

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attendees

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

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

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

Apologies

Councillors: None

Other: None

Sarah Elwood the Project Officer of the Steam Coast Trail was doing a presentation to the Council but was unable to attend. She hopes to attend the April meeting.

18/173 Apologies – As listed above

18/174 Declarations of interest and dispensations:

Cllr Lamacraft – Dunster Tithe Barn - Grant application - Tithe Barn Trustee

Cllr Challoner – Memorial Hall – Grant application -Memorial Hall Committee Member

Cllr Challoner – Museum and doll collection – Grant application – Committee member

Cllr Oliver – Dunster Tithe Barn – Grant application – Tithe Barn Chairman

18/175 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2019: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

18/176 Minutes of the Extra-ordinary meeting held on 19th February for approval: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

18/177 Public Participation: No public were present.

18/178 Report from West Somerset Councillor: Cllr Pilkington apologised as he had not spoken to anyone regarding the gully cleaning. He reported the lights in the car park were still not working but work was due to start on 25th March. A climate changing motion had gone through and Peter has asked for some money for the electric car charge points. The new Council is now known as SWT. Sam Morrell and Becky Brown are the localities officers for this area.

18/179 Report from Somerset County Councillor: Cllr Lawrence apologised for being late and said she would have to alternate between us and Old Cleeve Parish Council as they have changed their meeting night to the same as ours. Cllr Lawrence had spoken to Mr Thurlow regarding the cobbles and he can't find anyone to do the job. He will try again.

18/180 Any other reports: There were none.

18/181 Matters arising:

18/181.1 Dunster Steep Toilets: Two quotes had been received to change the locks. It was resolved GA Sully & Sons would change the locks on the doors to enable the toilets to be free to us at a cost of £688.00. The Clerk reported she had received ten payments to date from local businesses towards the cost of the toilets.

18/181.2 Commercial unit: The lease has been signed and the shop is open. It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda.

18/181.3 Sport England Award: Cllr Challoner reported work had started on the MUGA.

18/181.4 Defibrillator: Both Magna and The Luttrell Arms are happy to house a defibrillator and will write a

letter of support to go in with the grant applications. It was resolved to write to Mr Ebborn thanking him for the offer to house one at his premises and maybe if enough money could be raised, Dunster village could have 3 defibrillators.

18/181.5 Bin at St. Georges Street: Cllr Ell had copied the flyers and delivered them. It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda.

18/181.6 Worn out reflector by the Yarn Market: The Clerk had forwarded a photograph of the worn-out reflector and English Heritage have added this to their maintenance list. Also, the Clerk had contacted them to let them know that 2 roof tiles had been blown off during the recent storms.

18/181.7 Caravan on old A39: It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda.

18/163.8 Somerset Wood Project: The Clerk had received an email thanking Dunster Parish Council for their donation and to say 1600 trees have been planted.

18/182 Accounts Report:

18/182.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

18/182.2 Current account expenditure analysis: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure analysis and to note the bank balance on 28th February 2019 was £55,956.21

18/182.3 Bank reconciliation for February 2019: It was resolved to note that Cllr Challoner had signed the bank reconciliation for the month of January and February.

18/182.4 Buttercross and Riverside Walk balance: Cllr Lamacraft reported there was no change.

18/182.5 To note the minutes of the finance meeting held on 19th February and approve any recommendations: It was resolved to accept the recommendations from the finance committee and pay the following grants: Memorial Hall £300.00, Tithe Barn £300.00, Doll's Museum £200.00, Marsh Playing Field £300.00 and Packhorse Playing Field £200.00.

18/183 Planning

18/183.1 To consider the following planning applications:

ENP	WTCA	Dunster Castle	Works to Trees in conservation area	No Objections
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18/183.2 To note the following decisions:

ENP	6/10/19/101	4 The Ball, Dunster	Replacement Windows	Approved
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18/184 Correspondence:

18/184.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log.

18/184.2 Any other correspondence: None

18/185 Grit Bins: It was resolved to notify SCC that the grit bins were full of water.

18/186 War Memorial Plaque: The British Legion have confirmed that war memorials are the responsibility of Parish Councils. It was resolved to remove the plaque from the wall to get it cleaned and repaired.

18/187 Drains in Sea Lane: An email had been received from Dennis Quick confirming the drains would be jetted after April 19th.

18/188 Website: The Clerk reported Dunster PC could own the Domain name. It was resolved to contact First Design to buy the domain name. A new Parish Council website would be set up for the Clerk to update on a regular basis.

18/189 Blocked Drains in Dunster High Street: This item was discussed under item 18/178.

18/190 Trees in Riverside Walk: It was resolved the Clerk would contact Mark Holloway regarding the trees and to mention the hedges also need attention.

18/191 Items on Report: The fence at Marsh Gardens has now been repaired.
The seat at the entrance to the Dunster Castle, West Street, has been hit by something. Cllr Ell would arrange for this to be repaired.
Gareth Ebborn is the Chairman of Packhorse Playing Field and would like confirmation that the benches are covered under the Parish Councils insurance.
The flood group have requested £5.00 to help maintain the flood group website.

18/192 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 8th April 2019: There were none.

Meeting closed 8.20 p.m.

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