheques:

101156 £50.00 Mrs D Vanstone – internal audit of accounts 2021/2022

101157 £130.00 Wayne Pamphilon – cemetery maintenance

101158 £12.00 Camelot Parishes – advert for new Clerk in Excalibur magazine

101159 £597.05 A J Gallagher Insurance Brokers – insurance 2022 / 2022

101160 £270.40 D Chapman – Clerk's salary and expenses May 2022

101161 £60.00 Holton Village Hall – hall hire April to September 2022

22.59.2 Review and sign annual governance statements 2021/2022. The form was reviewed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

22.59.3 Review and sign accounting statements 2021/2022 - The form was reviewed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

Clerk reported that he has contacted Lloyds Bank about setting a new account for the Parish Council but that they needed to know when each signatory moved to their existing address before they would start setting up the account. The councillors present provided the necessary dates and the Clerk will contact Janet Down and David Badham -Thornhill for their information.

22.60 Speed Indicator Device:

Simon Ford reported that there had been a problem with the connectors rusting due to the recent heavy rain. He has replaced the connectors and left the unit working but on the evening of the meeting it had stopped working. He will check it and dry it out if required.

22.61 Vacancy for Clerk - Clerk reported that the vacancy has been advertised on the Parish notice boards and by SSDC but there has been no response. An advert will also appear in the Excalibur Church magazine in June. It was agreed to place an advert in the Blackmore Vale magazine. This will cost £138.

22.49 Matters of report and items for next meeting:

Dave Young reported that he knows someone who may be interested in filling the vacancy for Holton on the Parish Council. It was agreed that the person could be co-opted at the June meeting but a notice should be placed on the Holton notice board to see if anyone else is interested.

It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the editor of the Excalibur Church magazine to advertise the North Cheriton vacancy on the Parish Council.

22.50.1 The next meeting will held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7:30pm in Holton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:55pm

David Chapman – Parish Clerk

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