

# **DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010**

**PRESENT** B Bryan, M Ellis, L Griffiths, G Lamacraft, C Nicholson, K Sully, A Vicary.

**OTHERS** A Fay, B Leaker, W Wake, 4 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES** A Bishop, C Ell, C Lawrence, P Toogood.

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

### **MATTERS ARISING**

1. SPORTSFIELD LEASE

Mr Fay had met with the Crown and the only concession they would agree to was a lower rent. This will now rise from £350 to £500 pa + vat. The new lease is now in place if we agree to the terms. Mr Lamacraft said he was disappointed at the costs the Crown were imposing but Mr Fay said the money was in place for this. Mr Nicholson proposed we accept the terms of the lease and sign. This was seconded by Miss Bryan and all were in favour. Mr Fay will go back to the Crown with our decision.

2. BOUNDARY REVIEW

Mr Leaker clarified the latest proposals. Dunster will be paired with Timberscombe which is the better option. He was not there for the vote but final decision should be made around May/June of this year.

3. YARN MARKET LIGHTS

There is no safety certificate at present for these lights. Mr Wake will meet with EH and Mr Brunt and keep us informed.

4. NUTCOMBE BOTTOM PAY & DISPLAY

Letter of complaint had been received from Mr Peters which clerk had passed on to Andrew Player. Mr Lamacraft said he thought the Pay & Display machine was totally inappropriate and unnecessary and if it is not to be enforced then an Honesty Box would suffice. PC will write again to ENP with these comments.

5. DUNSTER WORKING GROUP

Mr Lamacraft gave a brief report. The results of the consultation showed public comments were generally favourable. Other towns will be visited regarding parking charges and Mr Lamacraft will then report back to us. The plan is to make Dunster a better place for visitors/pedestrians and increase trade.

6. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Mr Wake said he had received the DAG Petition and is aware of their economic impact figures but does not agree with them. The Old Parkland Oak has a fungal infection and will have to be removed but the timber will be used. Mr Wake said the Castle runs at a loss but the money taken stays in Dunster.

7. CASUAL VACANCY

Vacancy Notices have been posted and WSC informed. If no election is called for by 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb we can co-opt a councillor at the next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

8. Email from Robin Andrews to say the NT would like to donate 5 apple trees to the Village Gardens. These have been grown from cuttings taken from espaliers in the Gardens some time ago as they were dying out. Details have been passed to Mrs Ell.
9. Email received from Jane Jones from Swansea offering us a photo of the Yarn Market taken in 1895. Clerk will reply saying we would like to see it.
10. Letter from West Somerset Scouts. They will reserve 4 seats again for the parish council at their St George's Day service on 25<sup>th</sup> April. Miss Bryan and her mother will attend, also Mr Griffiths and his son.
11. Email from Mrs Jelley thanking us on behalf of the Packhorse Playing Field for the cheque towards their Mosaic Project.
12. Email from Alistair Burt MP to say he has adopted the Sustainable Communities Bill as his Private Members Bill. Email also received from Steve Shaw (UK Democracy) to say over 260 MPs have already signed the EDM 143 in support of this Bill. Clerk will write to Ian Liddell-Grainger MP asking him to sign.
13. Letter from Forum 21 with a CD and Notes on Bicknoller Eco Activities 2007-09 Presentation. This was circulated.

#### **14. ACCOUNTS**

##### Income

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Burial       | 200.00        |
| Memorial     | 20.00         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>220.00</b> |

##### Expenditure

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| AR Computing | 854.94         |
| Clerk        | 313.60         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1168.54</b> |

Petty Cash expend            13.88

#### **15. MR LEAKER'S REPORT**

Mr Leaker said he was in the village for handing over the petition by DAG to the NT. Local Plan Consultations will be held in the Tithe Barn on 25<sup>th</sup> February and the parish council have an important role in this. Closure of the Visitor Centre has been mentioned again and views are needed on this. Posts in High St had been knocked over and he had reported these. There were also bars missing near the Newsagents and this could be a H&S issue. Clerk will report to Highways.

##### **ITEMS ON REPORT**

16. Mr Sully said that plans for Morrisons included the closure of Vulcan Road car park and 2 school buses would be parked in the Steep car park until new spaces were made available. Clerk will write to WSC strongly objecting to this as it will take up valuable parking spaces and could affect trade in the village. Mr Leaker will support us.
17. Mr Sully reported fly tipping at Frackford Bridge again. Clerk will write to Highways.
18. Mr Lamacraft had been told that one of the allotments was being sub-let. This will be looked into. There are 8 on the Waiting List at present.
19. Mr Sully said there had been a case of sheep worrying recently. Everyone should look out for this.
20. Mr Vicary said there were bare wires on lights in the Underpass. Clerk will report.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Quantock Eco Launch 12<sup>th</sup> February  
Exmoor Consultative & Parish Forum Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> February  
ENP Planning Committee Agenda 19<sup>th</sup> January  
ENP Planning Committee Agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
SALC West Area Meeting Agenda 4<sup>th</sup> March  
Wootton Ridge Deer Management Minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
SCC Winter Service Update  
WSC Standards Committee Agenda 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Somerset Waste Partnership- Bad Weather Update  
Tithe Barn Agenda & Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> January  
Tithe Barn Agenda & Minutes 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
NALC National Training Strategy Review  
NALC Leadership Academies 2010 Training dates  
SCC Market Town Regeneration Fund 2009/10 – Guidance Notes & Application Form  
SCC Rural Services Fund 2009/10- Guidance Notes & Application Form  
Funding Supplement Winter/Spring 2010  
Community Council for Somerset – Village & Community Halls  
Newsletter Winter/Spring 2010  
Community Council for Somerset-Exhibition of Supplies & Services  
Publication List 2010, Details of Hallmark Quality Standards Award for Village &  
Community Halls & Entry Forms  
NSPCC Promoting Hotline No  
St Margaret's Hospice Update Letter  
Clerks & Councils Direct January 2010 & Suppliers Guide & Yearbook 2010  
SCC Temporary Road Closure-Ponsford Rd for 2 days from 3<sup>rd</sup> March