

## Minutes of a meeting of the Queen Thorne Parish Council held on Monday 3rd July 2023 at 7.30pm in Trent Memorial Hall.

**Present:** Cllrs McBeath, Biddiscombe, Carter, Chick, Harris, Hart, Livingstone, Lowe, Phillipson, Symms, DC Cllr Legg, Trent RoWLO Max Snow and twelve members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Kipling and Morgan
2. **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Symms – Batsons Farm planning application, Cllr Hart – Poors Ground Trust and Nether Compton Recreation Ground.
3. **Declaration of any conflict of interest with the council auditors** There were no declared conflicts of interest with BDO LLP who are undertaking the council audit.
4. **Co-option of a new member for Nether Compton:** Steve Goodden was proposed by Cllr McBeath, seconded by Cllr Harris and unanimously co-opted.
5. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting on May 15th were agreed as a true record and signed
6. **Business Items arising from meeting on May 15th 2023**
  - a. **Nether Compton Recreation Ground:** Cllr Hart has received some legal papers from Clive Yendole including conveyances related to the deeds. Cllrs Hart and Livingstone will go through them to ascertain the position regarding maintenance of the perimeter fencing.
  - b. **Poor's Ground Trust:** It was reported that the new trustees are meeting this week and will be discussing the level of rent to be charged to the parish council.
  - c. **HGVs in Sandford Orcas:** Cllr Lowe will liaise with Cllr Legg about the possibility of requesting that Dorset Council prohibits HGVs in Sandford Orcas.
  - d. **Allotments:** Work to regularize and improve the water supply at Trent Allotments has been carried out by the plot holders. The council agreed to pay the costs of a mini digger and materials.
  - e. **Neighbourhood Plan:** Max Snow reported that the grant scheme this year is not yet open for applications. He asked the clerk to request Dorset Council to redefine the designated area to the parish of Trent.
  - f. **Hummer Bridge repairs and traffic lights:** Cllr Legg confirmed that there is still an impasse between Dorset Council Highways and Network Rail about the safety barriers, hinging on whether this is a new or repaired bridge. The Office for Road and Rail has been unable to offer guidance. They are now seeking independent legal advice and mediation.
  - g. **Request from QTNWG for a parish council statement on biodiversity** The council agreed to look through information sent by the clerk and think of ways that it can protect and promote biodiversity within Queen Thorne. It is hoped to appoint a biodiversity champion and start to devise a strategy at the next meeting.

### Open Forum

**Biodiversity** Kim Creswell from the Queen Thorne Nature Watch Group said that she was pleased with the discussion on biodiversity and encouraged the council to appoint a champion.

**Batsons Farm, erection of an agricultural building with joint purpose** Bryony Symms read out a statement about why the application to change the purpose of the building approved under permitted development has been made. She said that following a meeting with residents they have agreed to plant some trees and let the hedge grow up. Several residents of Adber Cross expressed their unhappiness with the current application and asked the applicants to consider an alternative site. As well as the visual impact they are worried about noise, light, odours and dust.

**Hummer Bridge** Residents who had just joined the meeting asked for an update. Cllr Legg repeated what he had previously said in item 6f above.

**Fly tipping** A resident complained that they had reported an incident on the Dorset website and subsequently chased it, but it had still not been dealt with. Cllr Lowe invited him to send her the details so that she can report it.

## 7. New Business

- a. **Trees on Gore Lane and Western Street** A quote to clear vegetation from around the trees on Gore Lane was considered. Cllr Harris said that he is looking after the tree that was transplanted earlier this year and he did not think the other trees needed clearing. They are much bigger and more noticeable this year and the verges team has been notified. It was decided not to accept the quote. Cllrs Chick and Goodden advised that the trees on Western Street should not be watered.
- b. **Application for funding from Queen Thorne Nature Watch Group** The group had submitted an application with supporting documents including evidence of a bank account as requested by the parish council. However, the registration with the Charity Commission that was stipulated as a precondition for funding in March has not been completed. The council therefore deferred considering the request until this has been done. Kim Creswell representing the group expressed her dissatisfaction with the council.
- c. **Fingerposts maintenance** Cllr Lowe and the clerk had requested quotes for hardwood to be used to make new fingers. Cllr Chick said that he might know a source of free oak which he will investigate. If this is available the clerk will contact the volunteer who completed the Sandford Orcas post.
- d. **Signs at the top of Holway Hill** Already resolved
- e. **Signs outside Noor Farm obstructing vision** Cllr Chick described the problem and Cllr Legg promised to raise this with the road safety team.
- f. **Over Compton Triangle** The clerk has asked the contractors to cut the grass.
- g. **Over Compton broken culvert** The clerk wrote to Paul Thatcher about this and was informed that he has moved jobs. She will write again once a new officer is appointed.
- h. **Speed limit on the A30** Cllr Legg agreed to find out when the public consultation will take place on the proposed speed limit reduction near to Over Compton.
- i. **Side verging and gully clearing contract 2023** Cllrs Lowe and Kipling have agreed the work to be done this year as part of the 3 year cycle and obtained a quote from Dorset Highways. The price has risen as was expected. The council accepted the quote of £7897.
- j. **Dorset Council consultation on a Dog related Public Space Protection Order** A proposal relating to the reporting of dog attacks was discussed, but the council decided this could set a problematic precedent and decided not to submit it to the consultation. No further points were raised.
- k. **Cycle way signs in Sandford Orcas** A Sustrans volunteer had enquired about two redundant national cycle way signs propped up outside Sandford Orcas Village Hall. The council decided the best solution would be for Cllr Legg to offer the signs to Sustrans for possible reuse somewhere else, Dorset Council having already said it does not want to take on further sign maintenance

## 8. Financial Matters

- a. **Financial Report and Payment of Invoices** The Council reviewed expenditure against budget year to date. Invoices approved for payment: Clerk salary £865.67, Community Heart Beat Trust £63.54, Trent Village Hall £54, DAPTC £54, James Smith £240.56 (Trent Allotments water materials and digger).

**Payments made since last meeting approved at the meeting:** RoSPA Playsafety £201, KM Dike £254.16

**Receipts since last meeting:** None reported

## 9. Planning Matters

- a. **DC Planning Applications – Approved or decided by Parish Council**

Name	Reference/Details	Status
Batsons Farm, Adber	P/FUL/2023/03223 Erection of a dual purpose barn for the storage of agricultural equipment, feed and bedding and the housing of youngstock	Cllr Symms left the room. No material objection with suggested planting conditions. Residents objections noted.

Holway Farm Holway Sandford Orcas	P/CLP/2023/03224 Certificate of lawfulness for the creation of a new means of access	Support
Holway Farm Holway Sandford Orcas	P/PADM/2023/03225 Demolition of agricultural building	Support Prior approval not required.
Trent School, Trent	P/LBC/2023/02500 Replace existing timber fencing with new metal fencing	Comments- recognise the need for higher fencing but consider the material is out of place here
Flamberts Rigg Lane Trent	P/LBC/2023/02271 Remove section of kitchen wall to increase opening between kitchen and utility room. Remove wall between hall and Larder room to make a larger entrance lobby area. Increasing size of upstairs WC by building a new wall and opening a doorway into bedroom 3 to create a small en-suite shower room.	No objection

#### Applications Determined by Dorset Council or awaiting decision

Agincourt, Sandford Orcas Sherborne	P/HOU/2023/02014 Erect single storey rear extension	No objection Granted 22.05.23
Griffon Lodge Compton Road Over Compton	P/VOC/2023/02348 Erect extension and alterations to outbuilding (potting shed). Alterations to fenestration on main house & installation of a flue (with variation of condition 2 of planning permission P/HOU/2021/04551 to amend approved plans)	No objection Granted 14.06.23
Rosedown Farm, Penmore Road Sandford Orcas	P/VOC/2023/01757 Erect extension to warehouse and form parking areas. Create a holding wildlife pond. (with variation of condition 2 of planning permission P/FUL/2022/06821 to amend approved plans)	No objection Pending decision
Sheriffs Lodge, Nether Compton	P/CLP/2023/02088 The provision of twin unit mobile home (not operational development) within the garden of the lawful dwellinghouse for use as additional accommodation by a family member as part	Certificate of Lawful Use Proposed Information only Granted 24.05.23

	of one household (not a material change of use).	
Land & buildings at Church Farm Trent	P/RES/2023/01938 Erection of 1no. agricultural workers dwelling (reserved matters application to determine access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale following the grant of outline planning permission P/OUT/2021/01823)	No objection Granted 08.06.23
High Pavement, Down Lane, Trent	P/HOU/2021/05420 Erection of 1 No. one and a half and 1 No. single storey side extensions , alteration of rear two storey extension, erection of garden walls, erect replacement garage (demolish existing garage and shed), relocate greenhouse.	Appeal APP/D1265/W/22/3301326 Not yet decided
Mill House Junction At Weathergrove Farm To Junction Shillers Lane Sandford Orcas	P/FUL/2022/04968 Change of use of garage into a holiday let.	Support Refused 16.05.23
Higher Farm Compton Road Over Compton	P/FUL/2022/03668 Change of use and conversion of barns to form 3 no. dwellings. Erect agricultural building and form access (demolish existing barns)	No objection, but recommendation that careful consideration is given to the access. Pending decision
Lower Farm, Over Compton	P/FUL/2021/01334 Conversion & extension of agricultural building to create 1no. dwelling, including change of use of land to create residential curtilage. Erection of car port & boundary wall	No objection Pending decision

**10. Dates of Future Meetings 2023:** 11 September in Sandford Orcas, 6 November in Nether Compton.

**11. Items for next Meeting:** Flooding top of Trent Hill, Standing orders review, Parking in passing places

**12. The meeting closed at 10pm**