

## HORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 IN BROADWAY HILL METHODIST CHURCH, HORTON AT 7.30pm

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#### Public Forum

A) 4 No. members of the public in attendance of the meeting. PCSO John Martin also in attendance.

- The issue of the newly painted double yellow lines was raised by PCSO John Martin as Avon and Somerset Constabulary had received a number of complaints from members of the public in connection with vehicles parking on the inside of the double yellow lines. PCSO John Martin stated that the police cannot enforce against parking regulations and this falls on Somerset County Council. Various discussions were had between the members of the public, PCSO John Martin and Councillors on the way forward to overcome this problem. Clerk to liaise with SCC Highways and request double yellow lines are moved.
- Councillors asked PCSO John Martin for an update on levels of crime within the village and it was reported that no crimes had occurred in the area recently.
- A member of the public asked a question in relation to a recent news article in the local paper relating to Cllr Christian Guppy. The conversation was not minuted as it does not relate to a parish council matter.

B) Cllr Linda Vjeh in attendance. Please see attached report (**Appendix 1**) written by Cllr Linda Vjeh for SCC/SSDC Councillor Monthly Report

**2725 PRESENT** Cllrs Christian Guppy – Chairman, David Johnson – Vice Chairman, Ann Richards, Ann Winter, Philippa Woodman, Richard Clifford.

**2726 APOLIGIES** Cllrs David Lester, Ray Warner, Adele Brady.

**2727 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

**2728 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** Minutes of the meeting held in May having previously been circulated were approved as a true record and correct record of the meeting. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed.

**2729 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A) 17/02163/REM –Thornleigh, Hanning Road, Horton – The parish council do not object to the application, however, we are disappointed to see no provision has been made for affordable housing on the application site. We therefore request the scheme is amended to enable two semi detached bungalows which could replace one of the larger detached bungalows as this would be less expensive and therefore meet the needs of younger local people who wish to stay within or move to the village.

Generally it was felt the number, the actual plan, infrastructure and design of the bungalows was well suited to more senior members of the community looking to downsize.

**2730 SSDC PLANNING DECISIONS**

A) 15/04866/OUT – Land Rear of The Bell Inn, Broadway – Appeal allowed subject to conditions.

B) 17/01529/S73 – 19 Channells Lane, Horton – Allowed subject to conditions.

**2731 UPDATE OF RIVERSIDE PLANNING APPLICATION** Clerk spoke with Planning Officer at SSDC and it is understood the application is now to be withdrawn.

**2732 DOUBLE YELLOW LINES** Discussion held within public forum as PCSO John Martin was in attendance. Clerk to formally request double yellow lines to be removed and repainted against wall of The Five Dials.

**2733 DEFIBRILATOR** Clerk waiting to receive confirmation from defibrillator company regarding date and time of site visit.

**2734 FINANCE**

- Broadway Hill Methodist Church Hall Rental - cheque No. 000683 £13.00 – Unanimously Approved

- Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) - cheque No. 000684 £55.00 – Unanimously Approved

**2735 CLERKS REPORT AND CORROSPONDONCE** SLCC membership renewal, to be considered at the next meeting.

**2736 ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** Email received by Clerk from Matt Day offering a presentation to the parish council in relation to Housing Needs Survey. Clerk to arrange date with Matt Day.

Water Business direct debit – Another payment has been taken by Water Business. Clerk to request refund and update on disconnection of tap.

Cllr David Johnson raised a question regarding an email he had received from previous Clerk regarding audit of the parish council. Cllr Christian Guppy and Clerk updated Cllr David Johnson on audit and points raised in email as they both had received the email.

**2737 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 17<sup>TH</sup> July at 7.30pm.

## **APPENDIX 1 - ILMINSTER DIVISION COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT MAY 2017**

### **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL – FULL COUNCIL**

The primary purpose of this month's meeting, the first to be held since the local elections earlier this month, was to make the key appointments in relation to Cabinet members and the membership of committees, and those representing outside bodies., key posts are attached separately.

One new move this year has been the removal of the post of Cabinet member for Corporate Involvement and the appointment of Junior Cabinet members.

A number of announcements were made in relation to aims for SCC in the coming months and years, which includes setting up community hubs for the delivery of key services, and pursuing the option of a university for the county.

The issue of the sale of County Farms was raised again at this month's SCC full council meeting by Cllr. Sue Osborne. In response, it was stated that the issue is due to be discussed at the appropriate scrutiny committee this autumn.

### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

#### **SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

Transport Officer Natasha Bates (01823 357199) has now responded to concerns raised by a local resident over the failure of the contracted driver to stop and pick up students due to arriving at the pick-up point before the allocated time, and the lack of seating once on board, due to an incorrect size vehicle being used.

#### **GREENFYLDE SCHOOL – FUTURE EDUCATION PROVISION**

No further updates at the moment; any changes will largely be dependent upon the outcome of the pending Persimmon application for housing development along Canal Way.

#### **SCC CORPORATE PARENT BOARD**

Former Cllr. Jill Shortland has been appointed as an independent Chair.

I can confirm that my suggestion that training for this important group be compulsory for all elected members has now been approved, which will significantly support local councillors in providing support when approached by those involved.

#### **Route 1 Advocacy**

I have now completed my 5-week training course, enabling me to become an Independent Visitor for Children in Care, and am receiving further training to become an advocate.

#### **UNIVERSAL CREDIT**

Due to the announcement of the general election, this training session has been postponed.

#### **SSDC AREA WEST**

At this month's SSDC meeting Cllr. Val Keitch was appointed as the new Chair

## PLANNING

**Broadway** – the appeal against the refusal of planning permission to build of 25 homes at the rear of The Bell has been granted, continuing to reflect the impact of SSDC's lack of a five year and supply. Costs were not awarded.

**Ashill** – an application for a single dwelling on land adjacent to The Square & Compass pub was discussed at committee, at my request, and permission granted.

**Ilminster Canal Way** – several local residents have made enquiries in relation to the Persimmon application. It is believed that the earliest this is likely to come before Area West for discussion is July – tbc.

**Cricket St. Thomas Golf Club** - the application for work to modify the golf course, has now been formally submitted to SCC. Due to concerns over the impact of travel movements and other issues, I have requested this be brought before committee prior to determination.

**Riverside, Horton** – the Yarlinton application for development of this site has been withdrawn at present. Concern has been expressed in relation to the 'For Sale' at the site.

## HIGHWAYS

**A358 dualling/A303 upgrade** - At SCC full council members of the public asked a range of questions relating to disappointment over the Highways England proposal and the fact that only one option has been submitted for consideration. The scheduled public exhibition on 8 May 2017, and Highways England's attendance at public events within the election period, was postponed, to be re-scheduled.

Proposal information can be found at [www.highways.gov.uk/Taunton-to-Southfields](http://www.highways.gov.uk/Taunton-to-Southfields)  
Scheme information is also available at SSDC Yeovil office and Ilminster Meeting House.  
The Lead Stakeholder Liaison Officer is Richard Bowen [richard.bowen@mottmac.com](mailto:richard.bowen@mottmac.com)  
Tel. 023 8062 8505.

**DONYATT –SID readings** – 11-29 April - Ave. speed 33mph, 85 percentile, 37mph.  
Total vehicle movements 39,601 with 71 at over 50 mph.

**CHAFFCOMBE** – the poor state of Summer Lane has been raised. Work is planned to rectify.

### Planned works

**CHAFFCOMBE** – Kingston Well Lane – drainage imp. Works. Temp road closure 15/1/2018 – 19/1/2018 - 5 days

**CUDWORTH** - Cudworth Street & Knights Lane - carriageway resurfacing. Temp. road closure. 14/2/2018 – 15/2/2018 - 2 days

**CHARD - Furnham Road (A358)** – closed for essential maintenance, affecting the stretch of road between the B&Q traffic lights and Thorndun Park Drive and will be split into two phases: Preparatory works began 22 May, lasting 3 weeks (7.30am to 6pm excl. weekends). Furnham Road will remain open with temporary traffic lights in certain locations. Carriageway resurfacing begins on 15 June, and is expected to take 5 nights.

**WINSHAM** – concern raised over the planned diversion route for road work closures resulted in a new more acceptable diversion route.

#### **DONYATT SIS FEASIBILITY STUDY**

The results of the feasibility study, and suggestions to reduce speeding along the A358 in Donyatt have been met with disappointment locally and a request has been submitted for further local consultation on the option available.

#### **DILLINGTON FARM TRAFFIC – speeding along roads in the vicinity has been highlighted RIGHTS OF WAY**

**WINSHAM** – Local residents continue to be concerned over local landowners obstructing rights of way, and SCC's lack of action, which I am pursuing.

**ASHILL** – The following is currently out to consultation - Upgrade of CH 1/23 from a footpath to a Restricted Byway (511M) and add a Restricted Byway to Copse Lane.

**ILMINSTER** – an order has been made to modify the definitive map to upgrade Footpath CH32/20 to a Restricted Byway at Green Lane.

#### **SSDC COMMUNITY HEALTH AND LEISURE ANNUAL REPORT**

Funding and officer support has been provided across Area West in the last 12 months, with 3 three key themes:

- Increasing use of outdoor and green spaces for exercise and health related activities
- Decreasing the number of adults and children who are currently inactive
- Reducing the number of overweight and obese adults and children

Walk leader training is available – Broadway now has a weekly Health Walk, and CLICK into Activity is continuing. School Tennis Coaching was delivered at Neroche School.

**Priorities for 2017/18** – increase the number of short health walks in the area; run a flexercise workshop; increase the number of sport50/pop-up community activity sessions; continue to set up community exercise classes where required; continue to run the CLICK into Activity programme.

Anyone interested in taking advantage of the support and facilities offered should contact Linda Pincombe on 01935 462614 or email [Lynda.Pincombe@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:Lynda.Pincombe@southsomerset.gov.uk)

#### **Chard, Ilminster & Crewkerne Area Health Forum**

At a meeting of this group this month the focus was on Dementia Care.

The Alzheimer's Society offer a side-by-side volunteer service, providing support for 2-3 hours per week, in addition to a range of information leaflets and other options available, including advice on driving. For more information contact 01458 251 541.

A presentation was given on Royal British Legion (RBL) Admiral Nurses, specialist mental health nurses focusing on the carers of people living with dementia, through collaborative working with other professionals and case work with carers.

In Somerset there are 4 nurses providing practical advice and emotional support, in addition to education and training. Criteria for referral is a carer's inability to cope, and to be a RBL

beneficiary (i.e. someone who has seen active service or is closely related to someone who has). For more information and to find contact 01823 218443.

A discussion was also held in relation to the future of Chard Hospital, and the continued occupancy of beds by those awaiting housing or social services solutions, preventing discharge. In this context the Chard re-development group is due to meet on the 14<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS**

Local parishes have been busy holding their meetings this month, with several having presentations from outside speakers. At Broadway, Wessex Water gave an informative presentation on the impact of the amount of fat/oil and wet wipes finding their way into the drainage system, and clogging it up sufficient to cause flooding.

**CHARD MUSEUM EVENT** – On Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> (6.30 for 7pm start) a private viewing will be held along with a preview of a recent TV programme shot at the museum. All members of local parish councils are invited to attend. Please RSVP directly to me by 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**EVENTS/ACTIVITIES ATTENDED**

2/5	Route 1 Independent visitor training
2/5	Broadway PC annual meeting
3/5	Winsham PC meeting
4/5	Greenfylde School reading
4/5	IMEx meeting
4/5	Community Catalysts meeting
4/5	Kingstone AGM
8/5	Donyatt PC annual meeting
8/5	Dowlish Wake Pc annual meeting
8/5	Ashill PC annual meeting
9/5	Route 1 Independent visitor training
9/5	Ilminster TC town assembly
10/5	Winsham Pc annual meeting
15/5	Horton PC annual meeting
15/5	Chaffcombe PC annual meeting
16/5	Route 1 Independent visitor training
16/5	Ilminster TC annual meeting
17/5	SCC – IT meeting
17/5	SSDC Area West
18/5	SSDC full council (not attended- car breakdown)
20/5	Morgan Court Ilminster – 5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary party
20/5	Ilminster Fairtrade event
20/5	Horton St Peter's Church quiz
21/5	Horton partnership Rogation service
23/5	Route 1 Independent visitor training
23/5	Broadway PC
24/5	SCC – full council
24/5	CLIC meeting Ilminster
27/5	Ilminster bowling club charity quiz
28/5	Chaffcombe Flower festival
30/5	Ilminster Literary Festival launch
31/5	Resident meeting with Enham - Ilminster
31/5	Summervale Surgery – meeting with practices manager

As there have been a number of changes to positions held across all parishes, please could all clerks let me have, at the earliest opportunity, names and contact details, including telephone and address, for all PC members.

I have received requests from a number of parishes to provide my own details for parish noticeboards – attached.