# Minutes of the meeting of the Queen Thorne Parish Council held on Monday 5th July at 7.30pm in Trent Memorial Hall.

Present**:** Cllrs McBeath, Allcard, Biddiscombe, Carter, Dodd, Kipling, Lowe, Yendole, DC Cllr Legg and one member of the public

1. Apologies Cllrs Brewer, Hayton and Simms
2. **Chairman’s Statement** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and said how nice it was to meet in person again particularly in the beautifully refurbished Trent Hall. He asked everyone to make their points as briefly as possible,
3. **Declarations of Interests** There were no declarations of interest
4. **Co-option** Mr Alistair Morgan was co-opted as the new member for Trent without opposition.

# Business Items arising from meeting on May 4th 2021

1. Side verging and gully clearing work in Trent and Sandford Orcas, Highways has agreed to do the work for a price within the parish council budget, but despite Cllr Lowe chasing them, there is no confirmed date for the work.
2. Rights of way, Trent: plan to divert public footpath between the school and pub, Cllr Hayton has found out that the total cost of applying for the diversion would be £5800. Other options for alleviating school traffic in the centre of the village are now being considered.
3. Hummer Bridge, repair works and surrounding road repairs, update There is still no confirmed date for the bridge to be repaired. Cllr McBeath will write to Chris Loder again.
4. Plan to plant trees on Compton Hill, update Due to concerns from Highways about the future growth of the trees, it has been decided to plant fastigiate hornbeams.
5. Update on Queen Thorne S106/CIL monies:
   1. Sandford Orcas: The council agreed to pass on the £1025.60 S106 money it holds to the PCC which has already paid for the chosen project -floodlighting the church.
   2. Nether Compton: Money still held by the council - £1364.41 for a community venue; £117.47 for any improvement project.
   3. Trent: The council holds £747.23 for any suitable project.
6. **Village meetings** The Sandford Orcas meeting was successfully held outside on 5th June, a Saturday morning. The Trent meeting is arranged for July 14th. The Comptons meeting will be arranged shortly.
7. **State of Marl Lane** Item deferred to next meet as Cllr Chick was not present. Cllr McBeath made a note to remind Chris Loder about the speed check on the A30 which is still to be done.

# New Business

1. Repair of road surface at Over Compton House, update. It was reported that the new drainage is working and repairs to the lane have been started. The Clerk agreed to ask the owners when this will be completed.
2. Nether Compton Recreation Ground changing hut: electrical check and certification, to decide payment The council agreed to pay an invoice for the work which has recently been carried out. It was reported that the proposed village events on the recreation ground have been postponed until September.
3. To consider proposal to purchase litter picking equipment for use by volunteer groups It was decided that this is unnecessary given that the vicar has a supply of such items, which hopefully may be borrowed.
4. Over Compton notice board, to consider a plan for repair Cllr Yendole offered to repair the noticeboard. There are unlikely to be any costs for materials. It was also noted that the noticeboard by Trent phone box requires some attention. Cllr Kipling agreed to look into this.
5. Dual recording of bridleway in Sandford Orcas, correction proposal Mr Jim Hart has alerted the council to this dual recording along the county boundary. The Council agreed that the clerk should write to Corton Denham PC to suggest joint letters to Dorset and Somerset Councils asking that the definitive maps should be corrected.
6. Landowner Deposits, The Council has been informed by Dorset Council of a recent landowner deposit at Court Cottage, Nether Compton. This was for information only and the Council has not been asked for comments. The property owner has written to the council to explain his motivation. It was reported that neighbours, including Cllr Yendole are not opposed to the deposit.
7. Definitive Map Modification Orders Since the last meeting the council has been informed of several DMMO applications submitted by the British Horse Society in Queen Thorne. This follows the pattern of applications they are making all over the country to get what are known as Other Routes with Public Access (ORPAs) added to the definitive map. The clerk reported that the BHS representative who has lodged the local applications has offered to attend a meeting with parish councils around Sherborne to explain why this has been done. The council expressed concern about the creation of new byways open to all traffic (BOATS) and would welcome a meeting with the BHS. Cllr Legg will try to arrange this.

# Financial Matters

1. Financial Report and Payment of InvoicesThe Council reviewed expenditure against budget year to date. Invoices approved for payment: Clerk salary (June/July) £750.27, HMRC PAYE £16.40, Ernest Cook Trust £150, KM Dike £354.77(May), DAPTC £355.33, Sandford Orcas PCC (CIL) £1025.60, Steve Rose £75, Lawrence Electricals £540.

Payments made since last meeting approved at the meeting**:** CHT,Nether Compton defibrillator pads £51.60, ECT Trent Allotments £180, Dorset Council Dog signs, £93.15,

Trent VH £2260, BHIB Insurance £649.60, SSE £50.83, RoSPA £99

1. Correspondence None
2. Planning Matters

## DC Planning Applications – Approved or decided by Parish Council

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| Name | Reference/Details | Status |
| Gore Cottage, Sandford Orcas | P/LBC/2021/00863 Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of a replacement dwelling. | Support |
| Trent School | P/LBC/2021/00722, Replacement of 12no. windows | No objection |
| The Lawn And Landscape Centre, Sandford Orcas, | WD/D/21/000745| Erect extension to storage building. | Support  Approved 03.06.21 |
| 36 Higher Barton, Trent | P/LBC/2021/00477 Replace windows | No objection |
| 11 Down Lane, Trent | P/LBC/2021/00478 Replace windows | No objection |
| Post Office Cottage, Trent | P/LBC/2021/00479 Replace windows | No objection |

## DC Planning Applications – Decided or awaiting decision by Dorset Council

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| 35 Higher Barton, Trent | P/LBC/2021/00476 Replace two existing windows | Support  Pending decision |
| Hedgerows, Sandford Orcas | WD/D/21/000101| Erection of single storey orangery extension | Support  Approved 14.05.21 |
| Bucklers Farm, The Folly, Nether Compton | WD/D/20/002598 | Change of use & alterations to barn - ancillary garaging, storage & workshop space for adjacent dwellings. Creation of access & parking area | Objection  Approved 25.06.21 |
| Bucklers Farm, The Folly, Nether Compton | Appeal A/WD/D/20/002083| Change of use of land from garden to parking area, form vehicular access, construct bridge and bunds | The PC objected to the original application which was refused by Dorset Council.  Appeal rejected |
| The Old Forge, 8 Compton House | WD/D/20/001545 | Replace 1 fixed pane with a hinged opening pane for two separate windows | No objection  Approved 30.04.21 |
| Trent Youngs Primary School, Trent | WD/D/19/002817 | Works to facilitate refurbishment - old school house | Support  Approved 14.04.21 |

## DC Prior Approvals

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| Batsons Farm, Adber | P/PABA/2021/01810| Erect agricultural storage building | Prior Approval Not Required  14.06.21 |

Cllr Legg had requested that the Bucklers Farm application, WD/D/20/002598 be sent to the planning committee for decision, but this was refused by Dorset Council. The council asked the clerk to draft a letter to Chris Loder, expressing its concern at the way the planning system is currently operating in Dorset and in particular the way that parish council views are treated by the Dorset Council Planning Department.

# Dates of Future Meetings

2021: 6 September, 1 November

2022: 10 January, 7 March, 9 May

1. Items for next MeetingNone

The meeting closed at 8.50pm