

## **DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011**

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

**OTHERS** PCSO Hurley, C Lawrence SCC, D Challoner, C Oliver.

**APOLOGIES** A Bishop, B Bryan, B Leaker, P Toogood.

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

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

1. COBBLES

Mr Lamacraft had forwarded a copy of the contract for funding received from LARC, together with a letter explaining that work would be starting later than hoped because of the delay in receiving the formal funding offer. The final project estimates are expected in early April.

2. BAGS IN RIVER

The bags are still there. Clerk will write to the Environment Agency.

3. COMMUNITY ORCHARD

A meeting was held in February but only 8 people attended so no committee has yet been formed. Next meeting will be 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

4. RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Transfer of Land form TP1 has now been signed and returned to the solicitors. Mr Sully said it was too late in the season to start phase 1 but phase 2 will go ahead. Letter received from Mr Glenn Martin, SCC, regarding improvements to north end of public footpath WL3/1 at Sea Lane and carrying out surface works. SCC will also contact us about positioning of the proposed seat.

5. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Gullies in St Georges Street are blocked again. Clerk will write asking them to please clear the gullies and take away the debris afterwards. The wall in West Close has still not been done. Clerk will report to David Peake.

6. 25 WEST STREET

ENP have passed the planning application and sent a letter explaining the reasons for their decision. Mrs Lawrence had attended the meeting but did not vote in favour of the plan. She thought it would be helpful in future if a representative of the parish council were present to give their views if they strongly disagreed on an application.

7. HIGHER MARSH FARM  
Email received from Mr Taylor of WSC Planning about site access for the development. He said when the application for 50 houses was approved three years ago no improvements to the A39 junction were sought. He is still waiting for a response from Highways on the present application. Clerk will write to remind him that the parish council and local residents all lodged a complaint about the site access at the time of the first application and ask him to make sure that the plans go to full committee for a decision and not devolved powers.
8. DUNSTER PANEL MEETINGS  
Clerk had contacted Claire Richards about the clash of dates. She said it was difficult to suit everyone but would bear it in mind for the next meeting.
9. HINKLEY POINT C  
Update on and Proposed Changes to Preferred Proposals Document & DVD- February 2011. This was passed to Mr Sully to read.
10. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
This will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Nothing yet heard from the proposed speaker so the meeting will go ahead without one.
11. SALT BOXES  
Mr Sully will get a price for these.
12. POTHoles  
Email from Highways to say they will repair as necessary. Most of these have now been done.
13. WHITE LINES  
Email from Richard Newby to say they are continuing to investigate the case. In the meantime the clerk has written to Mr Rees, Service Director for Highways, about the problem.
14. MEMORIAL PLAQUE  
Mrs Webber said Mrs Nicholson was now going to speak to Mr Brunt on behalf of the Village Society about the matter.
15. **POLICE REPORT**  
PCSO Hurley reported on crimes committed during the last quarter. These had all been solved and stolen drains had been recovered. A foreign lorry had damaged the church wall in Church Street. Mr Witherford complained of speeding in Marsh Lane. PCSO Hurley said there had been problems with troublesome vehicles and Road Traffic had been informed. Shed break- ins are still occurring and people have been asked to report anyone asking for scrap metal and take their registration number.

## **PLANNING**

16. 4 St Georges Street – Proposed conversion of two stores to be incorporated as part of dwelling together with a small extension.  
Parish Council support this application.
17. 30 High Street – LB Consent for proposed replacement of external blind and change of colour of masonry.  
Parish Council support this application.
18. Willow Tree – Junction of Park St & West St – Fell and remove stump of Weeping Willow. Parish Council strongly support this application and have been trying for some time to get this tree felled as it is causing damage to the road and the bridge. Letter sent to ENP with our views.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

19. Marsh St Notice Board. Mr Sully had asked for three tenders to replace the board but had only received one from MC Joinery in Taunton. They quoted £385 to replace the board. Mr Ellis proposed we accept this quote, Mrs Ell seconded and all were in favour. Clerk will write to them.
20. Letter from the Scouts to say they have had to cancel this year's St Georges Day Parade in Dunster as they were unable to book the church. They will parade in Minehead instead. Clerk will write to say we hope they return to Dunster next year and ask if they had considered the Village Gardens as an alternative venue.
21. Elections will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. Election Posters put up and nomination papers will go to all councillors. They must be returned by 4<sup>th</sup> April.
22. Email from Mr Webber to say the next DAVSCA meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March. He also said the hedge is planted and the PV panels should be working by the next meeting. They are holding a Jumble Sale on 16<sup>th</sup> April.
23. Email from Steve Watts to say they continue to monitor the area around the junction of Marsh Lane and the A39 for litter.
24. Letter from NHS Foundation Trust. They are able to elect Governors on the Members' Council and a number of seats are released for election on 1<sup>st</sup> May. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Returning Officer, Electoral Reform Services. Closing date 17<sup>th</sup> March.

25. Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service-Having Your Say-Key Proposals for 2011/12 to 2013/14. Views should be in by 10<sup>th</sup> April. Passed to Mr Sully.
26. Kompan are sponsoring a free funding guide – New Playground Funding Support Service. Passed to Mrs Ell.
27. WSC had written back about our Top 5 Priorities wish list. The cemetery is not acceptable so we need to think of another project and give details.

**28. CEMETERY CONTRACT**

In order to save money it was decided, after checking the legality of this, to extend Mr William's contract for another year. He is willing to do this but asked for a 4% increase. This would work out at an extra £77 per year. Mrs Ell proposed we accept this, Mr Griffiths seconded and all were in favour.

**29. NEW DOCTORS' SURGERY**

Mr Sully said a meeting had been held the previous week between the Village Gardens Trust, the architect and Friends of the Doctors Surgery to look at plans for a new surgery in the Village Gardens. It was thought the Gardens were not really suitable because of access. Other sites have been considered. Mr Sully suggested the West St field might be suitable and will arrange a meeting with SCC and ENP to discuss this. Funding will only be available until 2013 so the situation is urgent. A Public Meeting will be called at a later date.

**ITEMS ON REPORT**

30. Mr Griffiths reported potholes on the Parish Road. Mr Sully will take a look.
31. Mr Vicary said the grass needs cutting back from the footpath on the A39. Clerk will report to the Highways.
32. Parish Newsletter needs more money so it was decided to make a one off contribution of £100. Mrs Ell proposed this, Mr Harborne seconded it and all were in favour.
33. The Mill Leat wall is deteriorating and the capping needs attention. Clerk will report to the Highways.
34. Mr Sully said the stakes put in when the cemetery was topple tested were done badly and look a mess. This need reviewing.

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

Mrs Lawrence gave a very brief report. She said SCC cuts will be severe affecting buses, libraries etc. There will be no more borrowing and the council will be spending less. She also said better Broadband was needed in the area to help small businesses.

### **36. ACCOUNTS**

#### Income

Burial	50.00
Allotment Deposit	35.00
Allotment Rents	70.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>155.00</b>

#### Expenditure

Allotment Road	289.20
SALC subs	183.43
Community Council subs	35.00
Clerk	313.60
Petty cash	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>871.23</b>

Petty cash expenditure	41.54
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Meeting closed 9.40pm

## **MARCH CIRCULATIONS**

ENP Planning Committee Agenda 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011  
ENP Planning Applications Registered w/e 18/2/11 & 11/3/11  
SWP Recycle For All It's Worth  
SCC Libraries Service – Cuts to Budget  
ENP Consultative & Parish Forum Agenda & Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> February  
SCC Wooden Spoon Motor Event 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March  
Somerset Rural Youth Project-Voluntary Youth Club Support  
Community Land Trust Project – Free Seminar  
EDF Energy Consultation on Hinkley Point C/Project Consultation on Supplementary Planning Document.  
News from EDF Energy February 2011 Consultation on Changes  
News from EDF Energy February/March 2011 Proposed Changes to Preferred Proposals for Hinkley point C.  
WSC Town Centres, Heritage & Renewable Energy Studies  
Dunster Panel Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
SCC Bus Service Changes  
Minehead Eye Transportation  
SCC Burnham & Minehead Motoring Clubs' Somerset Stages Rally 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
WSC Meetings Timetable 2011/12  
WSC Staff Telephone List  
WSC Community Matters Newsletter 17/2/11, 24/2/11, 4/3/11, 10/3/11  
Localism Bill – Journal of Local Planning  
Homefinder Somerset Property Newsletters  
Age UK Update 17<sup>th</sup> Feb & 5<sup>th</sup> March  
Age UK Energy Package Feb 2011  
NHS Mental Health Matters-Membership News Feb 2011  
NHS South Western Ambulance service-Twentyfourseven Newsletter No 13  
Clerks & Councils Direct March 2011  
Community Councils for Somerset – Supporting Action in your Community  
Making Local Food Work - February Issue  
Parish Matters Spring 2011-parish council insurance  
Digley Associates-Independent Annual Inspection Service of Play Areas  
Wicksteed playscapes brochure  
Iles Waste Systems-Street Furniture