

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9TH NOVEMBER 2009

PRESENT A Bishop, B Bryan, C Ell, L Griffiths, C Nicholson, K Sully, P Toogood, P Webber.

OTHERS Mrs C Lawrence, Mr W Wake, PCSO Hurley, SC James, PCSO Stoneham.

APOLOGIES M Ellis, G Lamacraft, A Vicary

Mr Toogood had written to say that regretfully he felt it best if he stepped down as Chairman of the parish council. Mrs Ell took the chair and asked if there were any nominations for a new chairman. Mrs Ell then proposed Mr Sully, this was seconded by Miss Bryan and all were in favour. Mr Sully agreed to stand until the AGM next May.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Hurley said there had been more thefts from sheds etc and there had been problems with parking in Park St. A meeting will be arranged with Park St Action Group as yellow lines were not a popular option here. Discussion of the problem followed and PCSO Hurley will attend the next meeting of the Dunster Working Group.

MATTERS ARISING

1. NT SURVEY

A Presentation of the research will be held on 24th November in the Tithe Barn. Two representatives of the PC are invited. A Drop In event will then be held on 26th November at the Memorial Hall. Letter received from Mrs Sadler on behalf of DAG to say the poster and banners had been removed but the campaign will continue.

2. WEST ST GATE

Email from Stephen Hayes to say the new brown sign, directing Castle visitors through the village, was now up

3. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Email from Richard Newby. The cycle path will be cut back, the new bollards are part of upgrading of signing on A39, the drain at Conygar View will be cleared and a warning sign will be put up for Marsh St. Mr Sully will liaise with him over the siting of this sign and also the white lines in Bremis Road.

4. WEED SPRAYING

A quote had been received from Paul Storey for £160 + VAT per spray. PC agreed we would go with his quote for 2 sprays a year (£320 + VAT) for a three

year period. Mr Webber proposed this, Mr Toogood seconded and all were in favour. Mr Sully declared an interest.

5. BOUNDARY REVIEW

Views must be in by 18th January. A Presentation evening was held for all parish councils but Mr Toogood and Mrs Ell could not make it. The clerk will write to say we wish to remain as we are, a single parish. This was proposed by Mr Sully and seconded by Mr Griffiths. All were in favour.

6. CAR PARK/SPORTSFIELD

There will be a meeting with the solicitor this week. Mr Toogood said we need to go through the lease with them before things can move on.

7. ALLOTMENTS

Work has started on 29A and 29B but 43B will be giving up. Clerk will check Mrs Corbett's date to quit. Mr Sully said the ground had eroded around the cistern and he will clear it up. There is also a chance the Probation Service can provide us with workers in the allotments.

8. 34B WEST STREET

Email from Portia Birch at ENP to say she is the case officer for this property. Mrs Ell will contact her as work is being carried out there.

9. NEW COMPUTER

We are still waiting for a quote from A&R Computers.

10. GATE TO GRABBIST

This has been repaired in the past but needs replacing. Will be done as soon as possible.

PLANNING

11. 21 High Street. LB Consent for removal & replacement of roof tiles on rear wing, removal of timber casements and replacement of timber door with erection of new steps in the garden. PC in favour.

CORRESPONDENCE

12. ENP propose holding an LDF Community Consultation event on 25th February 2010.in the Tithe Barn. PC in favour of this date.

13. Letter from ENP regarding Dark Sky Reserve Status application. Clerk will write to say the PC support this.

14. Letter from Rural Youth Project. The new project worker, Ellen Harty, wanted to know if we have a problem with anti social behaviour in the village. PCSO Hurley said there was no great problem. Graffiti was back in the Underpass and the SCC Bridges Dept had been informed. It was suggested the local children do a collage but this was early stages yet. Mr Sully said his business had been hit by vandalism but the police had done nothing.

15. Letter from Lindsey Stone regarding Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Passed to Mr Sully
16. Report on Dunster Scoping Workshop held earlier this year and thanking those who attended. Clerk will ask for more copies
17. Letter from ENP regarding Affordable Housing Sites and land availability. Assessment period runs from 7th October to 20th November.
18. Copy of letter from Andrew Player concerning charges for parking at Nutcombe Bottom. These will be voluntary. PC did not object.
19. Letter from Gary Hall, Dunster Scouts. They are proposing planting an orchard near the Butter Cross, on Crown land, with possible bee keeping in the future. PC will write to support the project. Proposed by Mr Toogood, seconded by Mr Sully and all were in favour.
20. Letter from West Somerset Scouts inviting a member of the parish council to their Carol concert on 16th December at Minehead Methodist Church. No one wished to attend.
21. Letter from WSC about new Dog Control Orders. Clerk will write to say Dogs should be excluded from Playing fields, Cemeteries, Churchyard , Village Gardens and Tithe Barn. They must also be kept on a lead and not allowed to foul in the allotments.

ITEMS ON REPORT

22. Mrs Lawrence has been trying to meet with Inspector Carol Pearce about road closures. She will now meet on 8th December
23. Mr Griffiths complained that most of the comments, on BLOG, about the posters in the village were unsigned..
24. Mr Sully said the weeds had now gone from the cobbles etc but the soil and vegetation needed clearing. Mr Ell had agreed to do this for £120. Mr Sully proposed we accept this, Mr Nicholson seconded and all were in favour.
25. Mr Webber said a CD on Playing Field Inspections was available and would cost £25. More information was needed.
26. Mr Toogood said it was sad to lose PC Curran after such a short time. Clerk will write to the Superintendent at Taunton and the Chief Constable at Portishead about this. We will also ask the other parishes concerned to support us by writing.
27. Miss Bryan wished it minuted that Dr Currie's leaving party was a great success and a splendid example of community spirit.

28. ACCOUNTS

Expenditure		Income
Trophy	6.45	Burial
375.00		
Allotment spraying	28.75	
Dollons Field	402.50	
Cemetery contr.	234.92	
Clerk's salary	3 13.60	
C/Man's allowance	25 0.00	
Total	1229.77	
Petty Cash expenditure	7.47	

CIRCULATIONS

NHS Assistive Technology in Somerset
WSC Cultural Open Day 4th November in Council Chambers
South West RDA Pilot Schemes to tackle rural broadband not-spots
South west RDA Further Boost to SW Marine Energy Research
SCC Winter services 2009/10
ENP Planning Committee Agenda 3rd November
NHS South Western Ambulance Service-NHS Foundation Trust Consultation Document
ENP Consultative & Parish Forum Agenda for 18th November
EDF Hinkley Point News October 2009
SCC Temporary Road Closure A39 Main Road at Carhampton
MCC 88th Land's End Trial 2/3 April 2010
Somerset West Energy Bulletin
SCC Transport Priorities in Dunster
WSC Standards Committee Agenda for 20th October
Dunster Panel Agenda 20th October
Dunster & Surrounding Area-SCOPE report
Wootton Ridge Deer Management Group Report of meeting held 23rd April
SALC Cancellation of Area Meetings
SALC Training List Jan/Feb 2010
Digital UK TV Switchover Pack
North Devon & Somerset Shoreline Management Plan-Consultation Deadline 8th January
LARC Meeting 12th November