

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 08th October 2018 7.30pm.
TITHE BARN, DUNSTER

Attendees

Councillors: D Challoner (Chair), C Oliver, G Witherford, A Vicary, G Lamacraft, A Webber, G Dibble and P Finney

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Cllr Lawrence (SCC) & Cllr P Pilkington (WSC) & 3 members of the public

Apologies

Councillors: C Eil

Other:

18/81 Apologies – As listed above

18/82 Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

18/83 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2108: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

18/84 Public Participation: A parishioner stated that Savilles are still not carrying out any work to their properties and are rejecting any quotes they receive. Also, he had received an invitation from Savilles to purchase the property he was living in.

18/85 Report from West Somerset Councillor: Phase one of the Electric car charge points was underway and five would be going out in the next couple of months.

18/86 Report from Somerset County Councillor: SCC have been highlighting for the past 18 months the pressures they are facing as funding from central government continues to fall. Pothole repairs continue to meet the ongoing demand with 182 filled during the last week of September. SCC urge all eligible residents to protect themselves and get a flu jab.

18/87 Any other reports: There were none.

18/88 Matters arising:

18/88.1 Dunster Steep Toilets: A few more complaints had come in, one of the Gents toilets remains out of order. Cllrs Challoner and Eil would attend a meeting on Thursday with Dunster Tourism Forum regarding the financing of non-fee-paying toilets.

18/88.2 Commercial unit: This item was addressed under item 18/99

18/88.3 Sport England Award: Still waiting for planning permission, a decision should be made on 19th October.

18/88.4 Defibrillator: Cllr Challoner had received a letter from the Luttrell Arms stating they would house the Defibrillator. Cllr Oliver reported she had contacted Ann Smith and she would attend the next PC meeting.

18/88.5 Festival shed: There was no update.

18/88.6 Floating Banner: This had been removed.

18/88.7 Bin at St. Georges Street: The Clerk had delivered flyers to Cllr Eil.

18/88.8 Trees and shrubs in the school playing field: There was no update.

18/88.9 Sign for underpass: The Clerk reported she had contacted Jo Sharpe, but no response had been received to date.

18/88.10 Tree and wall in cemetery: There was no update on the wall, but it was resolved Darren Williams would attend to the tree a cost of £20.00.

18/88.11 A Boards appearing in the village: Business owners should be allowed to have one board each. There did not appear to be any more than usual.

18/88.12 Lights at Dunster Marsh: It was reported that these should be repaired on 9th October.

18/88/13 Candlelight update: It was resolved the Clerk would ask for dates and add the Christmas Tree onto the Parish Councils insurance as in previous years. Cones would be put down Marsh Lane and on one side of Station Road to help with parking issues. The Stewards would be checking on the toilets until 10pm each night.

18/89 Accounts Report:

18/89.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

18/89.2 Current account expenditure analysis: This item was deferred until the next meeting as the Clerk had not received a bank Statement.

18/89.3 Bank reconciliation for August 2018: This item was deferred until the next meeting as the Clerk had not received a bank Statement.

18/89.4 Buttercross and Riverside Walk balance: It was resolved to note the balance of the accounts were £2179.30 and £250.96 as of 8th October 2018.

18/89.5 External Audit Report: External Report and Certificate had been received. The Notice and Certificate had been published on the Website and the noticeboard.

18/90 Planning

18/90.1 To consider the following planning applications:

Exmoor National Park	WTCA 18/06	37 West Street Dunster	Tree Works	NO OBJECTIONS
Exmoor National Park	6/10/18/106	26 High Street Dunster	Replacement rear lean-to extension with internal alterations and erection of a timber shed in garden	NO OBJECTIONS

18/91 Correspondence:

18/91.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log.

18/91.2 Any other correspondence: An email had been received regarding planning permission for 22 Park Street. It was resolved there would be no change to policy previously agreed by the Parish Council.

18/92 Consultation of fracturing of shale gas: The Parish Council would like to be consulted regarding this and it was unanimously resolved to sign the petition.

18/93 Cemetery Charges: It was resolved to change the cost of A Headstone in the Garden of Rest not exceeding 18" in height, including matching base to £30.00 and £60.00 and A Tablet in Garden of Rest not exceeding 12" x 9" to £20.00 and £40.00. It was further resolved to remove A Vase bearing an inscription, not exceeding 12" in height from the list.

18/94 Items on Report: The footpath from the bus shelter to Conygar Hill is very overgrown. There is no longer a post blocking entry to the old A39.

A No cycle sign is required on the permissive footpath at Palladium Bridge on Packhorse Lane.

Deposit for the Christmas Dinner would be required by the end of October with full payment by 12th November.

A Parish Map is not required.

18/95 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 12th November 2018: There were none.

18/96 To pass resolution to exclude the Press and Public from the remainder of the meeting

After a proposal by Cllr Lamacraft and seconded by Cllr Oliver it was unanimously resolved to exclude the Press and Public from the remainder of the meeting.

18/97 Clerks Contract: After a proposal by Cllr Dibble and seconded by Cllr Witherford it was unanimously resolved the Clerks contract could be signed.

18/99 Commercial unit – update: Discussions took place and after a proposal by Cllr Lamacraft and seconded by Cllr Dibble for the Parish Council to accept the original offer and not put any clause into the 3-year lease regarding the sale of ice-cream, this was resolved with 3 councillors voting against. It was further resolved the Clerk would write to the owners of the Lunchbox regarding the council's decision and to let our Solicitor know the council's decision.

18/99 Correspondence from The Pensions Regulator: It was resolved the Clerk would respond to this.

18/100 Thorne Segar – Update- Land at The Ball: The Clerk would write back regarding the land and point out why the Parish Council was not informed of this originally.

Meeting closed 9.20 p.m.

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