

# DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 7.00pm  
TITHE BARN, DUNSTER

## Attendees

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

**Clerk:** Mrs Sarah Towells

**Other:** Cllr Lawrence (SCC) & 1 member of the public

## Apologies

**Councillors:** G Witherford, Cllr P Pilkington (WSC)

**Other:** None

**18/137 Apologies** – As listed above

**18/138 Declarations of interest and dispensations:** None

**18/139 Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2108:** It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

**18/140 Public Participation:** Derek Merson explained his planning application was now a detached building as advised by ENP. The planning committee would attend a site meeting.

**18/141 Report from West Somerset Councillor:** Cllr Pilkington had passed on his apologies but reported he was still trying to get the light fixed in Dunster Steep car park.

**18/142 Report from Somerset County Councillor:** Cllr Lawrence reported it was Somerset Day on 11<sup>th</sup> May. Also stated the finances at SCC were a bit more stable. The work on the trees and shrubs at the school had been carried out.

**18/143 Any other reports:** There were none.

## **18/144 Matters arising:**

18/144.1 Dunster Steep Toilets: The Sani flow system was still not working but there would be no charge for Sully's to come and fix it. The mother and baby unit had been locked with an out of order sign on the door. A meeting was held with local business owners on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019. It was resolved to send a letter to all businesses asking for a contribution of up to ½ % of their rateable value with the option for them to take of the £20 already paid in their Council tax precept.

18/144.2 Commercial unit: Correspondence had been passing between both solicitors and was still ongoing.

18/144.3 Sport England Award: No update

18/144.4 Defibrillator: It was resolved Cllr Challoner would check power at the site and Cllr Oliver would check the Somerset Prepared documents.

18/144.5 Bin at St. Georges Street: Cllr Ell reported she had not yet distributed the flyers but hoped to get them delivered soon. It was reported that as many as 12 black bags of rubbish had been left outside the holiday cottages.

18/144.6 Trees and shrubs in the school playing field: This had now been done.

18/144.7 Wall in Cemetery: Cllr Ell reported this had been done.

18/144.8: No cycle sign at Palladian Bridge on Packhorse Lane: The Clerk reported she had spoken to Tim Parish from ENP and he would arrange for a sign.

18/144.9 Worn out reflector by the Yarn Market: Historic England would arrange to have this replaced.

18/144.10 Dunster Flood Group: The Clerk reported there were no funds left in the account from the grant received in 2016. Cllr Challoner reported there was some bags and sand left.

18/144.11 Hanging Baskets: It was reported at the last meeting these would cost £22.50 each but will cost £25.00 each. It was resolved to order 25.

18/144.12 Quad Bikes: The Clerk had spoken to Tim Parrish from ENP. He recommends that if any one sees the bikes in the fields behind the cemetery and allotments to report it immediately to 101 as it is an offence to drive over land without the landowner's permission.

### **18/145 Accounts Report:**

18/145.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

18/145.2 Current account expenditure analysis: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure analysis and to note the bank balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 was £55,358.87

18/145.3 Bank reconciliation for December 2018: 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 £2985.97 and £250.96 as of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

18/145.5 NS&L – update signatories: It was resolved to remove K sully and D Stanyon and to add on Mrs Sarah Towells and Cllr Dibble. It was further resolved to keep Cllrs Challoner and Ell on as signatories. The Paperwork was signed, and the Clerk would post in the morning.

### **18/146 Planning**

18/146.1 To consider the following planning applications:

WSC	3/10/18/008	Copper, Dunster	Erection of single storey side extension	<b>Site meeting to be arranged</b>
ENP	6/10/18/116	Dunstercombe, old A39	Proposed erection of detached annex to provide ancillary accommodation	<b>Site meeting to be arranged</b>
WSC	3/10/18/009	Station House Lower Marsh Lane	Erection of a two-storey side extension, single storey lean-to rear extension and alterations to existing roof	<b>Site meeting to be arranged</b>

18/147.2 To Note the following planning decisions:

ENP	6/10/18/112LB	Dunster Castle	Refused
ENP	6/10/18/115	San Telmo, St Thomas Street	Approved

It was resolved to note the planning decisions.

**18/148 Dates of Meetings for 2019:** It was resolved to continue to hold Parish Council meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. 7.00pm November to March and 7.30pm April to October.

**18/149 Gates leading to Grabbist Hill:** The top gate has been replaced. The other gate would be replaced using gravity rather than springs to assist horse riders.

**18/150 Blocked drains/sweeping in Dunster High Street:** Cllr Vicary reported he had met with David Peake who had informed him, it was the responsibility of WSC to clear the cobbled channel in the

pavement. However the responsibility of SCC is to clean the gullies. Cllr Vicary reported he had also spoken to Julie Leach who said they were not covered on the sweep plans.

**18/151 Photographs of assets:** It was resolved the Clerk would send the asset list to all councillors. Councillors would then photograph assets in their area.

**18/152 Salt bag collection:** It was resolved Cllrs Challoner and Vicary would collect these on Friday.

**18/153 Correspondence:**

18/153.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log. It was further resolved to nominate Cllr Ell to attend the Buckingham Palace tea party. It was also unanimously resolved to sponsor 12 trees at Somerset wood at a cost of £25.00per tree.

18/153.2 Any other correspondence: None

**18/154 Items on Report:** The fence was still down at Marsh Gardens, but 3 quotes had been received so this should be repaired soon.

The black redstart has returned to Dunster Marsh.

There is no money available for West Street cobbles but are waiting to here back from SCC to see what can be done. Maybe a trainee could be set up to lay the cobbles.

The caravan is back on the old A39

Cllr Challoner would return the Parish Path consultation this week, but it cannot include any paths that are in ENP.

Cllr Finney had agreed to go onto the playing field committee and the planning committee.

**18/155 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019:** There were none.

Meeting closed 8.42 p.m.

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