

# NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

## .DRAFT MINUTES

.Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## .Holton Village Hall

Electors Question Time /Comments –

A number of residents, including the resident who contacted the Parish Council (see 22.110.1 below), raised their strong concerns about the speed of traffic along the old A303. Residents are particularly concerned about the stretch of road near Brickyard Farm, where the road narrows and there is an adverse camber. The owner of a property, where there has recently been a fatal road accident, said that she has been trying to get a speed reduction for many years. The Parish Council has also asked for a speed reduction over the years.

It was agreed that a speed reduction and other measures are urgently needed to reduce the risk. Councillors unanimously agreed to support improvements do what they can to facilitate them.

Somerset County Councillor Nicola Clark reported that she and Councillor Sarah Dyke have spoken to the SCC Highways Department and they are investigating and will carry out a site visit and report back. The report will have to wait until after the Police have finished their investigation.

Nicola Clark promised that she Cllr Sarah Dyke will do everything they can to help. Nicola also reported that Somerset County Council intend to make funds available for road improvements and recommended that the Parish Council apply for funds for this project when they become available.

A resident of Holton expressed his concerns that the Old Inn in Holton has just closed. The resident asked that the Parish Council to begin the process of registering the property as an 'asset of community value'. Councillor Steve Prior will investigate and attempts will be made to ask the owner what his plans are for the property.

County / District Councillors Reports:

The Somerset County Councillors' report had been circulated before the meeting. Councillors thanked Nicola Clark for the update.

Present: David Badham-Thornhill (Acting Chairman), Gillian Freeman, Simon Ford, Steve Prior, Jenny Chambers, Doug Hodges & Graham Boaler.

In attendance: David Chapman (Clerk), Barry Druce, Nicola Clark and 15 members of the public.

22.103 Apologies: Janet Down, Dave Young, Hayward Burt, William Wallace and Sarah Dyke.

22.104 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations: none.

22.105 Minutes of Last Meeting;

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 15th August 2022 were agreed and signed.

22.106 Matters Arising from Minutes:

Clerk reported that Dave Young has spoken to Crestmoor and they have kindly offered to supply and install a new wheeled bin at the lay-by in on the old A303 in Holton free of charge.

22.107 Planning Applications:

22.107.1 22/02190/OUT Merrymeet Kennels – outline application, with some matters reserved, for demolition of existing kennel and cattery buildings and the erection of 4no. dwelling houses with access thereto. **Councillors had no objections.**

22.107.2 22/02474/FUL Cheriton View, Higher North Cheriton Road, North Cheriton – change of use of agricultural land and barns to domestic curtilage/residential use (retrospective). The change of use has already started and the works have been completed. **Councillors had no objections.**

22.108 Planning Decisions:

22.108.1 APP/R3325/W/22/3293456 – 21/03069/PAMB Maperton Dairy, Maperton – appeal against decision to refuse permission for prior approval for conversion of agricultural barns into 4 residential dwellings (C3 use) and ancillary works – **appeal dismissed - noted.**

22.108.2.2 22/02019/HOU Lower Farm House, The Old Rectory Lane, North Cheriton – alterations and extensions to existing dwelling to include new dormer window and two storey rear extension - **approved with conditions – noted.**

22.108.3 22/02154/HOU 2 The Barns, Lower North Cheriton Road, North Cheriton – demolition of existing extension and erection of a single storey extension to side and a single storey extension to rear of dwelling – **approved with conditions - noted.**

22.109 Planning Other: none

22.110 Correspondence:

22.110.1 Local Resident – concerns about the speed of traffic on old A303 where there has been a recent fatal accident. Covered under 'Electors' Question Time' above.

22.110.2 Somerset County Council Traffic Engineer – signage on B3145 Cheriton Hill, North Cheriton. The Somerset County Highways Engineer will look into the request for another sign but his first impressions are that there already sufficient signs along that stretch of road. **Noted.**

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

22.112 Financial Matters:

22.112.1 Review balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. The schedule was reviewed. The balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 stands at £13,697.09

22.112.2. Authorise Cheques:

101171 £291.35 D Chapman – Clerk's salary and expenses September 2022

101172 £138.00 Wayne Pamphilon – grass cutting at North Cheriton cemetery

101173 £159.11 Somerset Association of Local Councils Ltd – annual subscription

22.112.3 Clerk reported that Lloyds Bank has requested that two Councillors go into a Lloyds branch to confirm their identities. When this is done the account should be available to use. It was agreed that when this phase was complete the process of registering the new Clerk with Lloyds should be actioned.

22.113 Speed Indicator Device:

Simon Ford reported that he has fixed the unit and downloaded the latest data and that the it is now working well.

22.114 Matters of report and items for next meeting:

Gillian Freeman reported that she has sold her house and would be moving away around November. This will result in another vacancy for a Councillor representing North Cheriton.

Meeting closed at 8:50 pm

David Chapman – Parish Clerk

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