

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12TH MARCH 2018 7.00 P.M.
TITHE BARN, DUNSTER

PRESENT: D Challoner (Chair), C Oliver, C Ell, , G Lamacraft, A Vicary, G Witherford, G Dibble, A Webber, D Stanyon (Clerk)

C Lawrence (SCC) from 8.00 p.m., P Pilkington (WSDC) to 7.15 p.m.

3 members of the public

APOLOGIES: A Bevan

MINUTES: The Minutes were agreed as a correct record. Proposed G Dibble, seconded G Witherford.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

DISPENSATIONS: None

CASUAL VACANCY: The interested person has withdrawn their application. G Lamacraft will advertise again in the Dunster News-sheet.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

DUNSTER PARISH Council was advised that a Resident's Association is currently being formed at Castle Fields Estate. There will be an inaugural meeting on March 21st, if any Councillors are able to attend.

REPORTS:

Cllr Pilkington reported that he will continue to investigate any potential grants which may be available to assist DPC with the refurbishment of the proposed retail unit at Dunster Steep toilets.

The cobbles have been repaired in the High Street.

There are still 2 caravans parked on the old A39. Cllr Pilkington is monitoring the situation.

A brief statement was made regarding the proposed new warding for the merged TD/WSDC councils, although a decision is still to be made by the Secretary of State.

Cllr Lawrence reported that SCC Children's Services need to be improved to reach the target of "Good".

The decision to deliver SCC's new integrated Family Support Service have now been made.

There is a slight increase in children who have been offered a place at one of their top three secondary schools.

Somerset waste Partnership are working to withdraw all single use plastics across their service.

Cllr Lawrence urged all councillors and individuals to respond to the Libraries consultation.

The Chairman gave a brief report on the Chairman and Clerk's meeting regarding the merger with TD and WSDC.

It is proposed to reduce the number of ward councillors to 58 from 84, to bring the areas in line with the national average. It is unknown, at this point, whether the business rates from Hinkley C are likely to go to Central Government and Hinkley B could be decommissioned at any time, and WSDC will cease to benefit from the business rates. There were many concerns raised at the meeting about how communication will continue once the 2 councils have merged.

The full Minutes have yet to be published and will be circulated as soon as they are available.

MATTERS ARISING:

19/318 Dunster Steep Toilets Update

The broken fence is owned by WSDC and they are obtaining quotes for the repair.

There are broken door springs to 2 doors, D Challoner and A Vicary will repair.

20/318 Electric Lighting outside the Gents toilets.

The electrical work on the lights is due to take place on 19.3.2018. However since receiving the original quote C Webber is unable to get the lights he had priced and the new lights will cost an additional £49.00. G Lamacraft proposed, seconded C Oliver accepting the amended quote. Clerk will advise C Webber

21/318 Retail Unit

The new rateable assessment has been received. WSDC have issued 2 revised rate bills for 2017-2018 year. G Lamacraft will appeal to the proposed retail unit demand for £2050.40. The Clerk will write to WSDC to get the correct amount for the Dunster Steep toilets, as there is an 80% tax relief for 17-18 year.

Higher Marsh Farm

22/318 Pavement to A39. Matter ongoing.

23/318 Road resurfacing. A Vicary has been dealing with Strongvox and SCC and it is believed that the resurfacing will take place next week.

24/318 Yellow and white lines. The white lines are due to be refurbished in the new Financial year. DPC will monitor the situation regarding parking and whether there is a need for yellow lines towards the junction with Station Road.

Adoption of Land at The Ball

25/318. Matter ongoing.

West Street Pavement

26/318 G Lamacraft has attempted to get a response from Skanska regarding obtaining a quote. He will follow this up again. Cllr Lawrence will also speak to A Jones.

Sewerage Problems – Station Works

27/318 Wessex Water have investigated the problem and found debris and a large root mass. This has been removed and the relief sewer overflow will be installed by the end of March.

Riverside Walk

28/318 A resident in Conygar View has been tidying up the walk, which has improved the situation. DPC to look into how it can be further tidied up later in the year.

SID's

29/318 There will be a meeting in Somerton on 14th March 2018. DPC has requested any information from this meeting to be circulated.

Spraying Contract

30/318 A Vicary is still to meet with Paul Storey and go through the areas which need spraying. A quote will be required from P Storey before any work can commence and Clerk will issue a three year contract.

Pill Box, Castle Gardens

31/318 The Pill box will be one of the subjects of the Resident's Association, once this has been formed.

AGENDA ITEMS

32/318 Multi Use Games Area, Dunster Marsh Playing Field.

Dunster Marsh Playing Field Committee have been successful in securing grants from Sport England, Strongvox, WSDC as well as DPC and raising funds themselves. Only DPC can be the awardee of the grants, as they are the tenants of the land. The Clerk is waiting for guidance on how DPC can meet all statutory requirements from Somerset Association of Local Councils. The Parish Council will need to look at cash flow regarding payment to the supplier, to ensure there are enough funds. It is anticipated that an Extra-Ordinary meeting will need to be held, once the information has been received from SALC.

This proposal was made by C Ell, seconded A Webber.

33/318 General Data protection Regulations.

DPC will wait for further guidance from SALC.

34/318 Weirs Update

D Challoner and A Vicary attended a meeting with Wild Trout Association and it is hoped that salmon will return to the River Avill.

35/318 Yellow Lines Priory Green

It was agreed that no further action is required regarding the yellow lines.

ACCOUNTS REPORT

The accounts to end of February 2018 were circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

Bank balance 19,453.29

Reserve Account N S & I £ 23187.38

Approval of expenditure

Chq 2006	D Stanyon	£376.72	February salary
Chq 2007	J & W Cleaning	£510.30	February cleaning at toilets
Chq 2008	D Stanyon	£118.99	Reimbursement of SLCC membership and purchase of flag.

G Dibble proposed, seconded C Oliver approval of the above expenditure.

PLANNING

3/10/18/001 6 Conygar View, Dunster

Erection of a single storey building.

There were no objections.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman read out the report on the fire at Dunster Beach Chalets

The Chairman had received a letter from A Brunt regarding installing POD electric charging points at the toilets.

Bert leach from the Environment Agency has confirmed that it is hoped that work will be started at Gallox Bridge on the 19th March.

ITEMS ON REPORT

G Witherford reported that the drain on Sea Lane is completely blocked and causing flooding. Clerk to report

C Ell reported that the white lines outside the old Doctor's Surgery can be removed. Clerk to report

Residents outside Nos 6 and 10 Park Street are putting private bollards outside of their properties to prevent parking. Clerk to contact PCSO.

The school parking at the allotments has now been clarified. Dunster pre-school have requested permission to park outside the Cemetery. G Lamacraft proposed that this is acceptable, with a review at the end of August 2018, seconded C Oliver. There were 4 votes in favour and 3 against. RESOLVED. C Ell and C Oliver will advise Dunster pre-school.

D Challoner is looking in to sourcing a de-fibrillator. There will be a cost of £600.00. He will look in to this in more detail.

Meeting closed 20.30 p.m.

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