

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th APRIL 2019 7.30pm
TITHE BARN, DUNSTER

Attendees

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

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Cllr Lawrence (SCC), Cllr Peter Pilkington (WSC)

Apologies

Councillors: None

Other: None

At the start of the meeting Sarah Ellwood, the Project Officer of the Steam Coast Trail addressed the Council regarding phase 3 of the Steam Coast Trail from Dunster Beach to Minehead.

18/193 Apologies – As listed above

18/194 Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

18/195 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2019: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes, after an amendment to state Cllr Oliver was Chairman of the Tithe barn not a Trustee.

18/196 Public Participation: No public were present.

18/197 Report from West Somerset Councillor: Cllr Pilkington reported the lights were fixed in Dunster Steep Car Park and that Speed Watch has been re-introduced with funding available.

18/198 Report from Somerset County Councillor: Cllr Lawrence reported that the situation between SCC and Strongvox has been settled regarding Marsh Lane. The work would be carried out by SCC but paid for by Strongvox. The financial situation was better than expected, so more could be done for prevention work for people to stay healthy. An email would be coming out in the summer regarding gritting for the winter.

18/199 Any other reports: The Police reported 17 call were received for Dunster. 1 x road related, 1 x other, 2 x concern for welfare, 2 x harassment, 3 x suspicious, 1x abandoned, 1 x theft, 1 x attempted burglary, 1 x sheep on road, 2 x criminal damage, 1 x Road traffic collision and 1 x assault.

18/200 Matters arising:

18/200.1 Dunster Steep Toilets: 22 responses had been received to date from business's regarding contributions for the toilets. Regarding the sponsorship map, only business's that have contributed would be included. Cllr Challoner would contact the Chair of Dunster Tourism Forum. The door on the mother and baby unit had been kicked down but had been repaired.

18/200.2 Sport England Award: The MUGA is almost complete. Cllr Challoner had sent the grant form. The opening ceremony is planned for 9th June. A cheque has been received from Dunster Marsh Playing field.

18/200.3 Defibrillators: Cllr Challoner has applied for the Tesco grant and Cllr Oliver has applied for the Somerset Prepared grant. Cllr Oliver reported that the Doctors surgery do have a defib. Cllr Challoner reported MAGNA would be happy to contribute towards the defibrillators.

18/200.4 Worn out reflector by the Yarn Market: Both reflectors have been replaced. The ridge tiles still need to be replaced, the Clerk would chase this.

18/200.5 Drains in Sea Lane: These would be done this year. It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda.

18/200.6 War Memorial Plaque: Nick Gunter had finished the plaque, which looked fantastic. There would be an unveiling ceremony on 13th May at the Memorial Hall.

18/200.7 Grit Bins: It was resolved to drill holes to drain the water.

18/200.8 Website: It was resolved to look at other website suppliers.

18/200.9 Blocked Drains in High Street: This should now have been added to the 8-week sweeping cycle.

18/200.10 Trees/hedges in Riverside Walk: It was resolved the Clerk would check the damaged tree would be cut down.

18/200.11 Seat at the entrance to Dunster Castle: Cllr Ell reported this had been repaired by her husband.

18/201 Accounts Report:

18/201.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

18/201.2 Current account expenditure analysis: It was resolved to defer this until the May meeting due to no bank statement.

18/201.3 Bank reconciliation for March 2019: It was resolved defer this until the May meeting due to no bank statement.

18/201.4 Buttercross and Riverside Walk balance: Cllr Lamacraft reported there was no change.

At this point of the meeting Cllr Vicary received a phone call informing him that Geoff Witherford had passed away. The meeting was halted to hold a minute's silence in memory of Geoff.

The Clerk gave an update on the bank signatories. She was still waiting for Cllr Dibble to sign the papers. Once signed and approved this would then mean the account would have 5 signatories. The Clerk, Cllrs Challoner, Ell, Dibble and Webber. The Clerk would contact Cllr Dibble, get the papers signed and then take them into Minehead Branch of Natwest ASAP.

18/202 Planning

18/202.1 To consider the following planning applications:

ENP	6/10/19/104	Land adjacent to The Archer House, The Steep, Dunster	Retrospective alterations to agricultural building used for honey extraction, honey bottling and bee equipment storage	Resolved No objections
ENP	6/10/19/105	Woodville House, 25 West Street, Dunster	Proposed internal alterations to listed building together with replacement access gates and erection of fence.	Resolved No objections
ENP	6/10/19/106LB	Woodville House, 25 West Street, Dunster	Proposed internal alterations to listed building together with replacement access gates and erection of fence.	Resolved No objections

18/202.2 To note the following decisions:

ENP	WTCA 19/03	Dunster Castle	Works to Trees in conservation area	Approved
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ENP	6/10/19/103	Doctors Surgery, West Street, Dunster	Proposed variation of condition 5 of approved application 6/10/15/109 to retain landscaping already carried out on site and not provide additional landscaping as previously approved to the northern boundary	Withdrawn
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It was resolved to note the planning decisions.

18/203 Correspondence:

18/203.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log.

18/203.2 Any other correspondence: None

18/204 Computer Anti-Virus: It was resolved to take the computer to AR Computing to update the anti-virus at a cost of £59.99

18/205 Items on Report: Cllr Vicary had contacted Wessex Water regarding the two upcoming road closures, to ask if they could be done together, he is waiting for a call back.

Work on the Pill Box had started, the ivy had been removed and waiting for another quote before work can start on the roof.

Cllr Lamacraft has been approached regarding speeding traffic coming off the main road going onto the Ball. Could Wig Wags or a speed hump be fitted?

The Water Mill tea room extension has been approved, no mention of an economic survey and the parking remarks were sketchy.

The ridge coping on Packhorse Bridge had been picked off and being thrown into the River.

Raw sewerage is coming out of the Manhole cover by the Packhorse Bridge, the other side of the river.

This was Cllr Ells last meeting after being a councillor for 42 years, also the last meeting for Cllr Webber. The Chairman thanked them both for all their hard work.

18/206 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 13th May 2019: There were none.

Meeting closed 9.15 p.m.

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