

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th November 2018 7.00pm
TITHE BARN, DUNSTER

Attendees

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

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Cllr Lawrence (SCC) & 1 member of the public

Apologies

Councillors:

Other: Cllr Pilkington (WSC)

Before the start of the meeting the head teacher from Dunster First School explained to the Council the plans they had for the school. They had received just over £100,000 section 106 money and had secured another pot of funding to use towards safeguarding, bringing the total to £130,000.

New white boards and i-pads had already been bought for the school and the rest would be spent on development of the school site. This would possibly include the removal of the laurel hedge which would be replaced with a new footpath. The wall/fence in the middle of the playground removed to create a larger playground. A new reception area would be added, removal of the shed that houses swimming pool equipment and add a new shed. A Canopy over an area to create more indoor space and a pull in space for buses.

18/105 Apologies – As listed above

18/106 Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

18/107 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2108: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

18/108 Minutes for the extra-ordinary meeting held on 22nd October 2018: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

18/109 Public Participation: There was no public participation.

18/110 Report from West Somerset Councillor: There was no report.

18/111 Report from Somerset County Councillor: There is a NHS drop in session to be held at The Hub in Minehead on 26th November between 1.30 and 5.30, called fit for my future.

A 4-hour meeting had been held regarding libraries in Somerset. 19 will be retained to include Minehead.

18/112 Report from Cemetery Committee: It was reported that because of the layout between rows 5, 6 and 7 there was a lack of room and 8 graves would be lost.

The wall by the bottom gate by the school still needs repairing.

The contractor should be levelling graves in the next week.

Cllr Witherford explained that money should be ring fenced for the new cemetery when setting the budget for next year.

18/113 Any other reports: There were none.

18/114 Matters arising:

18/114.1 Dunster Steep Toilets: Some complaints still coming in regarding faulty locks, which would be looked at later in the week. Dunster Tourism Forum had come up with a set of proposals for its members, they will inform the Parish Council after Friday 16th November. This would be discussed at the Finance meeting to be held on 20th November. It was resolved that a flyer would be distributed to every business in Dunster. It was further resolved the Clerk would update Mr Ebborn.

18/114.2 Commercial unit: A list of requirements had been received from the solicitor. The business insurance had been updated and returned along with a letter from the builder stating no asbestos was present. Chanin and Thomas would organise the EPC certificate and provide the solicitor with a plan. Mr Smith had requested he store his shelving in the unit and install a BT line.

18/114.3 Sport England Award: No planning permission had been received. Cllr Challoner would chase this.

18/114.4 Defibrillator: Anna Smith, an advisor with the South Western Ambulance Service would talk at the December Parish Council meeting.

18/114.5 Festival shed: It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda.

18/114.6 Bin at St. Georges Street: No more problems had been reported. It was resolved Cllr Eil would get copies of flyers produced by the Clerk to distribute to all holiday homes.

18/114.7 Trees and shrubs in the school playing field: No update, Cllr Lawrence would investigate this.

18/114.8 Sign for underpass: The Clerk had received a phone call from Jo Sharpe to say replacement signs were on order. One pointing to Minehead and one to Dunster Village.

18/114.9 Wall in cemetery: Cllr Eil would arrange for this to be looked at.

18/114.10 Lights at Dunster Marsh: Two had been repaired but light number 5 outside 13 Bridges Mead was still not working. Cllr Vicary would follow this up.

18/114.11 No cycle sign at Palladian Bridge on Packhorse Lane: No update

18/114.12 Footpath from bus shelter to Conygar Hill: Cllr Vicary reported this had been done.

18/115 Accounts Report:

18/115.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

18/115.2 Current account expenditure analysis: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure analysis and to note the bank balance on 31st October 2018 was £57,785.82

18/115.3 Bank reconciliation for September and October 2018: It was resolved to note that Cllr Challoner had signed the bank reconciliations for the months of September and October.

18/115.4 Buttercross and Riverside Walk balance: It was resolved to note the balance of the accounts were £2955.97 and £250.96 as of 12th November 2018.

18/115.5 Bank Signatories: It was resolved to note that Debbie Stanyon, Gareth Ebbens and Kevin Sully would be removed from the current account and Cllrs Dibble and Oliver would be added.

18/116 Planning

18/116.1 To consider the following planning applications:

Exmoor National Park	6/10/18/110	8 The Ball, Dunster	Erection of garden shed and greenhouse with some internal and external alteration	NO OBJECTIONS
West Somerset Council	3/10/18/007	37 Conygar View, Dunster	Conversion of garage into 1 no. dwelling (amended 3/10/18/002)	A Site meeting required

Exmoor National Park	6/10/18/112LB	Dunster Castle	Proposed installation of external wrought iron handrails	A Site meeting required
Exmoor National Park	6/10/18/113	Water Mill Tea Rooms	Extension of tea rooms	A Site meeting required
Exmoor National Park	6/10/18/114	Land Adjacent to Archer House, The Steep	Proposed change of use of agricultural workshop to camping barn	A Site meeting required-

18/117 Correspondence:

18/117.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log.
 18/117.2 Any other correspondence: Bert Leach from the Environment Agency had carried out some works at Loxhole Bridge. The joints had been surveyed and new sealant applied. Some of the shingle had been removed which had improved the river flow. They are not going ahead with the automated sluice gates.

18/118 Items on Report: Cllr Challoner reported the tree in the playing field would be reduced in height. The trees down haven close will be trimmed on Monday 19th November. The hanging baskets would be removed on Wednesday 14th November. Dunster Steep had been swept but leaves are still falling making this very slippery. There was a panel missing from the Bus shelter, although the panel had been located. Cllrs Challoner and Witherford would look at this on Wednesday 14th November. Ten Silhouettes the Parish Council applied for were in the Church and looked good for armistice day. It was hoped some would remain in the Church.

18/118.1 Worn out reflector on the stone by the Yarn Market: It was resolved the Clerk would contact Historic England/English Heritage to ask for a replacement reflector, also to contact Highways regarding the reflector.

18/119 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 10th December 2018: There were none.

Meeting closed 8.30 p.m.

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