

DILHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 27th JULY 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. D Bateman (Chair), D. Horvath, S Wildman, E Whitehall

D. Cllr Roberts

Members of the Public: 6 members of public

Apologies: C Cllr Ward

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APOLOGIES	Cllrs Carnall, Challinor, Howell and County Councillor Ward	
PUBLIC QUESTIONS	Issues of concern from all present was volume of heavy traffic and	
	speeding traffic through Dilhorne and the waste transfer site at	
	Foxfield – all of which the Council are very aware of.	
	Heavy Traffic/speeding	
	Mr Pane from Forsbrook – he and his neighbours very concerned	
	over number of Walchesters HGVs using Dilhorne Road, start from	
	6am. Lorries getting bigger and he thinks that the width of the road	
	(4.5m) is below the government guidelines where two articulated	
	vehicles coming in both directions. He also stated that he understood	
	that Walchesters were only licenced for 16 lorries and that there are	
	now more than this. He can also recall that there were weight	
	restriction signs at the end of Dilhorne Road some 20 years ago so	
	why were they removed/restriction lifted. Many years ago an	
	application for a Heritage project on the Foxfield site was rejected	
	and one of the reasons was it would increase the traffic though	
	Dilhorne so why was the Walchesters site allowed by SMDC? 50mph	
	passed his house and lorries rumble passed and house shakes.	
	D Cllr Roberts will chase up SMDC on what planning permission is in	PR
	place.	
	Council advised that as far as they have been able to establish no	
	restrictions on how the lorries access their site was in place. Council	
	have contacted the company on many occasions asking then to only	
	use the Richmore Hill entrance to Dilhorne (A52) but with no avail.	
	There has been a "gentleman's" agreement with Aldridge Fabrication	
	for many years that their vehicles only to use this entrance and bar	
	the very occasional time when a "relief" driver comes through	
	Dilhorne this works very well. Council has also contacted SCC with	
	regards to weight limits of bridges in both Godley Lane and Trimpos	
	which would prevent HGVs from travelling over them and have	
	requested a copy of the last inspection reports under FOI and are	
	awaiting these reports.	
	Waste transfer site	
	Nigel Rathbone regarding Walchesters waste site, he advised that on	
	the Walchester website they state they have a permit for waste	
	transfer yard (EPR/GB3100TM) and had contacted SMDC and was	
	told there was no application for the Foxfield site and subsequently	

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	had contacted Environment Agency who couldn't help. Since then he	
	had been in contact with SCC Minerals & Waste and they have asked	
	Walchesters to cease all processing of waste and remove (without	
	treating) any stored waste from the site.	
	Malcolm Spooner - concerned about contaminated material on the	
	site and asked who is looking into what is being brought through the	
	village and tipped. In addition to Walchesters other companies are	
	bring waste to the site.	
	Traffic survey	
	Clerk reported that C Cllr Ward was commissioning a traffic survey –	
	see Reports C Cllr for further details.	
	Will this distinguish what type of vehicles are travelling through i.e.	
	HGV, cars etc. and speeds?	
	Where will the "strips" be placed as in previous survey one set was	
	place almost at the junction opposite the Royal Oak so vehicles going	
	slowly.	
	Charlie Bassetts – Camping site/motorbike nights.	
	Camping site - comments were made by public present about the	
	camping site and the number of units there. Site is untidy and looks	
	like a "travellers site". Dilhorne is a lovely village and this gives the	
	wrong impression to anyone coming into the village,	
	Council/D. Cllr Roberts advised that CB's state on their Facebook page	
	that they have a Caravan Club CL licence, but this only allows 5 units	
	with no permanent pitches, however this is regularly exceeded.	
	SMDC are aware and are investigating this.	
	It has been noticed by a member of the public that Western Power	
	had recently been on site and looks like they erected additional	
	power cables to allow increased power to the site.	
	Motor bike nights (Wednesday) – this is encouraging lots of bikers to	
	come to the pub and creates lots of noise through the village and	61 1
	when they are at the pub, Environment to be contacted re noise.	Clerk
MINUTES	It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting were a true and	
	correct record and Clerk signed a copy to retain for Council records	
	when it is safe to meet it will also be signed by the Chair.	
DECLARATION OF	D Cllr Roberts on matters regarding planning	
INTEREST	County Councillon and Councillo Divided 12 10 10 10 10	
REPORTS FROM	County Councillor – not present but had advised Clerk that he would	
COUNCILLORS ETC	now be pushing SCC to carry out a traffic survey through Dilhorne and	
	Forsbrook to be done hopefully in September when school is back	
	assuming Highways have availability around then, he is using part of	
	his DHP money to fund this.	
	District Councillor – no meetings other than planning, chasing up on	
	Enforcement matters but they are struggling as here are only two	
	Officers at present.	
	Rec Centre – now re-opened and have had 3 events since 26 th June	
	with no subsequent Covid related issues. Risk assessment in place.	
	Accounts submitted for audit. Heard from Knights Solicitors re change	

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	of ownership of land just need to clarify few matters. Still need	
	Bowlers Rep on Committee. Theatre event on 18 th August going	
	ahead and ticket sales going OK. Proposing to go ahead with	
	resurfacing/fencing tennis court area with work starting in October.	
LENGTHSMAN	Clerk had sent email to Gary Bentley re work schedule but no reply,	
	Clerk to chase up.	Clerk
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	Applications: none	
PLANNING	Decisions: none	
MATTERS	Enforcement: none	
	Appeals: none	
MATTERS ARISING	HIGHWAYS ISSUES:	
FROM PREVIOUS	General Highways Update –	
MEETINGS	Trimpos – Walchesters vehicles still going though regularly and there	
	has been an increase in tractors and combines. Traffic speeding –	
	need speed reducing in this area.	
	Grids/drains/potholes – no new reports	
	Tickhill – no new reports	
	Bridge on Godley Lane – Clerk has asked SCC for copy of last bridge	
	inspection report under FOI request.	
	Bridge at Trimpos – Cllr Horvath had taken photos of the bridge	
	showing cracks appearing since last photos taken and sent to Clerk,	
	who had then sent email to SCC Structures for comments and had also	
	ask for copy of last inspection report under FOI request.	
	Increase in Heavy Vehicles through Dilhorne – see Public Questions	DD
	Footpaths - Footpath/pavement on Godley Lane by Mill Rise – D Cllr	PR
	Roberts to chase up. Issues raised at the last meeting – not discussed	
	UNRESOLVED ITEMS: none	
	ONRESOLVED HEIVIS. HOHE	
NEW BUSINESS	Bus Shelter on Godley Lane	
	It was agreed to purchase a litter bin to be placed by the bus shelter.	Clerk
FINANCE	Payments:	
	The following payments were made and approved for payment in	
	May/June by Chair	
	Zurich Town & Parish – 2021/22 Insurance £286.16 *	
	Mrs L Cantlay – May/June Salary & Expenses £412.72 *	
	The following were approved for payment this month: -	
	Mrs L Cantlay - Clerks Salary & Expenses – July £216.35 *	
	Total Payments this month - £216.35	
	* Paid via Internet Banking that was approved at the meeting prior to	
	payment being made.	
	Receipts:	
	Interest on Deposit Account – £0.27	
	SMDC – 1 st Precept payment - £2,210.00 (received 24th April)	l

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	BANK ACCOUNTS: Current Account — £138.11 after payments made Deposit Savings Account - £10,971.26 Screenshot of the bank account after July payments have been made to be provided by Clerk to all Councillors. YEAR END ACCOUNTS/AUDIT: These are back from Internal Auditor and all OK and Certificate of Exemption sent to External Auditors, Mazars and all necessary documents uploaded to our website in line with legal regulations/requirements.	
CORRESPONDENCE	Santander Bank Statement	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING	Tuesday 14 th September 2021 at 7.30pm	
MEETING CLOSED	8.33 pm	