

DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES 2018

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DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2018

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mortimer (Chair), Grabham, Porrit, Ladd, Coles, & West

ALSO PRESENT: C.C. & D.C. Linda Vijeh, 3 members of the public and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

18/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

All present

18/02 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Grabham declared a personal interest in 'Grants to Voluntary Organisations' as he is a member of the Village Hall Committee and the Parochial Church Council

Cllr Porritt declared a personal interest in 'Grants to Voluntary Organisations' as he is a member of the Village Hall Committee

Cllr Cole declared a personal interest in 'Grants to Voluntary Organisations' as he is a member of the Recreation Ground Committee

18/03 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th NOVEMBER 2017

RESOLVED: the approval of these minutes as a true record.

18/04 MATTERS ARISING (for report only)

There were no matters arising that has not been covered by the Agenda

18/05 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had nothing to report

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow the public to speak

18/06 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the Parochial Church Council spoke in regard to their grant application and two members of the public spoke in regard to the Feasibility Report

The Chairman re-convened the meeting

18/07 FEASIBILITY REPORT – TRAFFIC CALMING A358

After a full discussion it was agreed to respond to the proposals made by Somerset County Council's Project Manager as follows:

The proposals were generally welcomed **except** the construction of two uncontrolled crossing points along with tactile paving to assist the visually impaired. The meeting agreed that this would be extremely dangerous as the A358 is extremely busy and even a person with 20/20 vision would still find it very difficult to cross safely.

The Council strongly request pedestrian crossing points to have a central refuge point and this to take precedence over any other measures. Also, a point was made that the crossing point near Shave Lane has hatching in the middle of the road and whether a pedestrian may think that the hatching was a refuge point.

Other points that were raised:

- To leave the Donyatt sign where it is at present
- To keep the 'elderly' sign. It is appreciated that there is no longer a rest home but the sign may deter any speeding
- Vegetation clearance and cleaning of road signage is welcomed but this should be done by SCC as a matter of course anyway. A maintenance programme will need to be set up as the vegetation will grow back
- To renew the worn-out rumble strips already in situ and not have the 30mph rumble strips

18/08 DISTRICT COUNCIL AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

C.C. & D.C. Linda Vijeh sent in a written report before this meeting which was sent by email to Councillors. Cllr Cole reported on a problem with tenants at Donyatt Hill Estate. The Chairman said that she would report the problem with the PCSO

18/09 PLANNING MATTERS

17/04887/S73A Application to vary planning condition 1 (approved plans) of approval 17/01683/REM Lower Sea Farm, Sea

The Council had no comments

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SSDC Decisions

17/04283/FUL Erection of 1 No Livestock building, silage clamp and hardstanding and formation of 2 vehicular accesses. Stibbear Farm, Stibbear Lane

SSDC: GRANT PERMISSION

PC: SUPPORTED

17/03692/LBC The installation of replacement windows to rear elevation.
Thatcher's Pond

SSDC: GRANT PERMISSION

PC: SUPPORTED

16/04176/FUL Change of use and conversion of part redundant barn to provide 2 No. letting rooms in association with existing holiday business. Shave Farm, Shave Lane.

SSDC: GRANT PERMISSION

PC: SUPPORTED

18/10 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The Clerk reported that the prize draw of a £30 for a food voucher by Mrs Spurway.

The Council will receive the Housing Need Survey Report from the Community Council for Somerset in February.

18/11 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Speed Indicator Devices – Somerset County Council are terminating the SID's from 31.3.18. SCC are looking into a revised scheme for Town/Parish Councils that would be willing to contribute and are asking Councils if they would be interested in such a scheme. At present, the contribution is not known as it is dependent on the number of councils joining the scheme. It was agreed to 'express an interest' in the scheme

18/12 GRANTS TO VILLAGE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 17/18

Grants Requested:

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| Village Hall | £2875 | towards replacing the windows & resurfacing the carpark |
| Recreational Ground | £600 | towards ground maintenance & replacing play equipment |
| Parochial Church Council | £500 | toward churchyard maintenance |
| Parochial Church Council | £5000 | toward refurbishments to the Church |

The Clerk referred to her report that there is 'confusion' on whether Parish Councils can grant aid towards maintenance and improvement costs relating to the Church of England (Local Government Act 1894) or if Local Government Act 1972 S137 supersedes the previous Act or Power of General Competence (if the Council has met the criteria for that power)

After a full discussion, the following were **RESOLVED**:

- 1) Grant Aid £2875 to the Village Hall
- 2) Defer the decision for the grant aid to the Recreational Ground as it is a new Committee, The Council will invite representatives of the RG to the March meeting to inform the Council in regard to the Committee arrangements and future plans.
- 3) Grant £500 to the PCC towards churchyard maintenance under the Power of General Competence
- 4) Grant £2500 to the PCC towards Church refurbishments under the Power of General Competence

It was agreed that the Church is important to the village and several tourists do visit the Church as it has many features of interest

18/13 BUDGET FOR YEAR 17/18

RESOLVED: setting a precept of £7,700 for the above year under the power of Local Government Finance Act 1992 Section 41. This equates to £52.45 for a Band D property which is a 1.8% rise from last year.

18/14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

INSURANCE RENEWAL

RESOLVED to approve the renewal from Came & Co £218.00

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that this Council approves the schedule of cheques and the Financial Report subject to the requirements of our Risk Assessment Document.

18/15 REPORTS

Cllr Porritt gave a report

18/16 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had nothing to report

18/17 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH MATTERS

The following were reported:

- There is a water leak on the verge near the Millennium stone
- The broken manhole cover at the junction of Stibbear Lane and the A358 has not been repaired. The drains along Stibbear Lane are still blocked. The Clerk will chase both issues up.
- There is a bollard missing at the end of Watery Lane. The Clerk will inform County Farms

18/18 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next scheduled meeting will be held on 12th March 2018

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm

DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2018

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mortimer (Chair), Grabham, Porrit, Coles, & West

ALSO PRESENT: C.C. & D.C. Linda Vijeh, 1 member of the public and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

18/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

All present

To note: that Kate Ladd has resigned from the Council

18/19 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS

None received

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow the public to speak

18/20 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The member of the public spoke on his concerns in regard to Planning Application No 16/02289/STA

The Chairman re-convened the meeting

18/21 PLANNING MATTERS

16/02289/S73A Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 12/02295/FUL to amend boundary and site layout

After a full discussion it was **RESOLVED** not to support this application. The Clerk will use the same grounds as submitted in June 2016 updated where necessary. Extract as follows:

A) The Council is still convinced that part of the Highway, Crow Lane, has been built onto with the end of the dwellings wall and the stone wall.

B) Unfortunately, over 18 months on, the Council's concerns are justified as follows.

- Vans have entered Crow Lane in a forward gear on several occasions and then find that they cannot turn around, their only option is to reverse out onto the A358.
- The speed of traffic has increased with evidence that vehicles travel at median speed of 45mph
- It is noted that the telegraph pole is proposed to be moved but there is still not sufficient visibility for vehicles to access Crow Lane safely
- When all of the dwellings are occupied which they are not at present, more vehicles will be using Crow Lane with most families having two cars, households will have visitors and there will be more delivery vehicles.
- Vehicles are parking along Crow Lane presumable on a visit and, as Crow Lane has been made narrower, larger vehicles will not be able to access the lane at all
- C) The wall around the parking area at the rear of Crow Lane is causing problems with farm vehicles blocking six of the seven residences for some considerable time. If the wall was not there, the vehicle could have reversed up to the gate of the field.
- D) The Council are now recommending:
 - Remove the perimeter wall along the entire length along Crow Lane and reinstate the original boundary along its length and its access onto the A358. The boundary of the development site should be along the end wall of the dwellings
 - Remove the air conditioning unit as this is unsightly adjacent to a Conservation Area. The Conservation Area boundary runs along Crow Lane so it could be said that the air conditioning unit and the perimeter wall on Crow Lane actually jut out into the Conservation Area.
 - Move the telegraph pole, but not on to Crow Lane itself
 - Remove the boundary wall as indicated on the plan and also approximately 10 metres of the front wall with the railing so to create the necessary visibility splay

18/00096/PAMB Notification for prior approval for the change of use of existing agricultural building to a dwelling, The Carriage Barn, Stibbear Farm, Stibbear Lane

18/00099/PAMB Notification for prior approval for the change of use of existing agricultural building to a dwelling, The Tallet Barn, Stibbear Farm, Stibbear Lane

18/00107/PAMB Notification for prior approval for the change of use of existing agricultural building to a dwelling, Tithe Barn 1 Stibbear Farm, Stibbear Lane

18/00102/PAMB Notification for prior approval for the change of use of existing agricultural building to a dwelling, Tithe Barn 2 Stibbear Farm, Stibbear Lane

18/00110/PAMB Notification for prior approval for the change of use of existing agricultural building to a dwelling, The Old Dairy Barn, Stibbear Farm, Stibbear Lane

RESOLVED: to recommend that Full Applications should be submitted for the above five applications

18/00082/FUL Erection of 144 dwelling houses with open space, landscaping and other associated works.
Formation of access (Outside Parish)

It was agreed to wait and see the response from Ilminster Town Council

18/23 FEASIBILITY REPORT – TRAFFIC CALMING A358

After a full discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Porritt will draft a response and circulate to all councillors. Once it has been agreed by the Councillors, the Clerk will send off to Somerset County Council

18/24 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW

After a full discussion it was **RESOLVED** to respond as follows

Donyatt P.C. is concerned and confused by the proposal to merge Ilminster and Neroche wards to become one District council ward, albeit retaining 3 councillors. The Council cannot understand the perceived benefits and the logic used to justify this with the current electorate of 6988 and the forecast electorate of 7314, little will have changed and this does not establish further “electoral equality”

Ilminster is a combination of housing, industry and rural areas predetermined by the local aspect.

Donyatt, Broadway, Horton and Ashill parishes comprise the Country ward of Neroche, an entirely separate entity to Ilminster without natural links or affiliations.

The Council fails to comprehend how the proposed changes would improve effectiveness and convenience at this level of local government.

The Council consider this change for change sake, resulting only in further expense to taxpayers with no benefits what so ever.”

18/25 HIGHWAY ENGLAND - A358 TAUNTON TO SOUTHFIELD SCHEME

Consultation 16.1.17 – 27.2.17 - Noted

18/26 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The following were reported:

- Numerous agricultural vehicles have been using Park Lane to delivery tanks of slurry and wagons of manure to a field belonging to Cold Harbour Farm. These vehicles have been wider than the width of the lane and consequently have damaged the verges. Three existing drains adjacent to Park House and Park Cottage have been rendered unfunctional in an area which already floods. The road surface has been severely damaged along the lane. The Clerk will inform County Highways
- The notice board at Donyatt Hill Estate has blown over and has two broken posts. The Clerk will contact Mike Toop to see if he can repair the notice board

The date of the next scheduled meeting will be held on 12th March 2018

DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2018

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mortimer (Chair), Grabham, Porrit, Coles, & West

ALSO PRESENT: C.C. & D.C. Linda Vijeh, Sarah Young a representative from the Donyatt Recreational Area Committee (DRAC) and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

Sarah Young updated the Council on the Donyatt Recreational Area Committee (DRAC) arrangements and future plans.

18/27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

RESOLVED: to approval the apology from Cllr West for the reason given

18/28 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Cole declared a personal interest in 'Grants to Voluntary Organisations' as he is a member of the Recreation Ground Committee

18/29 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 8th AND 30th JANUARY 2018

RESOLVED: the approval of these minutes as a true record.

18/30 MATTERS ARISING (for report only)

There were no matters arising that has not been covered by the Agenda

18/31 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had nothing to report

18/32 DISTRICT COUNCIL AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

C.C. & D.C. Linda Vijeh sent in a written report before this meeting which was sent by email to Councillors.

18/33 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There was no public present

18/34 FEASIBILITY REPORT – TRAFFIC CALMING A358

Cllr Porritt and the Clerk reported on a meeting with Somerset County Council Officers on 22.2.18.

C.C. Linda Vijeh also attended. The meeting was arranged to discuss the Feasibility Report presented by Somerset County Council and mainly to discuss the safety of the crossing point for pedestrians. Somerset County Council Officers stated that the road width was not sufficient to install a pedestrian refuge and the only option was a crossing point of a dropped kerb with 'tactile' paving. The safety of the crossing point presented will be covered under the Stage 2 Safety Audit before the scheme is implemented

RESOLVED: To accept the scheme as presented by Somerset County Council on condition that the Council has access to the Stage 2 Safety Audit

18/35 PLANNING MATTERS

16/02289/S73A Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 12/02295/FUL to amend boundary and site layout.

A discussion took place in regard to the reply from Planning Liaison Officer, Somerset County Council on the Council's response to this application. It was agreed that the Clerk should inform the Planning Officer, Linda Hayden that the Council still stands by the previous response that was submitted

18/00228/LBC Replacement of rear softwood doors and frames and replacing them with specialist accoya wood flood resistant doors and frames painted to match existing

Higher Sea House, Sea

This application has been previously supported under the Clerk's delegated powers

SSDC Decisions

18/00096/PAMB; 18/00099/PAMB; 18/00107/PAMB; 18/00102/PAMB; 18/00110/PAMB

Various barns at Stibbear Farm, Stibbear Lane. All been withdrawn

17/04887/S73A Application to vary planning condition 1 (approved plans) of approval 17/01683/REM
Lower Sea Farm, Sea

SSDC: GRANT PERMISSION

PC: HAD NO COMMENTS

18/36 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The report from Community Council for Somerset was noted. Cllr Cole queried that it states in the Survey that there was no preference chosen for social housing in Donyatt on the Yarlinton 'Home Finder' web site but there is not an option for social housing in Donyatt on 'Home Finder' web site. D.C. Linda Vijeh stated that she would contact Yarlinton.

18/37 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Cllr Bill Porritt and the Clerk will be attending a meeting on 14 March at Somerton on the future of SID's and options available. It was agreed to defer until the next meeting

18/38 GRANTS TO VILLAGE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 17/18

Deferred from the 8th January meeting

Recreational Ground has requested £600 towards ground maintenance & replacing play equipment

RESOLVED: to grant £600 in the Financial Year 18/19

18/39 FINANCIAL MATTERS

CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND (CPRE)

Renewing membership of £36.00

It was agreed not to renew the subscription for this year

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that this Council approves the schedule of cheques and the Financial Report subject to the requirements of our Risk Assessment Document.

18/40 POLICY REVIEW

EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT

RESOLVED: To approve this policy as presented

18/41 REPORTS

Village Hall - Cllr Porritt gave a report

18/42 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

General Data Protection Regulations.

The Clerk reported that she was going through the 63-page NALC Toolkit on the Council's responsibilities.

18/43 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH MATTERS

The following were reported:

- The water leak on the verge near the Millennium stone has re-appeared. Cllr Porritt will contact Highways
- The bench on the green at Pound Hill has been vandalised. The Clerk will contact Mike Toop to see if he would be able to repair the seat
- The grass is encroaching on the pavement from Dollings Pool Dairy up to the bridge. The Clerk will contact Highways
- Bushes are overhanging the pavement at Southway House. The Clerk will contact the occupiers

18/44 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The following was reported:

- Cllr Porritt reported that he was investigating Street Lighting as a safety issue along the A358. He has a contact at Somerset County Council - Street Lighting Department
- Cllr Porritt stated that considering the adverse weather the previous weekend (substantial snow) should the Parish Council consider a Neighbourhood Plan? The Clerk reported that the Council had considered an Emergency Plan a few years ago. The Clerk agreed to look up the details and forward to Cllr Porritt.

Date for the Annual Parish Meeting - 14th May 2018; 7.00pm

The date and time of the next scheduled meeting Parish Council meeting: 14th May 2018; 8.00pm

DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the extra meeting held on 3rd April 2018

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mortimer (Chair), Grabham, Porritt, Coles, & West

ALSO PRESENT: C.C. & D.C. Linda Vijeh and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

18/45 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

All present

18/46 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS

None received

18/47 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2018

RESOLVED: the approval of these minutes as a true record.

18/48 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public present

18/49 PLANNING MATTERS

18/00556/FUL Alterations, change of use and conversion of barns into 5 dwellings. at Stibbear Farm.

RESOLVED: to support this application in principle but would like to make the following observations:

- Has Highways taken into account that there could be potential for 15 extra vehicles accessing a single-track lane.
- Stibbear Lane is known to flood, has adequate provision been provided for drainage.

18/00698/FUL Alterations and conversion of a barn into dwelling. Lower Sea Farm, Sea

RESOLVED: to support this application with the following observations:

- The ditch between the road and the barn is not marked on the plans.
- The foul drainage section has not been filled in on the application form

18/50 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Cllr Porritt and the Clerk reported on a meeting they attended on the SID situation, comments as follows:

- There is still a number of unanswered questions in regard to the £100 contribution per SID location on how it is going to work in reality.
- The meeting discussed Parish Councils purchasing their own SID or sharing a SID in a cluster of parishes
- To purchase a SID will cost around £2500-£3500 and trained persons (2 ideally) to install and remove the SID. Training to 'Chapter 8' to work on Highways cost £300-£500 per person. SCC will contribute 50% of one person per parish. Other incidental costs necessary were insurance, high viz jackets, spare battery and brackets
- The Chairman of the meeting stated he would look into if the cost of the SID would be cheaper to bulk buy.

After discussion, it was agreed to look at the option of purchasing our own SID or sharing with another parish.

The Clerk reported that she had already contacted Horton, Broadway and Ashill Parish Councils

Horton PC Clerk said that she had passed the email onto Cllrs and would let me know if Horton was interested. Broadway PC Clerk will put this matter on their May agenda. Ashill PC Clerk had not replied

The Clerk will contact the Chairman of the SID meeting to ask for news of any 'follow ups' from the meeting.

18/51 TRAINING

General Data Protection Regulation Training at SSDC Offices at Brympton Way

Cllr Porritt and West agreed to attend the training date of 12.4.18 and the Clerk will attend the training date of 24.4.18

18/52 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Clerk referred to an email from a lady from Taunton Deane Ramblers with concerns about a Public Rights of Way in the parish. The Council advised that the lady contact Somerset County Council, PRW on line service for reporting faults on PRW's

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2018

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mortimer (Chair), Grabham, Porritt, Coles, West and Light (after co-option)

ALSO PRESENT: The Clerk, Heather Bryant

18/53 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: to re-elect Cllr Mortimer as Chairman for the forthcoming year

18/54 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Mortimer duly signed an acceptance of office declaration

18/55 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

All present

18/56 CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR

RESOLVED: to co-opt Kay Light as a Councillor for Donyatt Parish Council

18/57 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: to elect Cllr West as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year

18/58 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS

None declared

18/59 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th April 2018

RESOLVED: the approval of these minutes as a true record.

18/60 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED: to appoint the following Councillors

Village Hall Committee – Cllrs Porritt and Grabham

Recreational Committee – Cllr Cole

Highway Representative – Cllr Porritt

Donyatt Charities - defer until the next meeting

18/61 REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES

NOTED

Standing Orders – adopted 12.9.16 Min No 16/115. Recommend to review in 19/20

Financial Regulations – adopted 13.11.17 Min No 17/115. Recommend to review in 19/20

Risk Assessment – adopted 13.11.17. Min No 17/115. Recommended to review every year

Code of Practice for handling complaints – adopted 14.9.15. Recommend to review in 19/20

Communication with the press and the public – adopted 14.9.15. Recommend to review in 19/20

Co-option Policy – adopted 9.3.15. Recommend to review in 19/20

Effectiveness of Internal Audit & Internal Audit Plan – adopted 12.3.18 Min No: 18/40. Recommended to review every year

18/62 MATTERS ARISING (for report only)

There were no matters arising that has not been covered by the Agenda

18/63 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had nothing to report

18/64 DISTRICT COUNCIL AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

C.C. & D.C. Linda Vijeh sent in a written report before this meeting which was sent by email to Councillors.

18/65 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public present

18/66 FEASIBILITY REPORT – TRAFFIC CALMING A358

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Somerset County Council Officer who informed her that the Safety Audit would be carried out late June or early July and will be signed off late July. The Parish Council would receive a copy of the Safety Report after the report had been signed off.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Council was under the impression that the Council would see the Safety Audit before it was signed off to give the Council an opportunity to make any comments.

The Clerk will contact C.C. Vijeh to ask if she had understood this to be the case.

18/67 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Appeal

16/02939/FUL Demolish redundant agricultural buildings, extension, alterations and conversion of existing barns to provide 4 No dwellings and the erection of 2 No new detached dwellings to include the provision of 2 No intermediate affordable units.

Manor Farm, Donyatt

Noted

18/68 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

The Clerk reported that she has heard nothing from the scheme providers and also hadn't heard from Horton or Broadway Parish Councils if they would be interested in purchasing a SID. However, she had heard through another source that 60% of parish councils were interested in joining the SCC scheme and a few parish councils were thinking of purchasing their own SID.

After discussion, it was agreed to defer this item. In the meantime, the Clerk will contact the PCSO to see if he can come to the July meeting to inform the Council about Speed Watch

18/69 WRITTEN AGREEMENT – ULTRA FAST BROADBAND

Written agreement with Gigaclear to allow access to install and maintain Electronic Communications Apparatus at land at the Village Hall for a one -off payment of £183.75

RESOLVED: – to approve the Agreement

18/70 FINANCIAL

A) ACCOUNTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18

The report from the Internal Auditor which was circulated with the agenda was noted

(2) **RESOLVED:** This Council certifies themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations

(3) **RESOLVED:** that as members of Donyatt Parish Council we acknowledge our responsibility for the preparation of the accounts and confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Council's accounts for the year ended on 31.3.18 that we agree YES to questions 1-8. (Trust funds not applicable) of the Annual Governance Statement

(4) **RESOLVED::** In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 1999, this council approves the accounts for year ending 31.3.18

B) CLERKS PAY AWARD

National Salary Award 2018 – 2019 – now agreed

Donyatt Clerk's Contract is SPC 17 £9.70 an hour x 4 hours a week

RESOLVED: to update the Clerk's pay according to the National Agreement back dated to April 2018

C) FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT AND FINAL BUDGET 2017/18

RESOLVED: that this Council approves the schedule of cheques and the Financial Report subject to the requirements of our Risk Assessment Document.

NOTED: Final budget for year 17/18

18/71 GERNERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

The Clerk reported that the Government has tabled an amendment to its own Data Protection Bill to exempt all parish and town councils and parish meetings from the requirement to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO) under the General Data Protection Regulation. However, it is still vital that councils continue to prepare for compliance with the rest of the GDPR requirements.

The Clerk reported that she has prepared a Data Audit Policy (audit of documents that the Council hold) and a Document Retention Policy. However, these are ongoing policies and will more than likely be amended as more information is forthcoming for compliance.

RESOLVED: to adopt the Data Audit and Document Retention Policy as presented as ongoing documents subject to change

18/72 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

30.5.18 Councillor Essentials

£25 Cllr Light

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| 21.6.18 | Being a successful Chairman | £30 | Cllr West |
| 18.7.18 | Code of Conduct explained | £30 | Cllr Porritt & provisionally Cllr West |

All sessions to take place at Edgar Hall, Somerton

18/73 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Noted: Consultation on unauthorised developments and encampments. Closing date 25.5.18

Noted: Local Government Boundary Review

18/74 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH MATTERS

The following were reported:

- Potholes in Park Lane
- The lump of concrete on the pavement outside the new development
- Overgrown vegetation on the cycle track

18/75 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

There were no matters to report. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm

The date and time of the next scheduled meeting Parish Council meeting: 9th July, 7.30pm

DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2018

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mortimer (Chair), Grabham, Porritt, Coles, West and Light

ALSO PRESENT: The Clerk, Heather Bryant

D.C. Lina Vijeh sent her apologies

18/76 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

All present

18/77 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS

None declared

18/78 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2018

RESOLVED: the approval of these minutes as a true record.

18/79 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public present

18/80 PLANNING MATTERS

16/002289/S73A Application to vary condition 02 (approved plans) of planning permission 12/02295/FUL to amend site layout. Boundary Wall to be removed. Former Donyatt Garage.

The Clerk reported that the latest response to the Planning Office this Council had submitted was that the removal of the boundary wall along Crow Lane was welcomed but the Council would like to see the heat exchanger removed as it is sited in a Conservation Area.

After a further discussion the Council agreed that, considering the latest photographs from an objector to this application showing the position of a highway drain, it would be completely unacceptable if the applicant had grabbed a piece of highway land (Crow Lane) for this development

This application will be considered by the June Area West Committee. Cllrs West and Porritt said they would try to attend to represent Donyatt. In the meantime, the Clerk will contact the D. C. Linda Vijeh to ask if the dimensions of the measurements had been verified.

18/00924/FUL Erection of 2 No dwellings. Land adjacent to Lawrence Cottage, Donyatt Hill

The Council supported this application along with the following observations:

- Please ensure that white light reflective paint is used on the wall that is facing Smithy Cottage.
- Concern about the sufficiency of parking and layout. A358 is a clear way and vehicle should not be backing out on this very busy road.

18/01283/LBC Internal and external alterations to include installation of a roof light and extractor fan
High Sea House, Sea.

The Council supported this application

18/01588/PAMB Notification for prior approval for the change of use of existing agricultural building to a dwelling. Dollings Pool Dairy

Noted

18/81 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Cllrs Porritt, Light and the Clerk reported on a meeting held at the Bowling Club in regard to plans to change this into a Sport's Centre. The feeling was that there is some way to go to make this proposed venture into a viable proposition

The date of the next scheduled meeting will be held on 9th July 2018

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Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2018

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mortimer (Chair), Grabham, Porritt, Coles, West and Light

ALSO PRESENT: two representatives from the Donyatt Halt Restoration Group, County Councillor & District Councillor Lina Vijeh and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

18/82 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

All present

18/83 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS

None declared

18/84 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2018)

RESOLVED: the approval of these minutes as a true record.

18/85 MATTERS ARISING (for report only)

There were no matters arising that have not been covered by the Agenda

18/86 DONYATT HALT RESTORATION FUND AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE

A representative from the Donyatt Halt Restoration Group reported that the Group was formed in November 2016 following the fire at Donyatt Halt where the waiting hut and the statue of Doreen was damaged. The overall project was valued at £11,250 and this was raised by people giving time for free, free building materials and donations. The project was completed in September 2017. Following the restoration, the remaining fund was used for keeping the area around the station trimmed and the garden kept tidy. The fund is now extinguished.

Now that the Group has met its objectives, the Group would like to close the group's bank account and hand over the responsibility of the maintenance for the Halt to the Parish Council as a Local Authority or another option.

After a full discussion, it was agreed that this should be considered more fully at the next PC meeting as the details of the Halt had only been verbally reported at this meeting. In the meantime, the Clerk will investigate the history of the restoration of the Halt (In 2008, before the fire) and seek the advice from SALC.

C.C. Linda Vijeh will investigate if SCC own the land and their responsibilities. Cllr Light will see if Sustran's can help.

RESOLVED: to donate £100 to the Donyatt Restoration Group so the Group can carry out the maintenance of the Halt while the facts of ownership etc can be sorted out.

18/87 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Donyatt Charities – it was agreed to defer until the September meeting

18/88 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that she had represented the Council at an Area West meeting in regard to Donyatt Garage

18/89 DISTRICT COUNCIL AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

C.C. & D.C. Linda Vijeh sent in a written report before this meeting which was sent by email to Councillors.

18/90 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public present

18/91 PLANNING MATTERS

18/01686/FUL The erection of a building to house cattle. Pottery Farm, Whitney Hill, Horton

RESOLVED: to support this application but would like to make the following observation:

- Has consideration been taken to the run off of surface water on site as it is known to flood at Whitney Bottom

16/02289/S74A Application to vary condition 02 (approved plans) of planning permission 12/02295/FUL to amend the site layout. Donyatt Garage

The amendments are: additional information and photographs regarding visibility and siting of air source heat pump.

RESOLVED: that Donyatt Parish Council supports the re-siting of the Air Source Heat Pump. However the Council is still not convinced by County Highways conclusion that there is sufficient visibility splay, to the right, coming out of Crow Lane. The BT pole needs to be removed and BT services transferred onto the newly positioned electric pole. At one time there was just one pole which serviced both the electric and telephone. Until this pole is removed, visibility cannot be established.

Furthermore, the Council would like investigation and confirmation of the location and ownership of all the drains in Crow Lane.

Notification of appeal decision

16/02939/FUL Demolish redundant agricultural buildings, extension, alterations and conversion of existing barns to provide 4 No dwellings and the erection of 2 No new detached dwellings to include the provision of 2 No intermediate affordable units. Manor Farm, Donyatt

Appeal dismissed.

18/92 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

The Clerk reported that unfortunately the PCSO and the Beat Manager could not make it tonight to give an update on Speedwatch. It was agreed to defer until the next meeting

18/93 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

RESOLVED: to adopt the Privacy Policy as presented

18/94 FINANCIAL

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT AND FINAL BUDGET 2017/18

RESOLVED: that this Council approves the schedule of cheques and the Financial Report subject to the requirements of our Risk Assessment Document.

NOTED: Final budget for year 17/18

18/95 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Request for a donation from 1st Ilton and Broadway Scout Group

The Clerk reported that she had asked the Scout Group how many children from Donyatt attend but she has not received reply. It was agreed to defer until the next meeting

18/96 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH MATTERS

The following were reported:

- Cllr Porritt asked the Clerk to chase up the latest on the Small Improvement Scheme
- There had been a car accident off Shave Lane
- Overgrown vegetation, especially nettles, along the footpath from the Pound to Lawrence Cottage. The width of the footpath needs addressing which is been made narrower with grass encroachment.

18/97 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Cllr Cole reported a bonfire that seems to regularly occur late at night in the vicinity of Whitney Bottom. The fumes of the bonfire drift over to Donyatt Hill Estate. The Clerk reported that the 'rules' with bonfires can be found on South Somerset District Council's web site.

The date and time of the next scheduled meeting Parish Council meeting: 10th September 2018 at 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm

DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extra meeting held on 21 August 2018

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mortimer (Chair), Grabham, Porritt, West and Light

ALSO PRESENT: Two members of the public and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

18/98 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

RESOLVED: the approve the apologies from Cllr Coles for the reasons given

18/99 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Light declared an interest in Application No 18/01813/FUL as she is the applicant

18/100 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th JULY 2018

RESOLVED: the approval of these minutes as a true record.

18/102 PLANNING MATTERS

The Chairman adjourned the meeting

Pre-application meeting with applicant – Shed to house cattle, Stibbear Farm

An applicant for a forthcoming application reported on this application which has been lodged at SSDC planning department for some time but not yet validated. Unfortunately, the applicant has had to start the building as it will be needed to house calves in the Autumn/Winter months.

16/02289/S74A Application to vary condition 02 (approved plans) of planning permission 12/02295/FUL to amend the site layout. Donyatt Garage.

The application has been approved at the Area West meeting held on 18.7.18. The Chairman represented the Parish Council and Cllr Bill Porritt attended but as a member of the public.

The Clerk reported that an email at 10.27pm on the 18.7.18 has been received from the Agent for the applicant. The Agent was asking the Council to carefully study the attached drawing alongside the Highways drawing provided by an objector and he would like to hear the Council's views. The Clerk continued that she responded to that email on 23.7.18 stating that the Council is not scheduled to meet until September. The Agent responded that he was happy to wait for a reply.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk draft a reply for agreement at the September meeting.

Cllr Porritt reported that he was still concerned why the one dwelling (not yet built but plans approved) at the plot adjacent to the Village Hall required a greater visibility splay than the 6 dwellings, 1 business and access to a farm field, at Crow Lane. The one dwelling required an easement of a small triangle of Village Hall land to achieve the required splay. This ambiguity needs to be explained as the Parish Council who own the land at the Village Hall entered into a Legal Agreement, in perpetuity, not put any 'structures' on this piece of land.

It was agreed that Cllr Porritt draft a letter outlining the facts and figures and, if agreed by email to Councillors, the Clerk will forward to the appropriate person in County Highways.

18/00924/FUL Erection of two dwellings. Land adjacent to Lawrence Cottages'

Revisions to alter thatch detail, provide chimney stack and alter parking arrangements.

After a full discussion, it was agreed the Council has the following concerns on the amended plans.

- The Council welcome the extra parking spaces but there are now 9 spaces allowed in the same space as the previous 8 spaces. The Council would like clarification that there is enough room to turn in the turning area to come out of the parking area in a forward gear.
- The Council assume that 4 of these spaces have been allocated to one and two Lawrence Cottages. Please can you confirm if this is correct.
- There will be extra traffic using the access to the parking area and there are lorries using the access to the sewage works. Please could the Council have clarification of ownership of the access road and who would be responsible for ongoing maintenance.

18/02160/FUL Removal of redundant agricultural buildings, conversion and alterations to existing barns to provide 4 dwellings and the erection of 2 new build dwellings at Manor Farm. Proposals to include the provision of 2 intermediate affordable units. Manor Farm Donyatt.

Defer until the September meeting

18/01813/FUL The erection of a field shelter (retrospective) Land rear of Winterfell, Peasmarsh.
RESOLVED: to support

18/103 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The following were reported:

- Cllr Porritt reported that there was an accident at Pound Corner
- The Clerk read out the following email from the Project Manager for the Small Improvement Scheme *'The Road Safety Audit (RSA2) stage 2 was commissioned on Tuesday 31st and now the Audit Team have been provided with the detailed design produced which will be put through a safety assessment. This stage is expected to be completed in October/November and therefore I aim to let you have the detailed design drawings before the end of the year. Copies of the detailed design will also be uploaded to our website for public viewing in due course'*.
Cllr Porritt commented that he thought the PC would be consulted before the documents went for Safety Audit assessment.
- Cllr Light reported that motor bikes were using the cycle path

The date and time of the next scheduled meeting Parish Council meeting.

The Council agreed to change the date of the September meeting as there is a high possibility that the scheduled meeting on the 10th September would be inquorate. The Clerk will contact the Village Hall Booking Secretary to enquire which nights are free the week beginning 17.9.18

(The date has been fixed for Tuesday 18th September, start at 7.30pm)

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Minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2018

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mortimer (Chair), Grabham, Porritt, Coles, West and Light

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor & District Councillor Linda Vijeh and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

18/104 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

All present

18/105 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS

None declared

18/105 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 AUGUST 2018

RESOLVED: the approval of these minutes as a true record.

18/106 MATTERS ARISING (for report only)

There were no matters arising

18/107 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had nothing to report

18/108 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public present

18/109 DISTRICT COUNCIL AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

C.C. & D.C. Linda Vijeh sent in a written report before this meeting which was sent by email to Councillors.

18/110 PLANNING MATTERS

18/02160/FUL. Removal of redundant agricultural buildings, conversion and alterations to existing barns to provide 4 dwellings and the erection of 2 new build dwellings at Manor Farm. Proposals to include the provision of 2 intermediate affordable units. Manor Farm Donyatt.

RESOLVED: that the Council fully supports this application and welcomes the provision of 2 intermediate affordable units.

18/02701/PAMB. Notification for prior approval for the change of use of existing agricultural building for two dwellings, Sea Mills Farm, Greenway, Dowlsh Ford.

This application has been withdrawn

Any other Planning Matters

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Agents for a pre-application meeting for change of use at the Bowling Club. It was agreed that the meeting should be open to the public and the Clerk could call an extra meeting but if this was the only item on the agenda, the Agent should be asked to pay for the room hire

18/111 DONYATT HALT OWNERSHIP AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE

The Clerk reported that Somerset County Council, owners of the land, and Donyatt Parish Council signed an agreement in May 2008 that S.C.C would be responsible for a period of 10 years for the maintenance. That agreement has now expired and it is very unlikely that they would be willing to carry out any maintenance work due to their present budget constraints. The Chairman confirmed that she had not heard anymore from Donyatt Halt Restoration Group. It was agreed to defer until the next meeting.

18/112 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Grabham reported that when Mr Farley was appointed he was also a Councillor. Mr Farley is willing to continue as a representative on the Committee of Donyatt Charities for Donyatt Parish Council

RESOLVED: to appoint Mr Farley as the representative for the Council

18/113 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Broadway PC and probably Horton PC would like a meeting to discuss this matter further. It was agreed to set up a meeting with Cllrs Mortimer, Porritt and West attending if possible

18/114 FINANCIAL

TO CONSIDER A DONATION TO 1ST ILTON AND BROADWAY SCOUT GROUP

The Clerk reported that there are six young people in the parish that attend the scouts

RESOLVED: to donate £100 under the power of the General Competence Act.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT AND FINAL BUDGET 2017/18

RESOLVED: that this Council approves the schedule of cheques and the Financial Report subject to the requirements of our Risk Assessment Document.

18/115 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

A response to an email from a member of the public

RESOLVED: to approve the draft response as presented

18/116 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH MATTERS

Report from Highway Representative

Cllr Porritt reported that he was looking to setting up the Speed Watch in Donyatt again after a period of inactivity.

Matters arising from the last meeting

The Clerk confirmed that she had written to County Highways in regard to the ambiguity of the splay lines at Crow Lane development and the proposed new dwelling adjacent the Village Hall

Any new highway or footpath matters

Cllr Coles reported that footpath CH 11/9 was completely overgrown and was impassable

The Clerk will report it to the S.C.C. Rights of Way

18/117 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

There were no matters to report. Date of the next meeting to be arranged.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm

DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2018

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mortimer (Chair), Grabham, Porritt, Coles and West

ALSO PRESENT: Representative from Clive Miller Planning and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

18/118 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

RESOLVED: the approve the apologies from Cllr Light for the reasons given

18/119 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS

None declared

18/120 PLANNING MATTERS

Pre-application report by an agent

The Agent reported that Knights Electrical Switchgear would like to re-locate to the Bowling Club site which will mean a change of use to B1 Light Industrial and B8 Distribution and Warehouse.

The Agent gave a brief history for the move and answered questions from the Councillors

18/03183/HOU Demolition of existing single store extension and erection of a single storey conservatory extension and two storey extension. Lilac Cottage

RESOLVED: the Council support this application in principle but do have the following concerns

- In a Conservation Area
- The colour of the windows is not matching the front of the dwelling
- Overdevelopment of the site – there is already a gazebo and a summerhouse.
- Concern if there will be enough space for a vehicle to turn around to exit the site in a forward gear.
- The oil tank location needs to be sited within legal guidelines.

18/121 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council has been invited to a meeting at Horton Parish Council on 15th October to discuss the situation with Speed Indicator Devices. Cllr Porritt and West agreed to attend and the Chairman will attend if possible.

The date and time of the next scheduled meeting Parish Council meeting: 12th November 2018 at 7.30pm

DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2018

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mortimer (Chair), Grabham, Porritt, Coles, West and Light

ALSO PRESENT: County Councillor & District Councillor Linda Vijeh.

The Clerk was unable to attend so Cllr West was the minute taker

18/122 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

All present

18/123 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS

None declared

18/124 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18th SEPTEMBER AND 9TH OCTOBER

RESOLVED: the approval of these minutes as a true record.

18/125 MATTERS ARISING (for report only)

Cllr Porritt asked if there had been any further news from the agent who presented the Donyatt Bowling Club pre-application. Nothing had been received.

18/126 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had nothing to report

18/127 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public present

18/128 DISTRICT COUNCIL AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

C.C. & D.C. Linda Vijeh sent her apologies for not being able to attend.

18/129 PLANNING MATTERS

Development at Stibbear Lane -shed to house cattle

The Chair advised that this application has now been validated. There is no action for the Parish Council at the moment but is likely to require an additional meeting in December to review.

SSDC's Planning department

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** as a matter of urgency the Parish Council should compile a formal complaint about the current state of the SSDC's planning department being in such disarray that it is allowing people to take advantage of the planning process, to the detriment of the Parish.

18/130 DONYATT HALT OWNERSHIP AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE

Cllr Light reported that she will be attending a meeting regarding the upkeep of the Halt on Thursday 15th November. Also attending will be Nick Chalon, Tim Farley and Greener Greenways. Nothing is currently known of Greener Greenways or if they will require funding.

Defer to the next meeting

18/131 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

The Council discussed the merits of retaining SID capable of recording traffic data rather than for display only, particularly in light of the pending Small Improvement Scheme. The Council would like the Clerk to make enquiries for larger Parishes, with a Parish Ranger looking to implement a SID and who may be interested in a partnership with DPC in the purchase and running a SID.

The Council would like the Clerk to request from the Highways department what is/is not allowed should Donyatt wish to purchase and install a non-data gathering SIS, i.e an illuminated/flashing speed sign.

18/132 FINANCIAL

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT AND FINAL BUDGET 2017/18

The Clerk had advised the Chairman that there are three cheques requiring signature but these can wait until the next meeting

18/133 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk was not present

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18/134 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH MATTERS

Report from Highway Representative

Cllr Porritt reported that a resident of Stibbear Lane complained about the state of Stibbear Lane as a result of mud being washed from the Stibbear Farm (livestock sheds) development. Cllr Porritt will advise the complainant to contact direct to County Highways.

Cllr Porritt reported that two new potholes have appeared at Donyatt Hill. The Clerk to contact County Highways

Any new highway or footpath matters

The following were reported:

- Water is running into the road on Donyatt Hill and onto the junction with the A358 causing a potential danger when freezes over. It appears that the roadside drains are not capturing the water. The Clerk will report to County Highways, speaking with Cllr Coles for more detailed information if required.
- The damaged drain at the bottom of Stibbear Lane still has not been repaired. The Clerk will report to County Highways

18/135 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Cllr Porritt reported that he attended a Memorial Service at Horton, and that apart from the two plaques in the Church, Donyatt has no War Memorial of its own

Date of the next meeting to be arranged

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

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Minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2018

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Mortimer (Chair), Grabham, Porritt, Coles, West and Light

ALSO PRESENT: One member of the public, County Councillor & District Councillor Linda Vijeh and the Clerk, Heather Bryant

18/136 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS

All present

18/137 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS

None declared

18/138 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th NOVEMBER 2018

RESOLVED: the approval of these minutes as a true record.

18/139 MATTERS ARISING (for report only)

There were no matters arising

18/140 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had nothing to report

18/141 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The applicant for 18/02719/FUL spoke on his application and answered questions from the Cllrs.

18/142 DISTRICT COUNCIL AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

District Councillor Linda Vijeh reported that Winsham Parish Council are interested in Speed Indicator Devices.

18/143 PLANNING MATTERS

18/02719/FUL Erection of an agricultural building to house livestock. Valley View Farm, Stibbear Lane.

RESOLVED: to support this application

18/03410/FUL Demolition to former farmhouse and construction of replacement dwelling house. Lower Sea Farm, Old A3037, Sea

RESOLVED: to support this application

The Clerk to ask the planning department the location in the river where the treated water from the sewerage treatment plant will be discharged.

SSDC's Planning department

SSDC has responded to the Council's formal complaint stating could the Council outline specifically the cases to which we refer and the concerns we have with those cases that we believe have been caused by SSDC's validation process. Examples are required where applicants/members of the public have taken advantage of that situation to the detriment of the parish and to explain and quantify that detriment.

After a full discussion, examples could be Donyatt garage, Manor Farm, 2 Lawrence Cottages and the present application 18/02719/FUL

18/144 DONYATT HALT OWNERSHIP AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE

Cllr Light reported that Greener Greenways are a part of Sustrans but she was disappointed that there is no money available for ongoing maintenance. An article will be submitted in the Parish Newsletter asking for volunteers in forming 'Friends of Donyatt Halt' to take on the ongoing maintenance.

18/145 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

The Clerk reported that if the Council bought their own SID, there would always be a problem with the moving locations as this person has to be 'Chapter 8' Highway trained. Brympton Way Parish Council pays for the service of SSDC Parish Ranger to undertake this task. The Clerk continued that she had spoken to an Officer of SSDC and this could be a possibility. The Parish Ranger could take on other highways tasks as well as maintenance on other areas in the parish (Donyatt Halt) The idea would be to hire the Parish Ranger for a day and it could be at least frequent as once every 2 months.

After a full discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should ask the SSDC Officer if he could come to a meeting to give more information and answer any questions.

18/146 FINANCIAL

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

RESOLVED: that this Council approves the schedule of cheques and the Financial Report subject to the requirements of our Risk Assessment Document.

18/147 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that Somerset County Council's Rights of Way team are reviewing Path Categories & Vegetation Clearance schedule. The consultation ends on 31.1.19. The footpaths on the present schedule are CH11/1 (Smithy Farm to the Industrial Estate at Ilminster) and CH11/2 (Dollings Pool Dairy to Cold Harbour Farm) both cut twice a year. The Chairman stated that she was a regular walker and she had never seen these paths maintained. It was agreed that the Clerk should answer the consultation stating that paths that are on the present schedule are not maintained and footpath CH11/9 (Pound Corner to Whitney Bottom) should also be on the schedule.

18/148 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH MATTERS

The following were reported:

- Water is running into the road on Donyatt Hill and onto the junction with the A358 causing a potential danger when it freezes over. It appears that the roadside drains are not capturing the water.
- The damaged drain at the bottom of Stibbear Lane still has not been repaired.

The Clerk will report to County Highways

18/149 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Cllr Cole reported that a fence has been erected around the Green at Donyatt Hill Estate. The reason is probably to stop vehicles parking on the Green but this was done with no warning and no consultation. The Clerk will ask SSDC Street Scene if they had erected the fence.

The date of the next meeting will be arranged.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm