

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14TH FEBRUARY 2011

PRESENT A Bishop, C Ell, M Ellis, L Griffiths, M Harborne, K Sully, A Vicary, A Webber, G Witherford.

OTHERS G Lamacraft, C Oliver, S Rogers NT, PCSO Hurley, PCSO Williams, B Leaker WSC, C Lawrence SCC.

APOLOGIES B Bryan, P Toogood. Mr Sully sent apologies to say he would be late. Mrs Ell will Chair the meeting.

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

MATTERS ARISING

1. COBBLES
Letter from the Highways Service Director saying they will not accept liability for the cobbled strip adjacent to the properties in High St and suggest the frontagers maintain these.
2. BAGS IN RIVER
Mr Rogers reported that they were still waiting for Wessex Water to sort it out and hoped it would be resolved soon.
3. COMMUNITY ORCHARD
Email received from Mr Player saying the school would like to sponsor 5 trees. These are normally £35 each but the Orchard Committee will discuss what to charge at their next meeting (23rd Feb). He also sent details of an Apple Tree Pruning training day. This is free and will be held on 19th Feb at Porlock.
4. RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PROJECT
Letter from Thorne Segar to say the Draft Transfer Deed had been returned to Magna with some suggested amendments.
5. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENT FOR NATIONAL PARKS
Parish Councils had been invited to recent meetings regarding DEFRA's Consultation Process. Attached were notes from these meetings and a copy of the report detailing the National Park's response to DEFRA. Outcome will be announced by 31st March.
6. HIGHWAY MATTERS
Email from Highways to say gulleys and drains had now been cleared. The wall in West Close will be repaired very soon and the Tree in Park St will be inspected by the SCC Arboriculturist.
7. DE-ICING MATERIALS
Email from County Roads to say they are able to issue up to 10 20kg bags of De-Icing material. Mr Sully had been advised. Salt Boxes are also needed. Mrs Lawrence said these cost £69 each.

8. WORKING GROUP REPORT

Mr Lamacraft said they were still waiting for written confirmation of the grant for the cobbles from LARC and for exact specification of work to be carried out by the Highways. Until this is received they were unable to obtain a final quote for the work.

They were also negotiating with the NT regarding additional land for the overflow car park at the Steep. Mr MacLean of WSC is dealing with this.

9. POLICE REPORT

PCSO Hurley said there had not been many calls during the last month but there are reports of people going around looking for scrap metal and scrap metal thefts. If people are suspicious they should take the registration number and contact the police. Mr Leaker asked if there was any news on police cut backs but PCSO Hurley said she had heard nothing.

10. NATIONAL TRUST REPORT

Mr Rogers said the NT were working on new ideas for the coming season. They had confirmed the use of an overflow car park this summer at the Steep. Mr Vicary asked when the fencing on the Steep would be repaired. Mr Rogers said probably not this year but the Land Drain had been renewed. The Castle are looking for more volunteers and there will be a Volunteer Open Day on 19th Feb.

PLANNING

11. Luttrell Arms Hotel – Renewal of planning permission/LB consent for conversion of garages to Manager’s flat, storage space and garage. ENP granted Full and LB/Conservation Area consent.

12. The Stables, St Thomas Street – Replace existing roof. LB consent granted by ENP.

13. 25 West Street – Full & LB Consent for formation of second floor bedroom to include alterations to work already commenced under planning permission granted in 1998. Site meeting held by parish council on 26th Jan. PC not happy with this application and feel it is a back door way of building another house as it is in effect a separate dwelling. Clerk will ask an ENP Officer to come and talk to us about Social Housing issues.

14. Higher Marsh Farm – Outline Planning Consent for Demolition of existing farm buildings and erection of up to 54 residential dwellings, open space, landscaping and ancillary works. Emergency parish council meeting held in January to discuss the plans. PC’s main concerns are access into the site and the junction of Marsh Lane with the A39. PC views forwarded to WSC 28th January.

CORRESPONDENCE

15. Neighbourhood Planning Vanguard Scheme. Details received from ENP with a copy of the Localism Bill.

16. Dunster Panel Meeting to be held on 11th April and once again clashes with our PC meeting. Clerk has contacted Claire Richards at WSC about this.

17. Hinkley Power Station C: Community Consultation & Engagement. An Independent Report arising from the Community Consultation & Engagement process has now been approved by both Sedgemoor & West Somerset Councils and a copy sent to EDF. A copy of the report is available.
18. Email from Jenny Lennon-Wood thanking us for our support for the community use of Minehead Old Hospital.
19. Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee. Letter from Department for Culture, Media & Sport. There will be a 4 day Special Jubilee Weekend from 2nd to 5th June 2012.
20. Email from Steve Haigh, Countrywide Dementia Awareness Raising Worker, Alheimers Society offering to come and talk to us about services available. Clerk will write inviting him to our Annual Parish Meeting which will be held 19th April.
21. Road Closure Notification. Temporary closure of A39 Main Road, Carhampton from 14th February.
22. Temporary closure of A39 High Street, Porlock from 28th February.
23. National Highways & Transport Survey. This was passed to Mrs Ell.
24. Forum 21 – Parish Councils & Green Initiatives in the new Economic Climate. This was passed to Mrs Oliver.

ITEMS ON REPORT

25. Mr Harborne said more Salt Boxes were needed for the village. Mr Sully has spoken to Mr Peake about this.
26. The Memorial Plaque outside the Memorial Hall needs cleaning. Mrs Webber said the Village Society are willing to do this. She will get in touch with Mr Brunt. Mr Harborne said the work on the front of the Hall had gone out for Tender. A container for cigarette ends is also needed outside the Hall.
27. Mr Griffiths was concerned about reports of future charging for parking in High Street. Mr Leaker said WSC had discussed de-criminalisation of parking but no decisions had been made on charging yet.
28. Mr Witherford said the potholes in Station Road need doing. Clerk will report to Highways.

29. Parish Council will get prices for phase 2 work at Riverside after meeting with SCC. Mr Vicary will speak to SCC about putting a bench seat near the Bridge.
30. There have been reports about no Duty Doctor at the MIU in the new Hospital. Clerk will write to Free Press about this. Mr Leaker supported this and will draft some ideas to the clerk.
31. Clerk will write once again to Highways asking for double white lines from Bilbrook to Withycombe Straight on the A39.
32. Street signs in the village need repainting. Clerk will report to WSC.
33. Orchard House have been cutting down large trees beside their drive. Mr Sully will speak to ENP about this.
34. Marsh Development. Mr Sully said the plans would be looked at again as the PC were not happy with the entrance to the site. Mr Vicary and Mr Witherford declared an interest.

35. MR LEAKER'S REPORT

Mr Leaker said that the Football Club were looking at Dunster for a new club. District Councillors had been asked not to claim full expenses. He will liaise with Dunster Chamber of Commerce to push tourism in the area. WSC Budget will be set next Wednesday and he advised the clerk to check that our precept had been accepted.

36. MRS LAWRENCE'S REPORT

SCC will also be setting their Budget and the cutbacks will be severe as SCC owe £400 million. Another £15 million is needed for care of the elderly.

37. ACCOUNTS

<u>Income</u>	
Memorial	<u>10.00</u>
 <u>Expenditure</u>	
Allotment Work	206.40
Hire of Tithe Barn	10.00
Clerk's salary	313.60
 Total	 <u>530.00</u>
 Petty cash expenditure	 10.60

FEBRUARY CIRCULATIONS

ENP Meeting of Exmoor Consultative & Parish Forum 24th February
WSC Dunster Panel Meeting 11th April
DAVSCA Meeting 15th February
Minutes of Wootton Ridge Deer Management Group Meeting 21st October
DI Update for Wootton Ridge DMG Meeting 21st October
ENP Agenda for Planning Meeting 1st February
Making Local Food Work Newsletter January Issue
Institute of Local Council Management – IMC Conference May 2011
Somerset West Energy Bulletin- Winter 2011
One Voice E- Newsletter Update
Homefinder Somerset- Property Newsletter
SALC West Area Meeting Agenda 10th March 2011 & Minutes for 9th December 2010
Somerset West Private Sector Partnership – Keeping Your Ward Warm
WSC Community Matters Newsletters- 13/1/11,20/1/11, 26/1/11, 27/1/11, 3/2/11,10/2/11
ENP Exmoor Archaeology Forum 12th March
Betta Somerset Stages Rally 16th April
NALC's 2011 Networking Lunches
Age UK Newsletters 14/1/11, 20/1/11, 3/2/11
Novas Scarman Floating Support in Somerset
Barnardos SW – Solutions Through Play
Royal Wedding Commemorative Mugs
Watts Street Furniture – Post & Rail Systems