

# DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD At DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON 12<sup>th</sup> August  
2024 7.00pm

## Attendees

**Councillors:** Kevin Sully (Chair), James Morley, Peter Finney, Tony Melnyk, Matt Griffiths, Carol Ell and Alan Vicary

**Clerk:** Mrs Sarah Towells

**Other:** Marcus Kravis (SC) and Steve Harris

## Apologies

**Councillors:** Tessa Williams, Chris Oliver and Geoff Dibble

**Other:** Christine Lawrence (SC)

**24/69 To note apologies for absence:** As noted above.

**24/70 Co-option of new Councillor:** It was unanimously resolved to welcome Matt Griffiths to become a Dunster parish Councillor, who duly signed his declaration of office.

**24/71 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations:** There were none, other than Cllr Griffiths who would fill in the ROI form to be returned to Somerset Council.

**24/72 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 08<sup>th</sup> July 2024 for approval:** It was resolved to approve the minutes.

**24/73 Somerset Councillor Report:** Cllr Kravis pointed out that the new houses on Seward Way in Minehead were affordable housing but would be offered to Minehead people first. Cllr Kravis explained that new portfolio holders had been appointed within Somerset Council.

## **24/74 Accounts**

24/74.1 Approval of expenditure: It was resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

24/74.2 Current account expenditure analysis for July 2024: It was resolved to note the figures. Cllr Finney signed these.

24/74.3 Bank reconciliation for July 2024: It was resolved to note the bank reconciliation which was signed by Cllr Finney.

24/74.4 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the budget monitoring which were signed by Cllr Finney.

24/74.5 PAYE figures for July: These were checked and signed by Cllr Finney.

## **24/75 Planning:**

ENP	6/10/24/008	Proposed variation of condition 2 of approved application 6/10/23/002 for change of roof design at Grabbist House, West Street, Dunster, TA24 6SN	It was resolved no objections
ENP	6/10/24/007LB	Listed building consent for the proposed subdivision of existing bedroom to form shower room at 1 The Ball Dunster, TA24 6SD	It was resolved no objections
SC	3/10/24/02	Erection of two-storey side extension at 33 Conygar View, Dunster, TA24 6PW	It was resolved no objections

**24/76 Toilets:** It was resolved to note this would be discussed in detail under items 24/91.1 and 24/91.2

24/76.1 Area outside the toilet block: It was resolved to note G A Sully & Sons had sprayed the weeds around the toilet block and the Clerk would write to say thank you. It was further resolved to note the Wednesday Morning volunteers would clear the dead weed and cut back the vegetation around the toilet block. The Clerk would contact the handyman to ask if the fenced area outside the toilet block could be repaired and stained.

**24/77 Cemetery:** The Clerk had spoken with the grave digger who reported he could not take the waste soil and stones away from the cemetery. The Clerk had arranged with him to put the rubble and soil in one place in the cemetery which he had agreed to move once the new cemetery work had started.

**24/78 Allotments:** The taps have been kept on which is a serious waste of water and expense. It was resolved to purchase 4 cisterns to stop this happening in the future.

**24/79 Buttercross Orchard:** The Clerk reported she had been into NatWest to get print outs of the statements. The accounts would be updated for next month.

**24/80 Riverside Walk:** It was resolved to note that G A Sully & Sons Ltd had sprayed the pathway and the river.

**24/81 Correspondence:**

24/81.1 Permission to access land: It was resolved to allow Natural England to access land for the England Ecosystem Survey.

24/81.2 Email regarding disable parking bay at the Ball: It was resolved to accept the plans from Highways to put back in the disabled bay by the Church Lynch gates and the white lines to stop people parking in front of the gates.

**24/82 Risk Register:** It was resolved to note there were no updates.

**24/83 Highways:** Cllr Vicary reported there was a broken post on the High Street and that he had informed Highways. Cllr Sully gave the Clerk a full report to submit to Highways regarding the salt bins. It was resolved the Clerk would chase Highways regarding the Traffic Priority request coming into the village by the doctors surgery.

24/83.1 Coming out of Castle Hill vehicles turning left ignoring the no left turn sign: The PCSO had spoken to the Castle and hopefully the situation has been resolved.

**24/84 Weed spraying Contract:** It was resolved to note that G A Sully & Sons had carried out the spraying in the village as it was in a terrible state and no one else could do it. Quotes had been received from G A Sully & Sons Ltd and Complete Weed Control, but the quotes were not like for like so the Clerk would get new quotes for next month's meeting.

**24/85 Triangles at the Traffic Lights:** It was resolved to ask Chris Sully to do this.

**24/86 Steering group for affordable Housing:** It was resolved to defer this to the next meeting.

**24/87 Tractors speeding through the village:** It was resolved to send letters to as many tractor owners as possible to highlight the situation.

**24/88 Items to Report and matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 09<sup>th</sup> September 2024:**  
1 Park Street, planning application 6/10/23/016 – works are going on inside  
Packhorse Bridge – Becoming really dangerous

**24/89 To resolved to remove the press and public from the remainder of the meeting:** It was resolved to note that the public left the meeting.

**24/90 Retail unit:** The Clerk reported the Little Box of Delights had vacated the premises and left them in a good state of repair and had returned the keys. It was noted that they still owned 2 months rent and the Clerk would send them a reminder.

The Clerk had been approached by 3 business owners in the village willing to take on the retail unit. It was resolved to let Chris Langdon have the unit on a ten-year lease at £375.00 per month, starting from 1<sup>st</sup> September. Mr Langon would also be interested in the storage unit once the ladies toilet had been updated.

**24/91 Request from allotment plot holder to plant trees on plot:** It was resolved to send the plot holder a letter stating the Council's decision is final and the two original options still stand.

**24/92 Complaints about the toilets:** It was resolved the Clerk would send the cleaning company a letter asking them to improve standards as per their agreement.

**24/93 Quotes for toilet improvements:** It was resolved to defer this to the next meeting as no quotes had been received.

Meeting closed 9.10 p.m.

Signed ..... Date.....