

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD At DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON 11th November
2024 7.00pm

Attendees

Councillors: Geoff Dibble (Chair), Kevin Sully, Tony Melnyk, Matt Griffiths, Chris Oliver, Peter Finney, Steve Harris and Alan Vicary

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Christine Lawrence (SC)

Apologies

Councillors: James Morley, Carol Ell, and Tessa Williams

Other: Marcus Kravis (SC)

24/140 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

24/141 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

24/142 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024 for approval: It was resolved to approve the minutes.

24/143 Somerset Councillor Report: Cllr Lawrence reported that ENP are looking at active traffic routes. There was no funding to do the cycle path from Dunster to Carhampton.

24/144 Accounts

24/144.1 Approval of expenditure: It was resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

24/144.2 Current account expenditure analysis for October 2024: It was resolved to note the figures and Cllr Finney signed these.

24/144.3 Bank reconciliation for October 2024: It was resolved to note the bank reconciliation which was signed by Cllr Finney.

24/144.4 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the budget monitoring which was signed by Cllr Finney.

24/144.5 PAYE figures for October: These were checked and signed by Cllr Finney.

24/144.6 Dunster pre-School outdoor project- It was resolved to pay the grant of £1000.00 as they have provided all the invoices relating to the outdoor project.

24/144.7 Church Clock – request for the £2000 grant promised on completion of the project: It was resolved to pay the grant.

24/145 Planning:

ENP	WTCA 24/19	Works to trees in conservation area: Removal of multi stem fig T1, Reduction of large Yew T2 to 2.5/3m, removal of Silver Birch T£ and removal of multi stemmed common elder T4	It was resolved no objections
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24/146 Toilets: The Clerk reported that the Sani-flow had stopped working and she had contacted G A Sully & Sons to look at this urgently.

The Clerk would contact the builder for a start date to do the work on the ladies toilets.

24/147 Cemetery: The cemetery committee met on Wednesday 16th October and a specification for the first stage of the new cemetery has now been drawn up. It was resolved the Clerk would get 3 quotes in time for the next meeting.

24/148 Allotments: It was resolved to note the Clerk had sent out the agreed updated tenancy agreements and letter to all plot holders. Cllr Sully reported he had turned the water off until 1st April and displayed signs on both the allotment and cemetery notice boards regarding this.

24/149 Buttercross Orchard: Cllr Harris reported that a new bench had been ordered to replace the broken one. Repairs are needed to the shed used in the village gardens to store equipment. Cllr Harris would contact the Dunster Village Society to see if they could help with costs for both the bench and the repairs.

24/150 Riverside Walk: It was resolved to get the same 3 trades to quote for this at the same time they quote for the work at the new cemetery.

24/151 Correspondence: Cllr Griffiths reported he had been asked by the owner of the cottage next to playground at the end of Park Street if it was possible for the Parish Council to close the play area whilst he has tree surgery performed 28 November. He had been advised due to concerns about public safety that the playground needs to be closed on that day. It was resolved that Cllr Ell had asked Andy Fay from the Packhorse Playing Field committee to put a notice up to close the play area on the 28th of November.

24/151.1 Somerset Day – save the Date: It was resolved to that Somerset weekend falls on 10th and 11th May 2025.

24/151.2 Dunster by candlelight letter: It was resolved to note the letter and the Clerk had responded with details of the Winter Festival.

24/151.3 Local Plan engagement: it was resolved the Clerk would submit the responses discussed.

24/152 Risk Register: It was resolved to note there were no updates.

24/153 Highways: There were 2 potholes recently missed by Bonnington Cottage on the Luxborough Road during the recent repairs. The hole by the drain in Haven Close is getting bigger. It was resolved the Clerk would report these.

24/154 Retail Unit: It was resolved to note the new tenants have replaced the flooring in the unit.

24/155 Report from LCN Meeting: Cllr Melnyk reported the police were present at the meeting and confirmed they had taken all the registration numbers of the cars present at the recent raves. Bleed kits are also available from the police if it is felt one is needed.

24/156 Dunster to Blue Anchor Cycle/Footpath: It was resolved to note that this had been cleared by G A Sully & Sons Ltd.

24/157 Mountain Bike Course on Exmoor: It was resolved to note that there is one at Nutcombe bottom with 3 different coloured tracks.

24/158 Community/Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Dibble would put something into the January Edition of the Parish Magazine.

24/159 Top 5 Priorities: As item 24/158.

24/160 Winter Festival: The Festival will be a celebration of Christmas - for Dunster villagers and visitors. In 2024, the Festival activities will be held during the day on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December and will feature music, theatre, art and craft workshops, mediaeval-themed entertainment and craft stalls.

24/161 Number of Emails: Some Councillors thought that some of the emails sent by the Clerk were not associated with Dunster in any way such as Road Closures. It was resolved to continue with the Clerk sending emails and letting each individual Councillor delete the ones they felt were unnecessary.

24/162 Items to Report and matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 09th December 2024:

Wall by the new gates at the old cemetery requires repair. Meeting closed 20.20 p.m.

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