

## **DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2009**

**PRESENT** A Bishop, C Ell, M Ellis, L Griffiths, G Lamacraft, C Nicholson, P Toogood, A Vicary. Mrs Ell chaired the meeting until a new Chairman had been appointed.

**OTHERS** SC Mark James, C Lawrence, SCC, John Wood, NT, 6 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES** B Bryan, K Sully, P Webber, B Leaker, PC Curran.

**MINUTES** The minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### 1. ALLOTMENTS

Mrs Corbett had disagreed with our letter. Mr Sully will get in touch with her. M LeGrand also objected to his letter but nothing has yet been done on his allotment. Mr Ellis will have a word with him.

#### 2. TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Mr Griffiths reported that work had been done on the Church St traffic lights but they are still not right. Clerk will write again to Highways.

#### 3. FENCING ON STEEP

The fence belonging to the NT is in a bad state of repair. Mr Wood will report this.

#### 4. ALLOTMENT CUP COMPETITION

Mr & Mrs Edgell won the Best Kept Allotment Cup and Mr Bale won the Most Variety Shield. A Certificate was presented to the Pre-School for their efforts and a plaque to Les Griffiths for long service to the allotments. Mr Ellis suggested judging allotments on their condition throughout the year.

#### 5. TREE AT UNDERPASS

Mr Sully had met with Magna who agreed to take down the tree and if necessary we can put a light on the end bungalow.

#### 6. DUNSTER WORKING GROUP

Mr Lamacraft said work at the Luttrell Arms corner had finished for now.

#### 7. CROWN REPORT

Mr Toogood had spoken to Andrew Wells who was surprised at the parish council opposition to a Parking Meter at Nutcombe Bottom. There will be no policing of the car park and locals need not pay.

#### 8. WSC PLANNING MANAGER

Mr Andrew Goodchild, the new planning manager, would like to come to a meeting. Clerk will invite him to our September meeting, start 7.0pm.

#### 9. **POLICE REPORT** This was given by SC James.

Crime: There were still a lot of break-ins to outbuildings. Extra patrols had been set up and the public advised to be vigilant and make sure gates etc were securely locked. Crime advice is available.

Parking: SC James had issued a lot of parking tickets when on duty and teams are monitoring parking in Dunster. There will be a Street Briefing next week in Park St. A lorry was stuck in West St recently but Police did not know the key code to the Castle gate. He will look into this as all emergency services should know the code. Mr Nicholson said he had spoken to PC Curran about late night drinking disturbances and Mr Ellis complained about continued fly-tipping at Frackford.

#### 10. **NATIONAL TRUST REPORT**

Mr Wood said the NT were happy to comply with the PC recommendations as to signage for the Church St/High St entrance to the Castle. It was decided to alter signs at the Timberscombe end of village telling traffic to pass right through the village. NT also suggested a Brown sign on the Motorway for the Village & Castle. Mr Wood said they also wished to replace a chain link fence by the shop. The PC agreed to this. Regarding refreshments at the Castle a survey is being organised by Sally Twiss and a Draft will go out to all consultees.

#### **PLANNING**

11. 34B West St- Conversion of garage into residential accommodation. Email received from David Green to say the application has been withdrawn. Mrs Lawrence will look into this.
12. 7 West St – Erection of summerhouse. ENP have granted Conditional Permission.
13. Dunster Castle – Erection of Greenhouse & Potting Shed. PC support the application.
14. St Georges Church – Addition of 2 antennas by Airwave Solutions. PC support the application.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

15. Letter from a Taunton visitor complaining about the untidy & neglected look of High St. Clerk will write to Highways asking for a quote to spray the weeds.

16. SCC Invitation to join National Highways Transport Survey. This was passed to Mrs Ell.

17. Complaint received about moles in the top cemetery. Safety testing has now been done and owners of tagged graves have 6 months to make them safe. These should be inspected again in a year's time. A Cemetery meeting has been arranged for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

18. Email from Highways. The road surface at Frackford has been done. No parking signs are needed in West St with double yellow lines. These were removed 5 years ago following a review of the Traffic Signs Manual. Mr Newby will check on site to make sure relevant signs are in place.

19. Awards for local councils have been re-launched by NALC. They are looking for councils, councillors, clubs and workers who make a difference to the community. Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## **20. ACCOUNTS**

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Packhorse PF	250.00	Allotment Rent	<b>30.00</b>
Football Club	250.00		
Cemetery contr.	234.92		
Clerk	313.60		
Fine Memorials	1104.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>2152.52</b>		
Petty cash expenditure	1.50		
Reserve Acct:	20,000.00		
Current Acct:	100.00		

## **21. NOMINATION OF NEW CHAIRMAN**

Mr Sully stood down as chairman at the last meeting and nominations were needed for a new chairman. Mr Toogood was nominated by Mr Griffiths and seconded by Mr Vicary. There were no more nominations and all were in favour of Mr Toogood becoming new chairman.

## **ITEMS ON REPORT**

22. Mr Bishop said he would attend Dunster Panel Meetings as PC representative. Next meeting will be held 19<sup>th</sup> October.

23. Hedge at Conygar View needs cutting again. Clerk will inform the Crown.
24. A barrier is needed on the A39 cycle path at the junction with Marsh Lane. Clerk will write to Mr Newby with a copy to Mrs Lawrence
25. Grass on the footpath along the A39 needs cutting back urgently. Clerk will report to Mr Newby.
26. Mrs Lawrence had spoken to Sally Twist about the survey being commissioned by the NT. She stressed it was important for people to give their views. Mr Lamacraft will be informed, on behalf of the PC, who will be doing the survey.
27. The wall in West Close is still considered a danger. Clerk will report to Highways yet again.

Meeting closed 9.15pm.

## **CIRCULATIONS**

WSC & West Somerset Business Forum – Survey  
WSC Help with Business Rates Bill  
WSC Help with Businesses in Economic Downturn  
Crown Estate – Building in Partnership  
Dunster Panel Agenda 28<sup>th</sup> July  
Dunster Panel Minutes of meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> April  
Tithe Barn Management Committee Agenda 18<sup>th</sup> August  
Tithe Barn Management Committee – minutes of meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June  
New Somerset Heritage Map & Guidebook (Tube Map)  
Community Council for Somerset – Review of 2008/09  
LARC Drop in session 21st July, Moorland Hall  
LARC Notes on meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> June  
SALC Information Sheet No 2-Power of Well Being  
SALC Councillors Training for Power of Well Being – October  
SALC Clerk's Workshop 15<sup>th</sup> October & Training Events in October  
SALC Certificate in Local Council Admin 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Rural Youth Newsletter Autumn 09  
Hinkley Point News from EDF Energy July 09  
SCC List of councillors  
Society of Local Council Clerks membership information  
ENP Planning Committee meeting 4<sup>th</sup> August Agenda  
ENP Park Life Newspaper  
Thatch Magazine  
Somerset Drugs & Alcohol Service Directory  
NALC Annual Conference & Exhibition 4/5<sup>th</sup> September  
NALC Larger Councils' Conference 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Compost Champions Scheme – Somerset Waste Action