

MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

AT ST PETERS CHURCH, HORTON AT 7.30pm

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**Public Forum**

- A) Several members of the public were in attendance of the meeting.
- B) Cllr Linda Vijeh was in attendance of the meeting. Please see attached report (**Appendix 1**) written by Cllr Linda Vijeh for SCC/SSDC Councillor Monthly Report.
- 2964 PRESENT** Cllrs Adele Brady – Chair, David Johnson – Vice Chair, Philippa Woodman, Julie Layzell and Richard Clifford.
- 2965 APOLOGIES** Cllrs David Lester, Ann Winter, Vickie Hobbs and Ann Richards
- 2966 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr David Johnson declared an interest in agenda item 13b/minute reference 2976c as he is a neighbour to the proposed development site.
- 2967 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** Minutes of the meeting held in November having previously been circulated were approved as a true record and correct record of the meeting. Cllrs approved, seconded and unanimously agreed.
- 2968 PLAYING FIELD UPDATE**
- The Horton Playing Field Project thanked the parish council for registering the playing field at Channells Lane so quickly with Land Registry.
  - £1,000 was fundraised at Christmas towards the project.
  - Currently, approximately £5,000 is in the Horton Playing Field bank account.
  - The Playing Field group are currently looking into grant funding from Sport England and National Lottery.
  - A grant is being applied for from Somerset Community Foundation and a letter is needed from the parish council in support of this application.
  - The group are in the process of obtaining quotes for the proposed hard landscaping.
  - It is anticipated at the next bi-monthly meeting that a presentation will be given to the parish council on the nest swing that is to be purchased. Upon purchase of the nest swing, the existing roundabout on the playing field will need to be removed in order for the nest swing to be installed. The roundabout will be sent for scrap metal and any monies received for this will be given to the parish council.
  - Two picnic benches and bench seat have been purchased from Yarcombe Woodland Products, clerk to add payment for these items to the next agenda.
- 2969 LAND REGISRTY – UPDATE** Clerk has received confirmation from Batten Solicitors that the playing field at Channels Lane has officially been registered with Land Registry. Clerk to keep registration paperwork but is to file Deeds with Somerset Records Office.
- 2970 PLAYING FIELD AUDIT REPORT** The annual audit report from South Somerset District Council was received. Report was circulated and comments within were noted.

**2971 PUDDLEBRIDGE - NEXT STEPS**

- Lengthy discussion was held over the issue of speed through Puddlebridge.
- A member of the public informed the council that two further accidents have occurred on the bend, of which Somerset County Council (SCC) were unaware of.
- A member of the public queried the highway data the clerk received (new speed census though Puddlebridge) stating that they had not received this information. Clerk forwarded the information to the member of the public in the meeting – email dated October 2018.
- Clerk informed the council that she had spoken with SCC regarding the reduction in speed limit and the lowest SCC will agree to is 40mph, based upon DfT Guidance.
- Members of the public were not happy with the suggested 40mph and wish to see the limit reduced to 30mph, clerk informed the councillors that they cannot make a complaint on behalf of a resident to argue the case to reduce the limit to 30mph.
- The current cost of implementing a new speed limit will be £800 as the parish will need to purchase new signage. The cost of the Traffic Road Order is being levied and SCC will be paying for this which will cost £3,000.
- SCC advised the clerk to make a formal decision on the issue as the £3,000 may become unavailable within the new financial year.
- Cllr Vijeh suggested taking SCC's over and implement the 40mph whilst residents continue discussions with SCC regarding a 30mph instead.
- Clerk to request SCC attend a parish council meeting so the issues can be discussed further.
- Conclusion, the councillors voted to request the speed limit is reduced to 40mph. Clerk to action with SCC.

**2972 WEBSITE – ACCESSIBILITY** Clerk received and email notifying the council that the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) Accessibility Regulations 2018 came into effect in September 2018. Clerk informed the parish that we needed to contact our website administrator to check and see if the website is compliant to these regulations. Clerk to report back to the council in March.

**2973 DEBFIBRILLATOR** This agenda item was requested by Cllr Ann Winter, who was absent from the meeting. Clerk to list on March 2019 agenda.

**2973 ASSET LIST – APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS** The asset list was circulated prior to the meeting for consideration. Amendments to this list were the removal of the strimmer as it has broken and since disposed of and the addition of the mobile phone purchase.

**2975 YELLOR GRIT BIN – RIVERSIDE** Discussions were held. Yarlington have agreed to the siting of a salt bin but informed the council they needed to seek the permission of the occupiers of two properties as the bin is proposed on a section of their garden. Following further discussions, it was decided to put the purchase on hold.

**2976 PLANNING APPLICATION(S)**

- A) 19/00001/FUL – Land at Forest Gate Farm, South of Whitney Cottage, Whitney Hill – Change of use of land and the erection of a garage/store building (revised application).

Discussions were held. The council unanimously voted in support of the application.

B) 18/04049/FUL – Land Adj Stoneleigh, Pound Road, Horton – The erection of 1 No. new dwelling with access and parking.

CLlr David Johnson declared an interest in this application as he is a neighbour to this site. The application was discussed at the PC meeting on the 30th January. After consideration of the plans and following a discussion, the PC object to the application on the following grounds:

- The visibility of the proposed access is poor and will potentially be a hazard to pedestrians and other vehicles on Pound Road when exiting the application site. There is a speeding issue along Pound road and if additional vehicles were to exit the site it could cause the potential for accidents. Additionally, the visibility splays are over 3rd party land.
- The shared access for previously approved application 16/05162/OUT (for two residential dwellings) would be immediately adjacent to the proposed development and would have an impact on the occupants of the properties. In addition to the existing driveway access (for Flagstones), there would be three vehicular access point in close proximity, one after the other.

C) 18/04022/FUL – Land North of Shave Lane, Horton – The erection of 2 No. dwellings together with garage and access thereto.

Discussions were held. The council unanimously voted in support of the application.

D) Adjoining Parish – 18/03939/OUT – Land at Paulls Lane, Broadway – The erection of 8 No. dwellings with all matters reserved except for access.

Horton Parish Council were not formally notified of the application by SSDC; however, Broadway Parish Council brought the application to the attention of Horton Parish Council. The proposed access into the application site from Trotts Lane can be accessed either through Broadway or Horton and it was considered that the proposed application for 8 No. dwellings could impact upon the village of Horton.

CLlr David Johnson attended Broadway Parish Council's meeting where the application was being considered. A summary of the comments from Broadway Parish Council's meeting were:

- Broadway Parish Council raised objection to the planning application based on drainage and access/highway issues.
- The agent for the application stated that this proposed application wouldn't affect Broadway and that the application was small in comparison to the recently approved application for 35 dwellings.
- The proposed dwellings are intended to be bungalows which would be sympathetic to the existing surrounding houses.
- Environmental issues would be caused by digging up neighbouring fields for drainage purposes however, Wessex Water can compulsorily do this without land owners permission.
- The property known as 'Woodcote' would be severely affected by this proposed development with the proposed access abutting Woodcote's boundary.

- Question were raised over concerns on how construction traffic is to access the site turning in from Broadway Road and on to Trotts Lane as this turning is too narrow.
- Concerns over wildlife/ecology.

During the Horton Parish Council meeting, Cllr Adele Brady asked the members of the public in attendance of the meeting if they wished to make any comments on the application. The following comments were made:

- Can the existing foul sewage network accommodate all the new housing within the village?
- Big assumptions are being made that the traffic movements generated by the proposed development (up to an extra 16 vehicles) will access and exit the site onto Broadway Road and that the potential occupants would not use Trotts Lane to travel through to Horton.
- Traffic survey undertaken stated that the vehicles did not exit Trotts Lane into Horton but instead exited onto Broadway Road. Not all traffic will exit onto Broadway Road as indicated in the application.
- The traffic survey was undertaken in November 2017 when the ford was flooded, and cars couldn't pass the ford rendering Trotts Lane unusable.
- The data used in Traffic Survey with regards to car/passenger trips were figures from other counties and out of date thus not relevant to this site.
- The application incorrectly states:
  - Cars can pass each other on the ford
  - Trotts Lane has informal pull in places for cars to pass each other

Discussions were held between the Councillors and the following comments were made on the application:

- Cllr Julie Layzell stated that the Ecology Study undertaken and submitted with the application is a basic study and further studies would be required to determine any ecological impacts.
- A suggestion was made that Trotts Lane should be made 'one way' only.
- From a landscape point of view, the field is an important divider of two villages.
- The proposed courtyard arrangement is odd.
- The proposed wildlife corridor would need formal management and ultimately the area will be absorbed into people's gardens.
- The proposed dwellings are large and luxury type homes. More affordable and smaller houses are needed in the village, not luxury homes.

## **2977 PLANNING DECISION(S)**

- A) 18/03588/HOU – Lane House, The Lane, Horton – Erection of single storey rear extension – Approved with conditions.

## **2978 FINANCE**

Proposal – Budget 2018/2019 – The budget was amended so that an allocation of money towards a new defibrillator was removed as this was increasing the precept required significantly resulting in residents having to pay approximately an extra 8% in their next Council Tax bill. Therefore, amending the budget has resulted in only a 2.4% increase to tax payers. Following the amendments, the budget was unanimously approved.

Proposal - Precept 2018/2019 – Following discussions, it was agreed to request £13,300 in precept from South Somerset District council.

Proposal – To approve bi-monthly financial statement - Financial statements and accounts were circulated and were duly approved as being a true record of the financial state of this council.

Proposal – Purchase of replacement bench for Hanning Road – Cllr Julie Layzell has acquired details of benches from other companies. Payment not approved. Item to be listed on March 2019 agenda.

Proposal – Purchase of yellow grit/salt bin - Payment not approved. Ongoing discussions to be had.

Proposal – Purchase of road grit/salt - Payment not approved. Ongoing discussions to be had.

Proposal – to approve payment of the following cheques:

- C Duff – wages and expenses – cheque no. 000729 - £540.42 - Unanimously approved
- M F Salaman – grass cutting – Not approved, clerk was not handed invoice in the meeting for payment to be raised. Add to March 2019 agenda.
- St Peters Church – hall hire (November meeting – 3 hours) - cheque no. 000728 - £30.00 - Unanimously approved
- Battens Solicitors – Land Registration of Playing Field - cheque no. 000730 - £604.00 - Unanimously approved

**2979 CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- A further letter was received from Hastoe Housing Group informing the parish that the property another property at Shave Lane was available but has since been allocated to a resident of Horton.
- A letter was received from Yeovil Shop Mobility requesting a donation towards their costs. Councillors had a discussion and decided not to offer a grant towards this cause.
- An email was received from SSDC informing the council of the upcoming Town and Parish Council Elections. Clerk to attend training session at SSDC in February.
- An email was received by the Clerk from a resident in Broadway where concerns over speeding traffic in Broadway and Horton. Clerk prior to the meeting had forwarded email on to all councillors.

**2980 ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN** Cllr Adele Brady has requested that the time of the parish council meetings is brought forward for all future meetings. The time proposed and unanimously agreed to is 6.30pm.

**2981 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm

## **APPENDIX 1 - ILMINSTER DIVISION COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT - DECEMBER 2018**

### **SCC - FINANCES**

Mid Term Financial Plan update – there remains a continuing need to save an additional £15m. SCC is aiming to ensure that all potential financial pressures are considered in order to ensure that the budget balances, taking into account factors such as Local Government financial settlements; district-based council tax collections; winter conditions.

Children's services remains the largest spending commitment, along with adult services, especially Learning Disability services.

Somerset is one of the counties that will be part of the Business Rate Retention pilot which will mean a financial gain for both Districts and SCC.

Government grants during the last five years have been reduced significantly, by over £2m.

It is anticipated that for the 2019/20 budget there will be an increase of £5 for band D properties, with an assumed increase of 2.99% p.a. from 2020.

Budgets are due to be set in Feb.

### **DSFRS**

The Corporate Safety and Planning Committee considered a number of options for changes to the current duty system, where there is over, or under, staffing at key times. Planned changes are intended to ensure the service operates on a more flexible basis to allow for greater flexibility and adaptability, to reduce risk, and respond to changes in demand. It is likely that a variety of duty solutions will be tailored to suit the specific area of risk.

The service, in addition to being the largest employer of 'on-call' firefighters in the country, is also the national industry leader for 'on-call' apprenticeships.

### **SCC YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN**

It is proposed that the Youth Justice Plan 2018/19 continues, with SCC resourcing it at 2017/18 levels, enabling continuation of services across the whole county at the current level.

### **PACT**

At this month's meeting concern was raised in relation to anti-social behaviour and littering in Ilminster. Wadham and Neroche schools have both expressed dismay that SCC Highways will not be gritting approach roads, which could impact on school attendance during inclement weather.

### **POLICE INDEPENDENT ADVISORY GROUP**

At this month's meeting a report was received in relation to taxi enforcement and public safety. Concern has been raised about the cost of the requirement for all hire cars to be disabled friendly, especially where the car being used for hire is the driver's family vehicle.

Increased use of dash cams, and body cams, by the police has improved conviction rates for incidents relating to racism and anti-social behaviour.

### **HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD**

In the annual report from the Director of Public Health rising levels of hospital admissions relating to self-harm, particularly for young girls and women aged 10-24 (peaking at age 15) has been highlighted. Although these are largely one-offs the levels are higher than regional and national averages, with 28% of girls and 19% of boys reporting that they sometimes harm themselves.

### **COUNTY WIDE PARKING REVIEW**

SCC Highways have identified 6 areas that will be part of the first review, including Chard.

The remainder, including Ilminster, will follow dependent on demand, circumstances and resources:- For more info. contact 01823 358089 or [BJNorman@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:BJNorman@somerset.gov.uk)

## HIGHWAYS

### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATIONS - GIGACLEAR

**Moor Lane, Chillington** - from jct. with Coley Lane, 116 metres. 7th Jan. 2019 for 7 days.

**Bere Mills Lane, Donyatt and Knowle St Giles** – from jct. with Old A3037, 790 metres. 7th Jan. 2019 for 5 days.

**Mill Lane, Dowlish Wake** - from jct. with Main Street to jct. with Stretford Lane, 780 metres. 7th Jan. 2019 for 14 days.

**Clay Lane, Chillington** – from jct. with Lambert Lane to jct. with Sheepphouse Farm Lane, 475 metres. 14th Jan. 2019 for 10 days.

**Watery Lane, Donyatt** – from approx. 20 metres east of Stoneham Bridge to jct. with Old A3037, 450 metres. 14th Jan. 2019 for 7 days.

**Main Street to Cudworth Road, Dowlish Wake** - from jct. with Cudworth Road to jct. with Main Street, 85 metres. 28th Jan. 2019 for 5 days.

**Fisherway Lane, Chillington** – from jct. of Coley Lane to jct. of Sheepphouse Farm Lane, 511 metres. 4th Feb. 2019 for 10 days.

**Chillington Down, Chillington** – from jct. with Fisherway Lane to jct. with Windwhistle, 781 metres. 15th Feb. 2019 for 10 days.

**Dowlish Road, Chillington** – from jct. of Dowlish Lane to jct. of Lambert Lane, 1081 metres. 25th Feb. 2019 for 5 days.

**Church Street, Ilminster** – from jct. with Donyatt Hill to Junction Park Lane, 177 metres. 23rd Jan. for 7 days.

**Pound Lane, Ilminster** – from jct. with Donyatt Hill to outside Little Wakefield, 75 metres. 23rd Jan. for 5 days.

**Apple Close, Dowlish Wake** – from jct. of Main Street to outside 9 Apple Close, 75 metres. 24th Jan. for 4 days.

### SSDC PLANNING

Some disquiet has been expressed by a number of parishes recently in relation to the current situation within the planning department at SSDC.

### COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Donyatt Village Hall - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. (Gemini Carnival Club)

### CRESTA POOL

In response to a question raised at SCC full council the following has been received.

'The PE and Sport Premium grant, in existence since 2012, must be used to fund additional, sustainable improvements to PE and sport provision to benefit primary-aged pupils, to encourage the development of healthy, active lifestyles. Each school is to prioritise their use of this funding. In response to suggestions that SCC would not sell Cresta Pool to Chard Community, SCC were open to transferring the pool provided a robust Business Plan was in place. Unfortunately, the Community was not able to do that and therefore SCC could not in good faith transfer the asset.'

**ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS**

1/12	Ashill Christmas Fayre
1/12	Donyatt Christmas Fair
1/12	Horton 10th anniversary dinner
2/12	Horton Breakfast (Playing Field Project)
2/12	Donyatt candlelight service
2/12	BHMC – Advent service
2/12	Neroche Christmas Fair
3/12	DSFRS - community safety and corporate plan meeting
3/12	Winsham PC
4/12	PACT meeting – Ilminster
4/12	Broadway PC
4/12	Ilminster TC
5/12	Police Independent Advisory Group
5/12	Minster Christmas Tree Festival
5/12	Greenfylde Nativity
6/12	WI Carol Service Horton
6/12	IMEx meeting
6/12	Donyatt Carols by Candlelight
7/12	Chard Museum Christmas Tree Festival
7/12	Ashill Christmas Lights
7/12	Samaritans Christmas quiz
8/12	Horton Christmas Bazaar
8/12	Whitelackington Xmas Table Top Sale
9/12	Donyatt VH Breakfast (Gemini)
9/12	Horton Nativity Service
9/12	Winsham Christmas Lights
10/12	DSFRS – HR committee
10/12	Ilminster Lit. Fest. meeting
10/12	Donyatt PC
11/12	Greenfylde School nativity
12/12	Area West committee
13/12	Fiveways School Christmas Show
13/12	SSDC – Budget briefing
13/12	Donyatt Carol Service
14/12	DSFRS board meeting
14/12	Bell Inn Broadway opening
14/12	Broadway Christmas Quiz
15/12	Winsham School Craft Fair
15/12	Warehouse performance of David Copperfield
16/12	Horton Christingle service
16/12	Ludney carols
16/12	Ilminster Civic Service
17/12	SCC – Mid Term Financial Plan briefing
17/12	Fiveways School Staff Appeal
17/12	Neroche School governor meeting
19/12	Blue Light carol service – Exeter
20/12	Winsham Jubilee Hall coffee morning
20/12	Swanmead School Christmas Celebration – Minster
20/12	Wadham School Christmas service - Merriott
21/12	Winsham School end of term assembly
21/12	Donyatt Christingle service
22/12	Dowlish Wake Nativity and Christingle service



23/12	BMHC combined communion service
23/12	Ashill Carol service
23/12	Cudworth Carols by Candlelight
24/12	Horton Crib service
24/12	Midnight Mass
25/12	Kingstone Christmas service