

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 14TH SEPTEMBER 2009

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

OTHERS C Lawrence, SCC, B Leaker, WSC, Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP, 6 members of the public.

APOLOGIES PCSO Hurley, G Lamacraft, C Nicholson.

MINUTES The minutes of the last meeting, having been circulated, were signed as a correct record after amendments to Nos 5 & 10.

Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP, introduced himself and apologised for not getting to our meetings. He said he keeps up with Dunster matters and speaks regularly with Mrs Lawrence. He is particularly concerned with problems arising from the proposed NT Café..

MATTERS ARISING

1. NATIONAL TRUST SURVEY

Mr Wake said work on the Draft Survey was mostly done and findings will be published in November. Mr Leaker said he had not yet been consulted and wished to meet with Sally Twiss. He also said that the NT should be open and transparent about the survey. Mrs Moore, speaking for DAG, was concerned with the quality of the research and complained there had been no proper consultation. Mr Wake will request copies of the questionnaire for consultees.

2. LORRY STUCK IN CHURCH ST

. Police could not find the code for the West St gate at the time. Mr Wake had since spoken to the Fire Brigade Commander who confirmed they have the padlock code for the gate as do the Ambulance.

3. FENCING ON STEEP

This will be replaced by the NT, hopefully, this winter.

4. SIGNS FOR CASTLE

The NT sign for the Castle at the Timberscombe end of the village will direct traffic straight through the village following the NT signs. NT are also looking into a sign at the M5 juncton.

5. HIGHWAYS MEETING

Mrs Lawrence had met with Highways and Police in the village. It was agreed there was a need for a new diversion plan for road closures on the A39. Mr Sully suggested local firms could be used to put up Diversion signs in an emergency. Mrs Ell suggested double white lines on the A39 between the Sawmills and Keeper's Cottage would improve safety also the removal of two bus stops here.

6. CYCLE PATH - A39

Highways had suggested painting a STOP sign on the road at the junction of Marsh Lane. Clerk will write to say go ahead with this but we also feel a metal barrier is needed here.

7. WEED SPRAYING

A quote had been received from Complete Weed Control. The cost is £125 per spray and needs doing twice yearly. The PC agreed to this but Clerk will arrange for Mr Sully to meet them and discuss a price for the whole village.

8. HEDGE AT CONYGAR VIEW

The Crown have arranged to trim this. The bank is also needing attention. Clerk will contact the Crown again.

9. DOCTOR'S SURGERY

Dr Davies will be taking over from Dr Currie on a six month contract starting 2nd October.

10. STREET CLEANING

Someone is needed to keep the streets and cobbles clean, cut the grassy areas and possibly manage the Steep car park. We should approach WSC about taking over these responsibilities and precept for it.

11. DUNSTER WORKING GROUP REPORT

Received from Mr Lamacraft..They are ready to go ahead and order the CCTV cameras. The money is in place but PC need to agree to pay a percentage of the maintenance and running costs. PC agreed to this. Proposed by P Webber, seconded by A Bishop and all were in favour of a £300 contribution. With regard to the proposed café at the Castle Mr Lamacraft asked if the parish council could have a list of the Businesses that make up the DAG and from whom they receive 100% support and also a copy of their survey. The next meeting will be held 19th October.

12. CAR PARK/SPORTSFIELD

Mr Webber gave a brief report on the progress of Football Club. He said there is enough money for the initial work of fencing etc and they may get money for the Panels. Mrs Ell will check with Thorne Segar about the Lease.

13. BUSINESS GRANTS

Mr Leaker said Business Grants for local businesses are available online. Must be claimed by the end of September. Clerk will get website details from Angela Lamplough.

PLANNING

14. Old Manor, Lower Marsh LB. Removal of Partition Wall, Remove Door B & Block Up Doorway, Replace Cottage Door C & Move Electricity Meters. Site meeting held 17th September. PC support the applicaion.

15. Locks Tea Rooms, 18C High Street. Demolition of Existing Building, Erection of New Timber Cabin in Rear Garden. PC support the application.
16. Old Chapel Cottage, Ellicombe Manor. LB Consent granted by ENP to Replace Door & Windows & Associated Works.
17. Spears Cross, West Street. LB Consent granted by ENP for Various Internal Alterations.
18. St Georges Church, Church Street. Permission granted for Proposed Addition of 2 Antennae with Associated Equipment & Equipment Cabinet.
19. Tree Works at Dunster Castle – Split Decision. Consent Granted for 10 of the trees but T1 & T6 were Refused.
20. 34B West Street – Garage. The property has been sold so the application will not be pursued. Clerk will write to ENP asking them to please monitor the situation.

CORRESPONDENCE

21. Letter from Steve Pilbrow, Dunster Beach, asking for PC support for double yellow lines in Sea Lane and asking for a site meeting. Clerk will write to say Parish Council's views are still the same and we do not agree with yellow lines here. Invite Mr Pilbrow to one of our PC meetings if he wishes to meet with us.
22. ENP Membership of Park Authority, appointed by the Secretary of State. A vacancy will arise next April, closing date for this is 6th October 2009.
23. SCC Rights of Way & Somerset Local Access Forum. Details passed to Mr Bishop.
24. WSC Parish Boundary Review to start in October. PC will have plenty of opportunity to give their views.
25. WSC Gambling Act 2005. Review of Statement of Gambling Policy – Draft Revised Policy is available for Consultation.
26. WSC Dispensation by Local Standards Committees for councillors and co-opted members. New guidance notes have been adopted by West Somerset.
27. Copy of letter from Mr Carter to WSC regarding the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (LDF).
28. Letter from EDF with update of Investigation Works at Hinkley Point. C Site which are due to start this Autumn/Winter. Plans to refurbish Comwich Wharf for delivery of equipment via Severn Estuary.

29. Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill. This has the potential to devolve powers down to local level and allow local people to have more say on public spending.
30. There is a need for more School Governors in Somerset. Nominations should be sent to SCC.
31. Victim Support sent a Funding Request for 2009/10. PC decided not to support them.
32. Letters of thanks for PC grants were received from Dunster FC and Packhorse Playing Field.

ITEMS ON REPORT

33. Cemetery Committee meeting will be held 16th September. Mr Toogood now has the list of tagged graves.
34. Allotment Committee meeting will be held 17th September. New Waiting List passed to Mr Sully.
35. Mr Sully said most of the precept is used in the main village. Money is needed for Marsh projects such as felling the Chestnut tree near Riverside.
36. Mrs Ell said two Hanging Baskets will be transferred from High St to the Marsh as they were not being looked after.
37. Mr Griffiths complained about speeding cars in St Georges Street. Clerk will report to the Police.
38. Magna have offered to donate land behind Conygar View car park to the parish council. Clerk will write to say we are interested providing they are able to establish their ownership of the land.
39. Miss Bryan offered to set up our own web page as we share ours with Timberscombe at present. PC were in favour of this.
40. Mr Ellis said there had been fly tipping in the river behind his house. Clerk will report to WSC Environment Dept and the Police.
41. Mr Webber said there would be no fireworks this year.
42. Sign in the Steep car park still not cleaned. Clerk will contact WSC again.
43. The parish council wished it minuted and put in the parish magazine how grateful they were to Mr Sully and thanked him for all his hard work over the years as Chairman.

44. ACCOUNTS

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Cemetery	234.92	Memorial	30.00
Clerk	313.60		
Total	548.52		

CIRCULATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Community Policing Awards 2009
WSC Area Panels. Next meeting 20th October
Community Council for Somerset AGM Agenda 15th September
WSC Planning Obligations. Draft for Public Consultation- Full Version July 09
WSC West Somerset Community Matters.
ENP Planning Committee Agenda 1st August
ENP Exmoor's Hidden Heritage October 22nd
NALC Leadership Academy-Warwick 15th -18th September.
West Somerst Advice Bureau AGM 9th September
Somerset Community Safety Newsletter.
Somerset Road Safety Partnership meeting 24th September
Dunster Panel. Minutes of July meeting.
SALC Area meeting 26th September/ AGM 26th September
SALC Minutes of meeting (West Area) held 18th June
SALC Annual Report & Accounts 2008/09
SALC Summary of Consultative Papers Issued by Department for Communities
& Local Government. July 2009.
SALC Training Events
Crown Estate - Dunster Estate News Summer 2009
Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2009
Timberline Brochure & Pricelist 2009.
Funding File Update for Village & Community Halls Autumn 2009
Community Council Annual Village & Community Halls Conference 17th October
Community Council Fire Warden training 27th October
Village & Community Halls Newsletter Autumn 2009
Exmoor Consultative & Parish Forum meeting 18th November
Exmoor Visitor 2010/11 Application Form
SCC Somerset Stages Rally 10th October
SCC Neil Westcott Memorial Trial 29th November
SCC A39 Red Route Exhibition Forum 24th September
ENP Inter Parish Quiz-Tithe Barn 23rd October.