

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th JUNE 2018 7.30pm.
TITHE BARN, DUNSTER

Attendees

Councillors: D Challoner(Chair), C Oliver, G Dibble, C Ell, G Witherford, A Vicary, G Lamacraft and A Bevan

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Cllr Lawrence (SCC)
3 members of the public

Apologies

Councillors: A Webber

Other: Cllr P Pilkington(WSC)

18/17 Apologies – As noted above

18/18 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

18/19 Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

18/20 Public Participation: It was reported the management of the Castlefield sight was progressing and the Pillbox would be passed over to the management company.

18/21 Report from West Somerset Councillor: Cllr Pilkington sent the following report by email. 'The new Shadow Authority for the new council was formed last Thursday and will be official as of tonight. From 84 Councillors the two ruling Conservative groups appointed and nominated and voted themselves on as the cabinet and executive 10 of them, apparently this is democracy. I have received a request to have the cobbles that were repaired in February to be looked at again and have received confirmation that this will be done ASAP. The revenue dept have confirmed with that the DPC rates demand on the new retail outlet will be deferred for 3months. In regard to the EV charging project there is now a steering group in place and we will be keeping you up to date with developments. I have a request that could councillors email me sites for potential EV charging points as I am working with western power who will evaluate these sites for suitability can you include some from Dunster marsh if possible these are for both public/tourists and residents'.

18/22 Report from Somerset County Councillor: Cllr Lawrence reported the garden party was fun and went well. Dunster Marsh pavement was now going to the design stage.

18/23 Any other reports: There were none.

18/24 Matters arising:

18/24.1 Dunster Steep Toilets - Update: The broken fence had been screwed up and secure for now. The 3 bolts from Taiwan cost 40 dollars and can now be fitted.

18/24.2 Retail unit update and Rateable Value: The Valuation Office reported there would be no rates to pay on the unit until it was completed.

18/24.3 Higher Marsh Farm Development – Road resurfacing: Cllr Lawrence thought it would be a good idea to get Jo Sharpe out to look at the road again.

18/24.4 Higher Marsh Farm Development – Line markings: The Clerk reported she had written to Jo Sharpe to say the Council was not happy about not putting down yellow lines and that an accident would happen soon. No reply had been received.

18/24.5 West Street Pavement – East side: There was no update and it was resolved to remove this item from the agenda.

18/24.6 Sport England Award – Dunster Marsh Playing Field: Cllr Challoner reported the award letter had been received and the purchase order had been sent, but not received. It was hoped to start work in September and should be completed within 4 weeks.

18/24.7 Data Protection Regulations: Cllr Challoner had sent forms out by email and would resend again.

18/24.8 Defibrillator: Cllr Oliver reported the box to keep the defibrillator in would cost about the same as the defibrillator. This would need to be connected to mains electricity. The local ambulance service would come back with some advice. Cllr Oliver thought it would be a good idea to ask the surgery to see if they had a defibrillator and ask if they would help support this. The Village Society would consider helping once they had all the facts. Discussions took place about where the defibrillator could be positioned.

18/24.9 A39 road surface: The Clerk reported she had written to Peter Owen stating the Council disagreed with his decision that there was nothing wrong with the road surface. No response to report.

18/24.10 Hedge at 9 West Close: It was resolved to take photographs of the hedge and garden and send them to MAGNA.

18/24.11 Post 15 meters from Sea Lane/Station Road: The Clerk had contacted SCC but had no response. Cllr Challoner said post 8 also needed repairing. It was resolved the Clerk would let SCC know.

18/25 Electric car charge points: Cllr Challoner reported that this was still in the early stages but suggestions for charging points are requested.

18/26 Festival shed: Cllr Challoner reported the shed is in a bad way and repairs are needed. This could be used for village storage for different societies. The legal obligations would need to be looked at before any repairs by the Parish Council are carried out.

18/27 New housing estate in relation to precept: There would be 58 new houses included in the precept next year. A band D property is £61.77 this would give an increase in precept. The toilets are very close to breaking even so Cllr Challoner would investigate further to see if the toilets could be reverted back to free entry.

18/28 Caravans on the old A39: All the caravans had gone leaving no rubbish behind.

18/29 Dog fouling sticker: It was resolved not to place an order for the stickers.

18/30 SALC Meeting: This was taking place on 25th June at WSC in Williton at 5pm. Cllrs Challoner and Lamacraft would attend. The Clerk would forward the agenda once she had received it.

18/31 TDBC/WSC amalgamation: An email had been circulated regarding the amalgamation. It was resolved to note this.

18/32 Accounts Report:

18/32.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

18/32.2 Planned expenditure: There was none.

18/32.3 Current account expenditure analysis: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure analysis and to note the bank balance on 31st May 2018 was £29087.80

18/32.4 Bank reconciliation for April and May 2018: It was resolved to note that Cllr Challoner had signed the bank reconciliation for the months of April and May.

18/32.5 To Consider the Accounting Statements: The Clerk reported the comments from the auditor and circulated the year end accounts.

18/32.6 Approval of Accounting Statements by resolution: It was resolved to approve the accounting statements.

18/32.7 Signing of the Accounting Statements by the Chair: It was resolved the Cllr Challoner could sign the accounting statements.

18/32.8 Electricity Tariff for the toilets: It was resolved to stay with the existing supplier.

18/32.9 Buttercross and Riverside Walk balance: It was resolved to note the balance of the accounts were £2532.11 and £250.96 as of 6th June 2018.

18/33 Planning: There were no applications to consider.

18/34 Correspondence:

18/34.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log.

18/34.2 Any other correspondence: The National Trust would hold a meeting on 18th June 2-6pm at the Watermill Tearoom to discuss planning permission to build an extension to the Tearoom at the Watermill.

18/35 Items on Report: The Clerk reported only items advertised on the agenda could be discussed and resolved.

It was reported cars were parking on the pavement at Dunster Marsh. Photographs would be taken and could then be sent to the police.

There were still several allotments available to rent.

The drains below the level crossing on sea lane would be in next year's Highways budget.

The Village Gardens Committee are getting older and the Parish Council may want to consider taking this on.

Hanging baskets are being delivered on Wednesday 13th June.

The Forestry Commission sign has been removed into the Deer Park.

A car with the registration number DC04 KKN has been parked opposite the Post Office and not been moved for several weeks.

18/36 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 16th July: There were none.

Meeting closed 9.15 p.m.

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