

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 12TH April 2010

PRESENT A Bishop, B Bryan, C Ell, M Ellis, L Griffiths, G Lamacraft, C Nicholson, K Sully, P Toogood, A Vicary, G Witherford.

OTHERS SC James, C Lawrence, B Leaker, A Vasey, ENP and 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES_W Wake, NT.

MINUTES The minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record after amendment to Item 30. Mr Nicholson also mentioned that an item about the Walkers are Welcome group should have been included in the February minutes saying the parish council supported the project.

The Chairman then introduced Mr Adam Vasey, ENP Ranger, to the meeting. He has taken over from Richard Eales as our ENP contact.

MATTERS ARISING

1. QUAD BIKES

SC James said the problem with Quad Bikes has been sorted out but public should remain vigilant and report further incidents.

2. SPORTSFIELD LEASE

The lease has now gone to the Crown and should soon be completed.

3. STEEP CAR PARK

WSC have extended parking charges to run from 8.0am. Mrs Lawrence said this meant that school mums would need new passes. PC will write a strong letter of complaint to Mr Downes saying this is detrimental to the tourist trade, especially hotels, and also parents of school children. Mrs Lawrence has already spoken to him.

4. BARS IN HIGH STREET

Mr Leaker said the missing bars are a Health & Safety issue, also the ones outside Chapel Crafts. Clerk will contact Highways again.

5. EDM 143

Letter from Mr Liddell-Grainger with a copy of a letter from Barbara Follett MP to say she supports the Sustainable Communities Act.

6. JOYRIDING IN STEEP CAR PARK

Email from Steve Watts, WSC, who will look into the possibility of installing a barrier.

7. RUBBISH BEHIND CONYGAR VIEW

Email from Amanda Shirani of Magna to say she had written to the tenants at No 28 about dumping rubbish here. Clerk will contact WSC asking them to pick up the rubbish asap as it is a health hazard.

8. CODE OF CONDUCT

Mr Leaker said WS Councillors needed permission from the Head of Services before speaking to the press. This was not accepted by councillors.

9. ALLOTMENTS

With regard Mrs Corbett's allotment Mr Sully had spoken to the Allotment Association asking for their advice. We have now written asking for the allotment to be cleared as we will not be renewing the lease. It will be sprayed and left for a period. Five new allotments have now been allocated but we are still waiting to hear from M Le Grand. If the rent has still not been paid after one month we will terminate his contract as stated in the terms of his contract. Mr Askew asked about a letter he had written last year to Mr Sully.

10. POLICE REPORT

SC Mark James said there had been 50 reported crimes in Dunster over the last year. He stressed it was very important to report crimes in order to keep police resources in the area. Parking at the school is still a problem and he will report back about this. The new Inspector has not yet started but hopefully we will have a new Beat Manager soon.

11. NATIONAL PARK REPORT

Mr Vasey said his main remit was Rights of Way and Bridleways. The ENP Trail Watchers volunteer scheme has started. Volunteers will get training and they ring him with any problems they find. The pathway near Gallox Bridge is usually muddy but this will be cleared in the next few months.

PLANNING

12. 15 West Street (Full & LB) Proposed Change of Use of part of ground floor of residential dwelling to enable extension of existing retail space. Site meeting will be arranged.

13. 2A The Ball - Replacement of 21 single glazed windows with double glazed windows. ENP have granted conditional permission.

14. Hornbeams, St Georges Street – Installation of 4 Dormer Windows & 5 Rooflights within a loft conversion. Site meeting was held 11th March. PC support the application.
15. 25 St Georges Street – Two Storey Extension. ENP have granted conditional permission.

CORRESPONDENCE

16. West Somerset Core Strategy-Community & Stakeholders Consultation. Responses by 24th May. Passed to Mr Vicary
17. Local Government Anti Social Behaviour Tools & Powers Information pack for councillors. Passed to Mr Toogood.
18. SCC Somerset Minerals Core Strategy. Passed to Mr Sully.
19. Letter from Janice Malarkey, WSC, with details of Planning Obligations Funding and process for applications to the council for S106 funding. No application received from Dunster so no funds available at present.
20. Community Low Carbon Projects in ENP. Up to £500,000 is available to the community to pilot a community based approach to make the transition to low carbon living. Deadline for applications is 30th April.
21. NHS Somerset Partnership Members Day will be held on 8th May.
22. Letter from Ian Timms, WSC, regarding new Dog Control Orders with a copy of the Orders. Mr Vicary asked for new signs in the Allotments and Cemeteries.
23. Letter from Mrs Peacock of Conygar View complaining about rubbish being dumped in the river behind her house and said the problem was getting worse. Clerk will check with Magna again to see if they have spoken to tenants of Nos 3 and 28 Conygar View. Mr Leaker suggested a mail shot and it was agreed that notices were needed saying Fly Tipping is illegal.
24. Dunster Beach Flood Proposals – details from Steve Pilbrow. Passed to Mr Sully.
25. Very old Photo of Dunster received from Mrs Jones. Clerk will write to thank her.
26. Request from Victim Support for funding. PC do not give funding to this charity.

27. Letter from SCC. Somerset Record Office will be moving to new premises in the Autumn.
28. Email from WSC explaining how council tax is calculated and why in some cases the council tax has increased even though the precept was not raised.
29. Letter from AON who have taken over our Insurance from Allianz. There will be no changes to our policy.

30. DATE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

A date was agreed for Tuesday 27th April if Tithe Barn was available. Mr Speed will be asked to come and speak about plans for the Dunster Deer Parks. (Hall was not available for that date so re arranged for Thursday 29th April at 7.0pm). This will be advertised in the Free Press and Notices put up in the village.

31. DUNSTER WORKING GROUP REPORT

Mr Lamacraft reported that the Group had met with the police again recently regarding CCTV Cameras in the Steep car park. The parish council have agreed to bear the annual cost of maintenance of these cameras and Mr Brunt is happy to have the 3 cameras sited on the Rohun building. The cost of the electricity will be split with the parish council. The proposal to take out the interim traffic lights in Church Street might not work as there could be problems if traffic gets stuck. Mr Peake had asked the Working Group to put a hold on additional resurfacing of The Steep.

32. MR LEAKER'S REPORT

Mr Leaker suggested the parish council write to the Somerset PCT to complain about the possible closure of the medical centre at Butlins. Visitors will be sent to the new hospital meaning resources will be stretched and it poses a possible threat to the health of local residents if there should be another outbreak of the Norwalk Virus there. Clerk will write to Jane Barry at the PCT. Mr Leaker also suggested we write to Adrian Dyer to say we are disappointed at the overspend on the new council offices.

33. MRS LAWRENCE'S REPORT

Mrs Lawrence agreed we should write to the PCT. She also thought the gate from the Steep car park into the overspill car park in the Castle grounds should have been open over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. Clerk will write to Mr Wake. The new Museum of Somerset is going well and will be great when finished.

ITEMS ON REPORT

34. Mr Sully said Butlins traffic over the Spring Harvest has been very bad this year and needs better organisation.
35. Mr Griffiths said the sound at last year's Horticultural AGM in the Tithe Barn was not good. He also asked for Parking to be put on the Agenda for our Annual Parish Meeting.
36. Mrs Ell said the street name signs in the village need painting. Clerk will report to WSC.
37. Mr Bishop asked about the spraying of the cobbles. This will be done at the end of April/ May.
38. Mr Vicary said more fencing was needed for a corner of the Marsh Playing Field. The cost will be approx £250 and the parish council agreed to finance this. Proposed by Mr Vicary, seconded by Mrs Ell and all were in favour.
39. Miss Bryan said the seat in the bus shelter on the north side of the A39 was broken. Mr Sully will take a look at it.
40. Mr Witherford reported potholes on Station Road leading to Lower Marsh. Clerk will report to Highways.

41. ACCOUNTS

Expenditure

Water bill	47.81
Cemetery rates	136.94
Community council subs	30.00
Petty cash	60.00
Clerk	313.60
Total	588.35

Petty cash expenditure £68.57

Income

Allotment rents	360.00
Refund (Crown)	8.75
Total	368.75

Balance in bank £20,751

CIRCULATIONS

New Nuclear Power at Hinkley Point - Emerging Development Proposals
WSC Standards Committee Agenda for 13th April
Society of Local Council Clerks – Regional Conference SW 18th May
Wootton Ridge Deer Management Group – Mins of meeting held 21st January
Spinal Injuries Association – Fish & Chip supper 21st May
Dunster Visit Experience – Next meeting 23rd March in Tithe Barn
ENP Planning Committee Agenda 6th April
Natural England – England’s Statutory Landscape Designations – practical guide
NHS Mental Health Matters – Membership News March 2010
Community Council for Somerset – Subs & Benefits
Thatch Magazine Winter/Spring 2010
Betta Somerset Stages Rally 24th April
Warm Streets Information leaflet
Western Power – Power for Life Spring 2010
WSC A-Z of Services 2010-2011
WSC Your Guide to Council Services 2010-2011
New Recycling Facility for Businesses at Williton
Motor Cycling Club 88th London to Lands End Trial 2nd/3rd April
International Year of Biodiversity
WSC Community Engagement-Understanding local impacts & benefit of potential
new nuclear build at Hinkley –Briefing sessions being held.
EDF Hinkley Point News March 2010
Burnham & Minehead Motor Club – Somerset Stages Rally Event April 24th
WSC Dates of Area Panel Meetings 2010
ENP Exmoor Society Spring Conference 30th April
WSC Community Planning Days
SCC Temporary Road Closure Priory Green 15th April