

## **DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2010**

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

**OTHERS** Andrew Speed, C Lawrence, SC Mark James and 4 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES** B Bryan, P Webber, B Leaker, W Wake.

**MINUTES** The minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record after amendments to Nos. 15 & 22.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Sully felt the November Minutes were incorrect when they stated that all were in favour of him resuming the chair and requested another vote. Mr Lamacraft proposed Mr Sully should resume the office of chairman, seconded by Mr Ellis and all were in favour. Mr Sully accepted and said he would stand until the May AGM.

2. DUNSTER DEER PARKS

Mr Andrew Speed from Briddicot Farm wished to give a brief outline on plans for Dunster Deer Parks. He has been asked by Natural England to reinstate the Historic Deer Parks. They are protected SSSIs and he will work with Natural England to bring the area into a favourable status and encourage the public to visit the area. This will be a three year programme and ENP are happy with the plans. Bats castle, in particular, needs clearing of bracken, gorse etc. Mr Speed was asked to come to our next Annual Parish Meeting and talk to local residents about the plans.

3. Mr Sully had received a letter of resignation from Mr Webber. Mr Webber felt unable to carry on as a parish councillor as he felt the council were not pulling together. Clerk will write to thank him for all his hard work on behalf of the village and tell him he will be greatly missed. The parish council appreciate all he has done and wish he would reconsider his decision.

4. BOUNDARY REVIEW

This will be discussed by WSC Cabinet later this week. It seems WSC have already decided Dunster would be better sharing a District Councillor with Timberscombe but the clerk will write again stressing Dunster would prefer to stand alone.

5. NEW COMPUTER

This will be installed later this week.

6. PC CURRAN

Letter from Police Superintendant at Taunton to say PC Curran has been posted to other duties and they are currently looking for a suitable replacement. We will be informed.

7. 2 THE BALL

Planning irregularities with the ENP are still not settled.

8. SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mr Sully attended a recent meeting at Minehead Golf Club to discuss the proposed plans to move back the Flood Defences. Dunster Beach and the Golf Club will be affected and left with no protection. Dunster Marsh could also be affected and valuable agricultural land lost. Dunster Beach had sent a copy of their submission to SMP to the parish council. Clerk will write to the Environment Agency supporting the views of both the Beach and the Golf Club saying we feel the flood line should not be moved back. Copies sent to Mr Pilbrow and Mr Liddell-Grainger.

9. LIGHT AT YARN MARKET

Email from EH to say they have no objection to the lights but need a copy of the safety certificate. PC will liaise with Mr Wake and Mr Brunt to arrange a meeting. Mr Sully will get some prices.

**PLANNING**

10. Nutcombe Bottom Car Park – Proposed installation of solar powered Pay & Display machine. Parish Council support the application.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

11. Letter of confirmation from ENP. “Your Future Exmoor- Community Consultation Event” to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> February from 3-7pm in the Tithe Barn.
12. Letter from Police informing us of changes in the management structure across the district. Carol Pearce will be leaving Minehead and Lisa Simpson will be the new Neighbourhood Inspector.
13. Email from NT with results of recent survey into the impact of a cafe at the Castle. Details can be found online.
14. Email from Robin Andrews with an update of work by NT in Sam’s Garden and the River Garden. Trees removed had serious structural problems.
15. Government Consultation on siting a new Nuclear Power Station at Hinkley Point. There will be an additional Public Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January to discuss this.
16. Email from Somerset Waste with details of waste collections during the bad weather.

## 17. ACCOUNTS

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Packhorse grant	100.00	Burial	50.00
Shaw & Sons	64.95	Wayleave	3.48
Clerk	313.60		
WSC Rent	5.00		
Petty cash	50.00		
Memorial Hall	300.00		
Tithe Barn	300.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1133.55</b>		<b>53.48</b>
Petty cash expenditure	1.50		

## 18. PRECEPT

Parish councils had been informed that both SCC and WSC will be capping council tax this year. In view of this it was decided not to increase our precept by much this year. Mr Nicholson proposed we raise it by 3% but only 3 were in favour of this. Mr Griffiths then proposed we raise it by only 1%. 5 were in favour of this and it was carried. With regard to a street cleaner for the village' Mr Ellis said we may need someone full time who will include grass cutting and cemetery maintenance. Mr Toogood proposed we discuss this at the next Annual Parish Meeting.

## 19. SCOPING WORKSHOP

Mr Toogood gave a brief report on the recommendations of the Princes Foundation. The proposal to put a pub and a shop at the Marsh along with the new housing would not work and the parish council felt the whole plan had not been well researched. The clerk will write to them saying we read the report with great interest and would like to be kept in the loop.

## 20. POLICE REPORT

This was given by SC Mark James.

Break- ins to rural buildings are still happening but extra patrols have been set up. SC James does a regular foot patrol in the village and wished it noted that visitors often remarked on the beauty of the village. There had been a problem with Quad bikes and anyone seeing them should take the registration number. Mr Ellis said some residents at the Marsh were not in favour of painting the Underpass. This message will be passed on to PCSO Hurley. Mr Lamacraft said he thought painting the Underpass would be a good thing.

## **21. DUNSTER WORKING GROUP REPORT**

Mr Lamacraft reported that the Working Group met with SCC, WSC and Highways regarding charging for parking in the High Street. Highways were in favour of the scheme and the Working Group are waiting for them to get back with details. There will be a meeting this week to go through the Hamilton-Baillie proposals and Mr Lamacraft will bring results to the next PC meeting.

## **22. MRS LAWRENCE'S REPORT**

Mrs Lawrence said the Football club were waiting for the solicitors to get back to them about the lease. Alex Casey is dealing with it. We need to secure the field now and keep it in place for the future. Some money for fencing and legal costs has been deposited. Mrs Lawrence said she would give £500 to the parish for future works to the field. The parish council thanked her for this.

## **ITEMS ON REPORT**

23. Mrs Ell reported that Woodville in West St is now a home for disadvantaged girls and asked if they needed permission for change of use. Mrs Lawrence said this is not necessary if the number is less than 6.

## **24. CIRCULATIONS**

Dunster Panel Agenda & Minutes 18<sup>th</sup> January  
Warm Streets – Stay warmer this winter  
SALC Items of Interest to Councillors & Clerks January 2010  
SALC Clerk's Training Events February 2010  
SALC Clerk's Workshop – Standing Orders February 2010  
SALC Certificate in Local Council Administration February 2010  
NHS Mental Health Matters December 2009  
NHS 2010 Guide to Local Health Services in Somerset  
ENP Your Future Exmoor Events Jan – March 2010  
ENP Planning Committee Agenda & Minutes 12<sup>th</sup> January  
Somerset Chamber Choir Posters 14<sup>th</sup> February.