

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attendees

Councillors: D Challoner (Chair), A Vicary, G Lamacraft, C Oliver, G Dibble, J Meakes, T Williams, C Ell, S Ashton and P Finney

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Cllr Lawrence (SCC), Sam Murrell (SWaT) and 5 members of public

Apologies

Councillors: G Shirlaw

Other: L Brooks (PCSO) and Cllr P Pilkington (SWaT)

19/38 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

19/39 Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

19/40 Co-Option of Councillors: Applications had been received from Mr Craig Dixon, Mrs Susan Ashton, Mr Ian Kershaw and Mrs Carol Ell for the casual vacancies on the Council. After a proposal from Cllr Oliver, seconded by Cllr Finney it was unanimously resolved to vote them to stand on Block. It was resolved the first vacancy would be filled by Mrs Susan Ashton. It was further resolved the second vacancy be filled by Mrs C Ell. As Cllrs Ashton and Ell were in attendance, they duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance, after which they were able to take part in the remainder of the meeting.

19/41 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2019: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

19/42 Public Participation: There were none.

19/43 Report from West Somerset Councillor: Cllr Pilkington was absent, but Sam Murrell reported staff numbers had increased and confirmed the hedge in Dunster Steep Car Park would be cut.

19/44 Report from Somerset County Councillor: Cllr Lawrence reported she was having an informal meeting with Steve Deakin from Somerset County Council on Friday to discuss the parking in and around the village. Cllr Lawrence would be visiting the Drugs bus on Thursday.

19/45 Any other reports: The Police reported there had been one potential crime in the Parish of Dunster in June. There were approximately 120 police calls in the whole of the Exmoor area, of which 4 were in the Dunster Parish.

Dunster Panel – Cllr Finney reported the meeting was very informative. The SWaT planning committee consists of 15 people but only 2 are from this area. Fly-tipping is on the increase which is being put down to the reduced opening hours of the recycling centres. Hedge cutting and verges will get a second cut early August. The Police will be carrying out a drink driving campaign throughout the summer. Sue Thompson (PCSO) has been awarded a top award for neighbourhood support and the police have a new vehicle which is a Ford Ranger.

19/46 Matters arising:

19/46.1 Defibrillators: The cheque would be signed this evening and sent tomorrow. Cllr Challoner would let the Luttrell Arms and MAGNA know the order had been placed and paid for.

19/46.2 Ridge Tiles on the Yarn Market: An email had been received from English heritage stating *'The Yarn Market really needs completely retiling, we keep repairing the slipped tiles, but more become loose as the wooden pegs deteriorate. However, it would be a major project to do this which we unfortunately don't have the resource to carry out presently. We have a limited budget and resource which we must prioritise based on the urgency of issues across the whole territory, we already have a programme of projects set for the next 3 years of urgent priority projects so it is unlikely we can commit to this any time soon. In the meantime, we*

will be erecting some edge protection to stop any falling tiles. I am not sure when this will be carried out, but I will update you as soon as I find out.'

It was resolved the Clerk would write back to say Dunster Parish Council are not happy about this.

19/46.3 Website: The new website is dunsterparishcouncil.org.uk and will be live tomorrow.

19/46.4 Trees in Riverside Walk: No update. Both the Clerk and Cllr Vicary had tried to contact Mark Holloway with no response either by telephone or email.

19/46.5 Ridge Coping on Packhorse Bridge: The Clerk had received the following response – *'The coping on the Gallox Bridge is typical wear and tear for soft lime capping, which is susceptible to freeze thaw damage or erosion from visitors sitting or walking along it. It isn't causing any long term damage to the bridge as this is a sacrificial layer and was only redone a few years ago, so again this is not likely to be addressed at this stage unless we were concerned this was affecting the structure, which it isn't currently.'* Cllr Lamacraft stated he did not agree that the soft lime dressing was a superficial layer, but a layer to protect the bridge, this was seconded by Cllr Challoner and it was resolved to contact English Heritage to say that if the soft lime dressing was not protective there was no point to it and we should not wait for the wall to deteriorate before protecting it as the damage will have already been done and The Council would like the bridge repaired sooner rather than later.

19/46.6 Raw sewerage out of manhole cover by Packhorse Bridge: No update. Cllrs Oliver and Lamacraft would arrange a meeting with Margaret Rogers once it has rained.

19/46.7 Street Lighting: The Clerk reported a consultation with the residents must take place before approaching the street lighting team. After a proposal by Cllr Dibble, seconded by Cllr Vicary to go ahead with the consultation it was resolved not to go ahead with the consultation with 3 votes for, 5 against and one abstention.

19/47.8 Orange Lorry: It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda. It was further resolved to note the white caravan had been removed.

19/46.9 Tree on A39: It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda.

19/46.10 Benches and bus shelters: The Clerk had received three quotes. It was resolved to award the contract to Mr A Ell who quoted the following figures – Benches £460.00 and bus shelters £400.

19/46.11 Cobbles in Council Yard: It was resolved to ask Melvin Sully to send the invoice to SCC Highways in Minehead as the Parish Council did not agree to the quote of £298.00 for picking up the cobbles but he went ahead and collected them anyway.

19/46.12 Hedge at 9 West Close: The Clerk reported that Annie Coles had contacted her to say that on 2nd July MAGNA carried out their annual neighbourhood inspections for Dunster, which included West Close. Annie Coles reported there was not a problem with the hedge, and it looked like it had recently been cut. She went on to say the grass was a little long, but the tenant would get this cut as soon as possible.

19/47 Accounts Report:

19/47.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

19/47.2 Current account expenditure analysis for June: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure analysis and to note the bank balance on 30th June 2019 was £11098.12

19/47.3 Bank reconciliation for June 2019: It was resolved to note that Cllr Challoner had signed the bank reconciliation for the month of June.

19/47.4 Buttercross and Riverside Walk balance: Cllr Lamacraft reported he would send them to the Clerk.

19/48 Planning

19/48.1 To consider the following planning applications:

ENP	6/10/19/107	Dunster First School	Amended plans notification: proposed single storey extension to reception area, new access ramp, railings, canopy to courtyard and alterations to rear entrance. As per amended and additional plans and additional information.	It was resolved to support this amendment.
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ENP	WTCA 19/08	7 Chapel Row, Dunster	Works to trees in Conservation Area: pollard Yew that has lost crown due to storm damage	It was resolved to raise no objections.

19/48.2 To note the following decisions:

ENP	6/10/19/109	Dunstercombe, Dunster	Proposed variation of condition 2 (The development hereby approved shall not be carried out except in complete accordance with the details shown on the drawing submitted with the application and numbered 736.18.004 rev.B) of approved application 6/10/18/116. To Vary the design of the first-floor bedroom windows from rooflights to dormer windows.	Conditional approval
ENP	WTCA 19/06	20-22 The Willow Rooms, Dunster		Not Serving a Tree preservation order

It was resolved to note the planning decisions.

19/49 Appointment of Councillors to Committees:

19/49.1 Finance: It was unanimously resolved to elect Cllrs Challoner, Lamacraft, Williams and Dibble as the Finance Committee.

19/49.2 Allotment: It was unanimously resolved to elect Cllrs Eil, Challoner and Dibble as the Allotment Committee.

19/49.3 Cemetery: It was unanimously resolved to elect Cllrs Oliver, Vicary, Challoner and Meakes as the Cemetery Committee.

19/49.4 Planning: It was unanimously resolved to elect Cllrs Vicary, Ashton, Oliver, Lamacraft and Finney as the Planning Committee.

19/49.5 Marsh Playing Field: It was resolved to elect Cllrs Vicary, Finney and Meakes as the Marsh Playing Field Representatives.

19/49.6 Buttercross Orchard: It was resolved to elect Cllrs Challoner, Vicary and Lamacraft as the Representatives for the Buttercross Orchard.

19/49.7 Packhorse Playing Field: It was resolved to elect Cllrs Ell, Ashton and Shirlaw as the Representatives for the Packhorse Playing Field.

19/50 Parking in Park Street: Cllr Finney had been approached by a resident of Park Street to complain regarding an issue with parking in the area. Cars frequently park partially in front of her driveway due to the yellow line markings. It was resolved to note this was an highways matter.

19/51 Correspondence:

19/51.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log.

19/51.2 Any other correspondence: A letter had been received from Catherine Hadfield requesting *'if it would be possible for me to take the memorial bench my Grandma paid for in the village centre for my grandad, Wally Hathaway. When visiting recently I noticed it was in slight disrepair. and use it as a memorial in my own garden for myself and my mother'*. It was resolved Catherine Hadfield could collect the bench.

A letter had been received from Stephen Witherford requesting to place a bench along Riverside Walk in memory of his father Geoff. Discussions took place and the Clerk would contact him to say the Parish Council felt there was enough benches along Riverside Walk and give him the option to put a replacement bench outside of the Village Hall or at the allotment by the cemetery.

19/52 Dunster Steep Toilets:

19/52.1 Sponsorship notice board: A meeting was held on 20th June with Dunster Tourism Forum and it was agreed to use the map from the Discover Dunster website. Lucy Green and Jeni Fender would work on the design.

19/53 Items on Report: Drains in sea Lane - Thank them for the work they have done and request they be done yearly.

There are some slabs loose outside Ashley Bishop Gallery.

The grass land over Packhorse Bridge has been cut by ENP but it has been noted that cars and lorries are parking on it.

19/54 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 12th August 2019: Grass area at Allotment

Meeting closed 8.55 p.m.

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