

DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2020 held using Video Conferencing

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: West, (Chairman) Eggins, Porritt, David Light and Kay Light.

Also, present: The Clerk Heather Bryant

**20/67 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE REASONS
RESOLVED:** to approve the apologies of Cllr Grabham for the reasons given

20/68 CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE COUNCIL
No candidates had come forward.

20/69 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS
None received

20/70 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st JUNE 2020
RESOLVED: the approval of these minutes as a true record.

20/71 MATTERS ARISING (for report only)
There were no matters arising

20/72 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported on the information from D.C. Linda Vijeh which is cause for concern in regard to the SSDC's Planning Department as follows:

- The resignation of the Chief Planning Officer and the Enforcement Officer.
- There are only three qualified Planning Officers in the Planning Department
- There is a backlog of 150 applications.
- SSDC has only 2.5 years of the 5-year land supply.

D.C. Linda Vijeh is holding an Ilminster Diversion Zoom meeting on 30.7.20 to discuss planning and other matters. The Chairman and the Clerk are invited to attend.

20/73 DISTRICT COUNCIL AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

C.C. & D.C. Linda Vijeh sent her apologies as she was attending a Full Council meeting of the District Council. She had sent a written report which had been emailed to Councillors.

20/74 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
There were no public present

20/75 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTS RETURN

A) ACCOUNTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/20

(1) The report from the Internal Auditor was noted

(2) **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 31.3.20 that we agree YES to questions 1-8. (Trust funds not applicable) of the Annual Governance Statement

(3) **RESOLVED:** This Council certifies themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations (Income and Expenditure below £25,000)

(4) **RESOLVED:** In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, this council approves the accounts for year ending 31.3.20

20/76 PLANNING

20/01656/S73 Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of 18/04037/FUL to detach the Farmhouse from the Granary Barn and replace a two storey extension with a single storey extension
Stibbear Farm, Stibbear Lane

RESOLVED: to support this application

20/01651/FUL. The erection of an agricultural building used for vehicles and equipment storage, an ancillary workshop and farm office. Land south of Lower Sea Farm, Sea

RESOLVED: to support this application as long as there are no concerns from the residents of the nearby complex. The Parish Council would like to see provision of rain water collection on site and the provision of solar panels

20/77 DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported that Lawrence from Heartstart had been in touch to say that once the monthly co-ordinator has been trained, the defibrillator can be activated. The Chairman reported that he is willing to be a temporary stand in if the present co-ordinator is not available due to 'lockdown'

Lawrence has confirmed that the free training session for up to 20 people is 'on hold' until such a time it is safe to hold the session at the Village Hall.

20/78 DONYATT HALT OWNERSHIP

The Clerk reported that she had a brief message from D.C. Vijeh yesterday saying that things are moving and to get in touch with the SSDC Officer - Adrian Moore.

20/79 ONGOING MAINTENANCE AT THE HALT

Delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Councillors during any period of restricted activity declared by the Government in respect of Covid-19 virus.

Approved by email on 16.6.20 for a solid oak sign at a total cost of £389

Cllr Light reported that the project is 90% complete.

20/80 SMALL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

After full discussion, it was agreed the SCC Officer for an update on the Small Improvement Scheme:

- Is there still any tasks still outstanding and if so, when will they be done?
- What happens next when the scheme is signed off as complete?

The benefits of having a device of displaying the speed only was discussed. The Clerk stated that she would make enquiries.

20/81 SOMERSET UNITARY AUTHORITY

It was agreed that Cllr Tim Eggins attends a Zoom meeting on 20th July, 4pm-6pm on Local Government reorganisation.

20/82 HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH MATTERS

Cllr Porritt reported that the yearly vehicle counter at Peasmarsh should be going ahead in July. This gives the Council useful information as it can distinguish between cars and lorries.

20/83 MOTORBIKE NOISE IN THE SEA (HAMLET) VICINITY

Cllr Light gave an update of the situation at Sea which is being monitored by the SSDC's Environmental Health Department

20/84 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Walking and Cycling manifesto for Somerset

It was agreed to support in principle except for the point where the document states put walking/cycling needs ahead of cars. This should be put Public Transport first.

20/85 FINANCIAL MATTERS

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT

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

20/86 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- It was reported that there is overgrown vegetation overhanging the pavement at Keepers Cottage. The Clerk will send the 'standard' letter.
- Date of the next scheduled meeting – 14.9.20.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45pm

