

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th August 2018 7.30pm.
TITHE BARN, DUNSTER

Attendees

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

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Cllr Lawrence (SCC) & Cllr P Pilkington (WSC)
2 members of the public

Apologies

Councillors: G Dibble

Other: None

18/51 Apologies – As listed above

18/52 Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

18/53 Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

18/54 Public Participation: It was reported that the Health and Safety Officer from Strongbox had carried out a risk assessment after the fence had been removed surrounding the Pillbox.

18/55 Report from West Somerset Councillor: Cllr Pilkington reported he had attended the Dunster Panel meeting and there was no representation from Highways. He had requested they are present at the next meeting. The Boundary Commission have made some changes, but they do not affect Dunster. There is a Council Meeting on Monday regarding the boundary changes. The electric car steering group met, and a questionnaire will be sent out, another meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th August.

18/56 Report from Somerset County Councillor: Cllr Lawrence reported that John Woodman and Alyn Jones from Highways would come again to speak about West Street. Cllr Lawrence said PCSO Linda Brooks was very helpful and had been looking at the parking issues at Dunster Marsh.

18/57 Any other reports: There were none.

18/58 Matters arising:

18/58.1 Dunster Steep Toilets/Retail unit - Update: Cllr Challoner reported that a hand dryer had broken but a spare one had now been fitted. The Sani-flow was blocked again, it was resolved M. Sully would look at it. It was resolved to drop the letting price of the retail unit to £4000. Cllr Lamacraft would contact the estate agents. Anna Marie Spalding said there was no funding available as we had already started the project.

18/58.2 New housing estate in relation to precept: Cllr Challoner would send details onto councillors. The candlelight committee would ask the local businesses at their next meeting about supporting this.

18/58.3 Sport England Award: Planning permission is now required for the MUGA, which could take up to 8 weeks for a decision. This would cost £117.00. Sport England would not release any funding until planning permission is in place. Cllr Challoner had received an email from West Somerset Council asking for a payment of £500 for a licence for alteration to paperwork as they are stating this is a change of use. This could be reduced to £250.00 in certain circumstances. It was resolved that Cllr Challoner would challenge this.

18/58.4 Data Protection Regulations: The Clerk had handed the forms out and all had been returned. It was resolved this item would be removed from the agenda.

18/58.5 Defibrillator: No update

18/58.6 Post 15 meters from Sea Lane/Station Road: It was resolved to note the reply from Highways stating the condition of the fence is not considered to be a safety defect. It was further resolved to send a response stating that one post is now completely broken and swinging.

18/58.7 Electric car charge points: Nothing to report other than Cllr Pilkington would forward on a questionnaire.

18/58.8 Festival shed: Cllr Challoner reported someone was interested in buying the shed. The Parish Council would like to use it for storage and would investigate further.

18/58.9 Cars parking on the pavement at Dunster Marsh: Replies from Highways states they are not empowered to undertake any actions against parking offenders and that it was a police matter. The local PSCO will look at this and has advised anyone to call 101 if the parked cars are causing an obstruction. No reply had been received from the homeowner regarding cutting back the hedge.

18/58.10 Car parked opposite the Post Office: The car has now been removed.

18/59 Accounts Report:

18/59.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

18/59.2 Current account expenditure analysis: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure analysis and to note the bank balance on 31st July 2018 was £40264.14

18/59.3 Bank reconciliation for July 2018: It was resolved to note that Cllr Challoner had signed the bank reconciliation for the month of July.

18/59.4 Buttercross and Riverside Walk balance: It was resolved to note the balance of the accounts were £2519.88 and £250.96 as of 13th August 2018.

18/60 Planning

18/60.1 To consider the following planning applications

WSC	3/10/18/005	4 Conygar View	Single storey rear extension	NO OBJECTIONS
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18/61 Correspondence:

18/61.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log.

18/61.2 Any other correspondence:

An email had been received from Huw Morgan regarding the bin at Church Street. Julie Lynch had been contacted and said the bin would be replaced.

Correspondence had been received regarding planning applications and where it should state we support them. It was resolved to continue our responses as before, either listing any objections or replying No Objections. It was resolved to only support charitable applications.

A letter had been received from Alex de Mendoza, Chairman of the Minehead Rail Link Group asking to talk to the Council. It was resolved to invite him to speak at the next meeting.

The Great Plastic debate- a meeting is being held at Queens College, Taunton at 6.45pm on September 14th.

A letter had been received from a resident at Dunster Marsh regarding the fencing being removed from around the Pillbox. It was resolved to respond to say it would be in the hands of the Parish Stewards.

18/62 Cemetery: It was resolved Cllr Witherford would contact the cemetery groundsman and ask him to level out up to 6 graves.

18/63 Items on Report: Cllr Oliver reported that 10 clear Perspex lifesize Tommie silhouettes would be arriving in time for the remembrance service at the Church in November. Eight will stay in the church afterwards and 2 would be placed in the Memorial Hall.

Hedges at the allotment, West Close and the school have been cut.

Further complaints have been received regarding the floating banner outside the chocolate shop.

Trees and shrubs in the school playing field are very overgrown and require trimming.
The Christmas Tree after Candlelight will become the responsibility of the Parish Council as in previous years.
Peter Hoyland has requested a sign go up this side of the underpass directing pedestrians to the village.

18/64 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 10th September: There were none.

Meeting closed 9.05 p.m.

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