

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9TH APRIL 2018 7.00 P.M.
TITHE BARN, DUNSTER

PRESENT; D Challoner (Chair), C Oliver, G Dibble, A Bevan, C Ell, G Witherford, A Vicary, D Stanyon (Clerk)

Cllr P Pilkington (WSDC), Cllr Lawrence (SCC) from 8.05 p.m. 4 members of the public

APOLOGIES: G Lamacraft, A Webber

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The Minutes were agreed as a correct record. Proposed C Ell, seconded G Dibble

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mrs T Cody-Boucher raised the problems which the residents encountered with traffic and parking in Park Street over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, following the closure of Dunster Castle parking due to the weather conditions. The residents found the situation chaotic and Mrs Cody-Boucher will forward a copy of their concerns to Dunster Parish Council. The Chairman agreed that The Clerk will provide the email addresses for Highways so that Mrs Cody-Boucher can raise her concerns with Highways, SCC and WSDC.

The Chairman read out a response from S Rogers at Dunster Castle where Mr Rogers explained the actions which were taken by the NT, following the decision to close the parking at Dunster Castle.

Mr West from Castle Fields Residents Association raised his concerns regarding the lack of yellow lines at the junction of Station Road and Marsh Lane. He has written twice to Jo Sharp at SCC Highways and to date has had no response. He has also contacted the Police who will contact Jo Sharp. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Jo Sharp requesting a meeting, which she has previously refused. A Vicary has been given a letter by a resident in Bremis Road, Dunster raising identical concerns regarding safety at this junction.

REPORTS: Cllr Pilkington reported that there is a meeting at Oake Manor this week between WSDC/TD to discuss the ward changes.

The wall has now been repaired in Park Street car park

Cllr Pilkington will be joining the team looking at the car parking strategy in West Somerset. He has invited Councillors to join him, if they wish to do so. He will also take an involvement with the concerns raised by Mrs Cody-Boucher.

Cllr Lawrence reported that the Library Consultation has been extended to mid-June.

SCC will be undertaking an £18.4M link road in Bridgwater and more money is being spent in improving roads, especially at Junc 25 on the M5 at Taunton to ease congestion.

SCC are currently looking for more Foster Carers.

Adam Pike from Dunster Beach Chalets has invited Cllr Lawrence to a meeting to discuss Sea lane parking and the parking at Dunster beach Chalets. Cllr Lawrence is planning on asking David Peake to erect signs requesting "No Parking", but agrees that placing yellow lines in Sea lane is not practical. It was noted that local residents can purchase a car parking pass for £40.00 from Dunster Beach Chalets, but this is not publicised anywhere.

Cllr Lawrence read out an email which she had received from Jo Sharp regarding the suggested yellow lines in Marsh Lane, Dunster at the junction with Station Road. Jo Sharp is not in favour of supporting this and she highlighted that the Police have powers to deal with vehicles parked within 10 metres of a junction. It was discussed and agreed that a meeting must take place between DPC, Cllr Lawrence and Jo Sharp to discuss this issues. Clerk to write to Jo Sharp.

MATTERS ARISING

36/418 Dunster Steep Toilets.

The springs have now arrived from Taiwan and D Challoner and A Vicary will repair.

Over the Easter Holiday a lock was broken and distributed through the car park. D Challoner and a Vicary have repaired this.

The Cleaners did not replenish the toilet rolls on one day. D Challoner sorted this out

37/418 Electrical lighting. The work has started on 9th April 2018.

38/418 Retail Unit - G Lamacraft is dealing with sorting the rateable assessment for 17-18 year and 18-19 year. The Clerk is sorting out the correct amounts due from WSDC for 17-18 and 18-19 year. No response has been received to date from WSDC

39/418 Higher Marsh Farm

The pavement to A39 item is to be removed for the moment, as the time scales are significant before this project will be undertaken.

40/418 Road resurfacing. This is due to be started this week

41/418 Line marking – white lines and yellow lines. The white lines are due to be refurbished in this new financial year. See comments above from Mr West and comments from Cllr Lawrence's report.

42/418 Adoption of the Land at The Ball. This matter will be ongoing, but to be removed from the Agenda until communication is received from the Land registry office and Thorne Segar.

43/418 West Street pavement, East side. Cllr Lamacraft is still waiting for a response from Skanska. Matter ongoing

44/418 SID's. There has been no further information and the matter is now closed.

45/418 Spraying contract. A Vicary met with P storey and discussed adding the areas around Riverside Walk. A verbal quotation was given to A Vicary of £70.00. DPC needs a written quotation from Mr P Storey, together with the plan of areas to be sprayed, before a 3 year contract can be issued. Matter ongoing

46/418 MUGA, Dunster Marsh Playing Field. The Clerk circulated details to all Councillors of the advice given by SALC, together with a breakdown of the expenditure and a programme of actions, once an up to date quote has been received from HAGS (the preferred supplier).

A Vicary proposed that Dunster parish Council become the awardees of all grants and become responsible for the purchase and maintenance of the Muga, seconded by C Oliver.

There were 2 votes in favour and 4 abstentions.

Clerk to chase the quote again.

47/418 GDPR. Waiting for further guidance from SALC of what parish Councils will need to do

47/418 Sea Lane Blocked drains. A Vicary has been advised that these will be cleared in this new financial year.

48/418 De-fibrillator. D Challoner will continue getting further details in the next 2-3 months.

49/419 Clerk Vacancy. 7 candidates will be interviewed on Tuesday 17th April 2018.

ACCOUNTS REPORT

Chq 2009	D Stanyon March salary	£508.72
Chq 2010	HMRC - Tax	£ 2.00
Chq 2011	Initial Hygiene - Dec-Mar rental	£152.70
Chq 2012	SSE Electricity – Toilets	£168.12
Chq 2013	Water2Business- Toilets 6 months	£468.78
Chq 2014	J & W Cleaning – March Toilets	£548.10
Chq 2015	D Williams- Cemetery Dec-March	£599.84
Chq 2016	Water2Business – Allotment water	£155.13
Chq 2017	West Somerset Free Press – Advert	£67.20
Chq 2018	D Stanyon- postage reimbursement	£ 21.48
Chq 2019	Girl Guiding Grant 2018-19	£100.00
Chq 2020	Dunster marsh Playing Field grant	£300.00
Chq 2021	Dunster memorial Hall grant	£300.00
Chq 2022	Dunster Doll Museum grant	£200.00

The March accounts were circulated to Councillors.

The expenditure was proposed by G Witherford, seconded by A Vicary

PLANNING

WTCA 18/04 8 Priory Green. Works to trees
3/10/18/004 122 Dunster Beach, Dunster. Erection of replacement chalet

No Objections to the above planning applications
Proposed C Oliver, seconded C Ell

3/10/18/002 37 Conygar View, Dunster Conversion of detached garage to 1 no dwelling and associated works.

The Parish Council does not support this application due to the increase in roof line which could impact on the overhead utility wires. The building is not in accordance and is incongruous with the surrounding properties.

Proposed A Vicary, seconded C Ell

CORRESPONDNCE

The Environment Agency have delayed the start of the works at Gallox Bridge
The official opening of the Dunster Museum is on 21st April 2018
The annual St George’s Day parade will be taking place on 22nd April at 2.50p.m. All parishioners are invited.

ITEMS ON REPORT

G Witherford reported that bins do not appear to have been emptied in the Cemetery. Clerk will contact D Williams

A Vicary reported that dogs are not being controlled adequately in the allotments, despite signage being displayed. The fencing at the side of the orchard has been cut in several places allowing dogs to get through. 2 sheep have been killed as a consequence. A notice to be displayed in the Parish News sheet.

The sewerage problems at Dunster Marsh have now been resolved. Wessex Water have been excellent in maintaining contact with all parties.

C Ell reported that the wooden posts and railing have taken a knock outside Chapel House, West Street. Clerk to report to Highways.

A Bevan reported that the road surface and camber on the slip lane from the A39, turning onto Marsh Lane, Dunster is very poor. Clerk to write to Highways

Two dogs drowned in the River Avill over the Easter weekend. Whilst there was every sympathy with this, it is not DPC’s responsibility to erect signage.

G Dibble reported that the hedge outside No 9 West Close is now 12 ft high and despite being reported to Magna housing it has not been cut back. Clerk to contact Magna Housing

C Oliver will be unable to attend the Dunster Panel meeting in July. Are any Councillors interested in going?
D Challoner reported that the annual parish Meeting will be taking place on 24th April, 7.00 p.m. at the Tithe Barn.

The DPC May meeting will be the annual meeting and the Chair will be re-elected. He has asked for any-one to consider becoming Vice Chairman.

Meeting closed 9.05 p.m.

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