

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th February 2019 7.00pm
TITHE BARN, DUNSTER

Attendees

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

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Cllr Lawrence (SCC), Cllr Peter Pilkington (WSC) & 1 member of the public

Apologies

Councillors: G Dibble & C Ell

Other: None

Before the meeting started the Chairman reported that Geoff Witherford had resigned from the Council due to his health. The Council extends its gratitude and thanks to Geoff for all that he has done for Dunster and wish him all the best.

18/156 Apologies – As listed above

18/157 Declarations of interest and dispensations: None

18/158 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2019: After a proposal by Cllr Vicary and seconded by Cllr Lamacraft it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

18/159 Public Participation: Len Smith wanted to bring the planning application for Dunster Surgery to the council's attention as it was not on the agenda and comments had to be in by 1st March. The Clerk explained that the plans had arrived after the agenda was issued and an extension had been asked for, if this could not be granted then an extra-ordinary meeting would be called. He went onto mention that amended plans had also been submitted for the Mill tea rooms and some residents had raised objections. The Clerk explained that they also arrived after the agenda had been issued and had requested an extension on these as well.

18/160 Report from West Somerset Councillor: Cllr Pilkington reported the lights had been repaired in the Car Park (but have since gone out again), he would report this. Some fencing in the car park had been broken, he had also reported this. He had contacted Martyn Ford regarding the caravan on the old A39 and was awaiting a response. If anyone was interested in becoming a District Councillor, the District Council would be giving advice and information on Saturday 16th February between 10am and 12 noon at West Somerset House in Williton. Cllr Pilkington asked for people to report to the empty homes officer any houses that had been empty for over 2 years. Cllr Pilkington would forward the new list of empty homes to the Clerk. Cllr Pilkington would contact the officer at WSC regarding the gully sweeping in Dunster to ask for it to be added to the regular sweeping list.

18/161 Report from Somerset County Councillor: Cllr Lawrence was pleased to report that SCC had secured some S31 money. This would increase the underspend to just over 3 million which would mean they are able to take back some of the cut backs. More Gully works were going back in along with gritting and preventative work for adult social care. Some would go back into reserves for the future.

18/162 Any other reports: There were none.

18/163 Matters arising:

18/163.1 Dunster Steep Toilets: Cllr Challoner reported the sani-flow had been repaired but sometime over the weekend a sink in the ladies had been vandalised and ripped off the wall. Due to the severity of the problem this had been repaired today. Letters had gone off to all the business's, some replies had been received but it was resolved to send another letter out with a deadline of 31st March.

18/163.2 Commercial unit: The Clerk reported the lease had been signed by Mr Smith and was waiting for it to be returned for signing by The Parish Council.

18/164.3 Sport England Award: Cllr Challoner reported the installation date would be 4th March 2019 and should take approximately 4 weeks to complete.

18/164.4 Defibrillator: Cllr Challoner reported that the Luttrell Arms had power and he had spoken to MAGNA and they would be happy to have a defibrillator housed at the community centre. After a proposal by Cllr Oliver and seconded by Cllr Webber it was unanimously resolved to purchase two defibrillators and have one at each site. Cllr Oliver would continue to investigate funding and Cllr Webber would speak to the village society now that two sites had been secured.

18/163.5 Bin at St. Georges Street: No update due to Cllr Ell's absent.

18/163.6 Worn out reflector by the Yarn Market: It was resolved the Clerk would chase this.

18/163.7 Photographs of assets: The Clerk reported she had only received 10 photographs and asked if Councillors could check the list and send in more. This must be complete before the auditor checks the books.

18/163.8 Caravan on old A39: The Clerk had reported this to Martyn Ford.

18/163.9 Somerset Wood Project: The cheque had been sent to SCC, but no update had been received.

18/164 Accounts Report:

18/164.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

18/164.2 Current account expenditure analysis: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure analysis and to note the bank balance on 31st January 2019 was £52,754.67

18/164.3 Bank reconciliation for January 2019: It was resolved to note that Cllr Challoner had signed the bank reconciliation for the month of December.

18/145.4 Buttercross and Riverside Walk balance: It was resolved to note the balance of the accounts were £3105.28 and £250.96 as of 11th February 2019.

18/164.5 Grants: A finance meeting would be held on 19th February to discuss the applications. Due to the resignation of Cllr Witherford, it was resolved Cllr Lamacraft would be on the Finance Committee.

18/165 Planning

18/165.1 To consider the following planning applications:

ENP	6/10/19/102LB	Priory Gate, 4 The Ball, Dunster	Listed Building Consent for the proposed replacement of 4 window frames and glazing to the front of the property	No Objections
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18/166 Correspondence:

18/166.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log.

18/166.2 Any other correspondence: None

18/167 Items on Report: The grit bins are filling up with water so ways of draining them must be looked at. The fence at Marsh Gardens should be repaired next week. Quotes are being received for repairing the roof on the pill box.

A resident at Riverside Bungalows was concerned about the river bank, with low lying trees. Cllr Finney looked at this and reported it to be alright.

Cllr Vicary reported he had got someone to clean, paint and improve the War Memorial sign inside the village hall but requires confirmation from the British Legion before this could be done.

Cllr Vicary reported he had spoken to David Peake regarding the drains in sea Lane. They need jetting. The first one is Sea Lane Junction with Haven Close, the second is on Sea Lane below the level crossing and the third is Station Road opposite Station Car Park.

The Website is out of date and requires significant updating.

Cllr Oliver reported she had inspected the playground at the end of Park Street and reported her findings to the committee.

18/168 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 11th March 2019: There were none.

Meeting closed 8.40 p.m.

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