

# DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** West, (Chairman) Grabham, Eggins, David Light and Kay Light.  
Also, present: C.C. & D.C. Linda Vjeh and the Clerk Heather Bryant

- 20/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS  
RESOLVED:** to approve the apologies from Cllr Porritt for the reasons given
- 20/26 CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL**  
No candidates had come forward.
- 20/27 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS**  
None received
- 20/28 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY AND 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020  
RESOLVED:** the approval of these minutes as a true record.
- 20/29 MATTERS ARISING** (for report only)  
There were no matters arising
- 20/30 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
The Chairman had no announcements
- 20/31 DISTRICT COUNCIL AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**  
C.C. & D.C. Linda Vjeh sent in a written report before in which had been emailed to Councillors.  
C.C. & D.C. Linda Vjeh added that County Highways Engineer is aware that there is still works outstanding with the Small Improvement Scheme which will be completed in the next financial year
- 20/32 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**  
There were no public present
- 20/33 PLANNING MATTERS**  
20/00073/HOU Demolition of a single storey side extension and the erection of replacement two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. 2 Pound Cottage  
**RESOLVED:** to support this application in principle. However, the Council would prefer to see the front elevation as matching the existing front of the dwelling.
- 20/00428/HOU Conversion of loft space & dormer extension to create a new bedroom with shower and rooflights. Church Cottage.  
**RESOLVED:** to support this application
- Finalise DPC Planning Criteria  
It was agreed to adopt the Planning Criteria as drawn up by Cllrs David Kay Light with the addition of 'electrical points'
- 20/34 ROAD SAFETY AT SEA**  
Cllrs David & Kay Light reported that there is a site meeting next Monday 16.3.20 with Rebecca Vaughan of County Highways. Cllr Porritt will also attend
- 20/35 A358 SOUTHFIELDS TO TAUNTON SCHEME**  
After discussion, it was agreed to add the following to Donyatt Council's response to the above scheme  
A short road-link from the A358 eastbound (i.e. from Taunton) directly onto the A303 eastbound (Ilminster bypass), thus by-passing the Southfields roundabout altogether.
- 20/36 DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE VILLAGE**  
The Clerk reported that the training day has been booked for 28<sup>th</sup> March and 11 people were booked in to attend. The Clerk will attend to organise the refreshments
- 20/37 VE DAY 75 WEEKEND 8<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
After a full discussion, it was agreed include an article in April's newsletter for parishioners' ideas how to celebrate this week-end and for volunteers to help run an event.

The Clerk would also ask the Carnival Clubs ‘Gemini’, ‘One plus One’ and ‘Harlequin’ who have a connection with Donyatt if they could help.

**20/38 PARISH RANGER SCHEME**

To consider further jobs during the Summer

**20/39 DONYATT HALT OWNERSHIP AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE**

Cllrs David and Kay Light reported that they had not heard back from Somerset County Council Land Agent. C.C. Linda Vijeh agreed to chase up.

It was agreed to ask in April’s newsletter for a volunteer to refurbish the Information Board. However, the volunteer would probably need a workshop.

**20/40 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES**

The Clerk reported that Tatworth Parish Council are in the process of purchasing a SID and in principle would be willing to rent out once the device was operational in their parish

**20/41 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES/CLIMATE CHANGE**

Update

- The cycle path between Chard and Tatworth is proposed to be completed with by a Heritage fund
- S.C.C should be replacing street lights with LED’s in the next financial year
- Landlords of George Public House are happy to have an electric charging point.

Environment Champion

**RESOLVED:** to appoint Cllr Tim Eggins as the Council’s Environment Champion

**20/42 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH MATTERS**

The following were reported:

- Flooding at Stibbear Lane
- Drain blocked just below the entrance of Valley View Farm – Stibbear Lane
- Just off the A358, 3 drains blocked on right hand side of Stibbear Lane
- Pot holes in the layby Thatcher’s Pond
- The state of the footpath from the Village Hall to Crow Lane. In parts cannot see which is footpath and the road as no kerbs. This is dangerous for pedestrians especially in the dark

**20/43 CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Val Keitch – Leader of SSDC offering to speak to Parish Councils about Unity Council – NOTED

Somerset County Council letter 6.3.20 – Coronavirus - latest

A letter received from Cllr Clare Paul, Somerset County Council Cabinet Member for Public Health & Wellbeing stating that there had been 163 cases in England but none in Somerset so far. It is a fast-evolving situation and are advised to keep up to date with forthcoming advice.

**20/44 FINANCIAL**

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

909	H Bryant Feb & March	345.40
910	HMRC	43.00
911	HMRC	43.20
912	V Hall-rent	14.00
913	Vision – ½ new web site	390.00
914	H Bryant – expenses	89.15

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

**20/45 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

There was nothing to report

The date of the next scheduled meeting is due to be held 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 subject to the advice from NALC

*The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm*

