



NORTH VALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

held at Holton Village Hall on Monday 18th March 2024

A meeting of the North Vale Parish Council was held at 7:00 pm on Monday 18th March 2024 at Holton Village Hall.

Present: David Young (Chair), Steve Prior, Jenny Chambers, Graham Boaler, Janet Down, Douglas Hodges, and Rita Rodrigues
Barry Druce (Clerk) Nicola Clarke (Unitary Councillor)

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from David Badham-Thornhill, Julian Sincock, Max Oatley, and Sarah Dyke (Unitary Councillor)

Electors Question Time /Comments: No matters were raised for discussion.

Unitary Councillors' Report: Nicola Clarke explained that demands on her time had meant that it had not been possible to produce a written report this month. However, Nicola gave a verbal report on current developments at Somerset Council and stressed the need for members to complete the Local Nature Recovery Strategy survey that was under way.

24.011 Declaration of Interest/Dispensations: No declarations were made.

24.012 Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 15th January 2024, as PROPOSED by Graham Boaler and SECONDED by Jenny Chambers, were taken as read and approved.

24.013 Matters Arising: The Clerk referred to minute 24.009, and advised that 4 volunteers had now successfully completed the appropriate training course and were now fully certificated to carry out the Speed Indicator Device processes. It had been established that road safety equipment in the form of long-sleeved Hi-Viz jackets and traffic cones would need to be provided for the volunteers to be able to carry out the work. The Clerk stated that he had requested details on exactly what was needed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase whatever is necessary when the details were known. The Clerk stated that he was still awaiting a response from the Avon and Somerset Police Authority on whether they were making a grant payment towards paying for new S.I.D.(s) and this was noted.

24.014 Planning Applications: The following planning applications had been received since the last meeting:

24.014.1 – 23/02882/HOU - Construct new attached garage with room above - **Ivy Cottage Holton Street Holton** NOTED

24.014.2 – 24/00182/TPO - Application to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 2 Trees as shown within the South Somerset District Council (HOLT 1) 2014 Tree Preservation Order.- **The Nook Holton Street Holton.** NOTED

24.014.3 – 24/00127/FUL - Demolition of existing agricultural and storage building and erection of replacement building - **Cherrington Oaks Farm Lower Cheriton Lane North Cheriton** NOTED

24.014.4 – 24/00282/FUL - Reinstatement of existing farm track - **Land East Of Blackacre Hill North Cheriton.** Discussion took place on the need for planning permission being required in respect of matters such as this and Nicola Clarke undertook to make enquiries and advise the Clerk accordingly, and if all is found to be in order, the Clerk was instructed to register a 'No Objections' submission.

24.014.5 – 24/00289/TPO - Application to Fell No. 4 Trees as shown within the South Somerset District Council (MAPE 1) 2001 Tree Preservation Order - **Maperton House North Cheriton Road Maperton** NOTED

24.014.6 – 24/00465/DOC1 - Discharge of Condition Nos 06 (Drainage Scheme), 07 (CEMP) and 12 (Existing and Proposed Site Levels) of planning application 22/01395/FUL - **Land At Lower Farm The Old Rectory Lane North Cheriton** NOTED

24.014.7 – 24/00668/TCA - Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery work to No. 1 tree within a Conservation Area.- **The Old Post Office Lower North Cheriton Road North Cheriton** NOTED



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24.014.8 – **24/00669/TPO** - Application to carry out tree surgery work to No. 1 tree as shown by Somerset County Council (NOCH 1) 1974 Tree Preservation Order and notification of intent to carry out works to No. 1 tree within a Conservation Area. - **Hardings Hardings Lane North Cheriton** **NOTED**

24.015 Planning Decisions – The following planning decisions had been received since the last meeting:

24.015.1 - **24/00318/AGN** – Notification of intent to erect a General Purpose agricultural building - **Land At Lower Farm, The Old Rectory Lane, North Cheriton** **PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED**

24.015.2 – **24/00127/FUL** – Demolition of existing agricultural and storage building and erection of replacement building - **Cherrington Oaks Farm Lower Cheriton Lane North Cheriton** **GRANTED**

24.015.3 – **23/03136/PAMB** - Prior Approval Notification for the change of use of an existing agricultural barn into a dwellinghouse - **Barn At Bella's Ground Land Os 4400 Grove Lane North Cheriton** **WITHDRAWN**

24.015.4 – **23/02261/COL** – Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of pasture land as a domestic garden - **Windmill Cottage Cheriton Hill North Cheriton** **DECIDED**

24.015.5 – **23/03190/LBC** - Internal alterations to include Reinstatement of the original morning room and entrance hall, Forming an opening in the west partition wall of the kitchen, in order to create a family kitchen/dining room and Joinery elements infilling to two existing archways - **Maperton House North Cheriton Road Maperton** **PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS**

24.015.6 – **24/00182/TPO** – Application to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 2 Trees as shown within the South Somerset District Council (HOLT 1) 2014 Tree Preservation Order - **The Nook Holton Street Holton** **APPROVED**

24.016 Planning Other – The Clerk referred to an email that had been received from a resident of North Cheriton which set out the Parish Council's rights to make representations to a highways authority in respect of a highway that has been unlawfully stopped up or obstructed, and after a brief discussion this was referred to the Unitary Councillor who was present to make enquiries.

24.017 Correspondence: All correspondence of interest received by email had previously been distributed and were taken as read. The Clerk referred to items that had been circulated with the agenda:

(a) Highways Maintenance Devolution - Somerset Council's proposal to devolve certain highways maintenance work to parish councils was discussed and it was decided that financial constraints dictated that the NVPC was not in a position to be able to take the responsibility for any such work.

(b) The Clerk referred members to the email response that had been received from Somerset Council's Traffic Engineering Service Manager, via Nicola Clarke, in respect of a reduced speed limit on the old A303. The advice received was that although the data did not support a speed reduction to 30mph, there was possible scope to formalise a 40mph speed limit from just west of the crossroads, up to the Holton turning, and the estimated cost of £5K would fall on the Parish Council to pay. Discussion took place on the viability of covering the cost and Steve Prior undertook to make enquiries locally to see if interest could be generated in respect of fund raising to cover that cost. Graham Boaler advised that similar approaches could be made in Maperton. It was also suggested that contact could be made with National Highways to see if they had any influence in placing restrictions on the use of data by SatNav.

(c) The Clerk referred to the letter which had been received from the Gale Land Trust which was requesting up to date information on local representatives, and Rita Rodrigues undertook to make enquiries.

(d) The Clerk referred to the letter concerning the proposed national 'Hedgehog Highway' project, and this was noted.

(e) The Clerk referred to an email which had been received from a resident which set out serious concerns over a growing problem with dog waste in Hook Lane, Holton. Janet Down advised that she would put up new warning



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signs in an attempt to stop the problem and members undertook to monitor the situation closely and attempt to identify the culprit involved. The Clerk was instructed to advise the resident accordingly.

(f) The Clerk referred to an email which had been received from a resident which commented on the lack of S.I.D's in the area, and concerns over the position with current planning applications and decisions. The Clerk undertook to respond appropriately and to refer the planning queries to Nicola Clarke to investigate.

24.018 Financial Matters

24.018.1 – **Review balances as at 29th February 2024** – The schedule was reviewed. The balance as at 29th February 2024 stands at £11,836.30.

24.018.2 – **Authorise Payments** – The following items were authorised for payment:-

- (a) Barry Druce – Clerk's salary and expenses for January 2024 - £240.28
- (b) HMRC – Payment of PAYE deduction - £54.00
- (c) Crestmoor Training - £600.00
- (d) Barry Druce – Clerk's salary and expenses for February 2024 - £227.86
- (e) HMRC – Payment of PAYE deduction - £54.20

24.018.3 – **Report Monies Received** – The following payments had been received:-

- (a) 9th February 2024 – Lloyds Bank Reserve Account Interest - £3.21
- (b) 11th March 2024 – Lloyds Bank Reserve Account Interest - £11.04

24.018.4 – **Insurance Policy Renewal 2024-2025** – The Clerk referred members' to the notification that had been circulated concerning the insurance policy renewal for the ensuing year, and after a brief discussion it was agreed that all appeared to be in order and that the policy should be renewed on the existing terms.

24.019 Speed Indicator Device latest update – This had already been discussed and is reported in minute 24.013 above.

24.020: Matters of report and items for next meeting.

24.020.1 – Steve Prior referred to a damaged stile which had been discussed at a previous meeting and stated that the stile in question is number 2904 and the Clerk undertook to report it to the County Footpaths Officer.

24.020.2 - Rita Rodrigues raised a question on the ownership of the bus shelter at North Cheriton, and as this was not certain, Douglas Hodges undertook to look into it.

24.020.3 – The next meeting will be on Monday the 15th April 2024.

The Meeting closed at 8:30 pm
