

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th August 2019 7.30pm
TITHE BARN, DUNSTER

Attendees

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

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Cllr Lawrence (SCC), Peter Pilkington (SWaT), Marcus Kravis (SWaT) and 10 members of public

Apologies

Councillors: Cllr Dibble

Other: None

Prior to the start of the meeting Gareth Ebborn gave the Council an update regarding the play equipment at the Packhorse Playing Field. Some play equipment had been removed for safety reasons. Weekly inspections are presently taking place and funding of £70,000 needs to be sought to replace the play equipment.

19/55 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

19/56 Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

19/57 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2019: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

19/58 Public Participation: Carol Taylor informed the Council she had a right of way on to the lane in front of the allotments and does not want another fence erected.

Peter Mountsteven reported his wife had been hit by a car that had lost control along West Street, he went on to say he had replaced the post outside his house twice due to being hit by motor vehicles. He asked the Council if there was any way the speed limit could be dropped to 20mph.

19/59 Report from West Somerset Councillor: Peter Pilkington reported the hedge had been cut back and then cleared a week later in Dunster Steep Car Park. Four new managerial members of staff have been bought in due to the transformation not going as expected, so things should now start to improve.

19/60 Report from Somerset County Councillor: Cllr Lawrence reported Somerset Health and Wellbeing framework is now used well in 25 schools across this area. Winter gritting information will be coming through soon. Cllr Lawrence requested that as many people as possible should fill in the questionnaire relating to the closure of Porlock Fire Station.

19/61 Any other reports: The Police reported there had been two potential crimes in the Parish of Dunster in July. There were approximately 114 police calls in the whole of the Exmoor area, of which 11 were in the Dunster Parish.

19/61.1 Parking in Dunster – Cllr Lawrence reported that her meeting with Steve Deakin had gone well and that Dunster and Minehead should have the same parking regulations. The hedges need cutting back in Park Street car park as this is restricting parking.

19/62 Matters arising:

19/62.1 Defibrillators: There was no update.

19/62.2 Ridge Tiles on the Yarn Market: Heritage England would be looking for funding before the work could be carried out in full but in the short term, they would carry out minimal repairs for Health and Safety reasons. It could take up to 3 years before the job would be done properly.

19/62.3 Trees in Riverside Walk: The cherry picker had been booked for 2nd September and all the Poplars with decay would be felled/ removed.

19/62.4 Ridge Coping on Packhorse Bridge: English Heritage have no funds for a complete job but would re-lime and put some mortar in place.

19/62.5 Raw sewerage out of manhole cover by Packhorse Bridge: Not happened recently during the heavy rain.

19/62.6 Benches and bus shelters: Work on the bus shelters had been started.

19/62.7 Cobbles in Council Yard: Cllr Lawrence had taken the invoice into Mart Road, but no update. Cllr Lamacraft would speak to Melvyn Sully.

19/62.8 Bench outside Memorial Hall: The bench had not been collected yet, the Clerk would ask when they intended to collect the bench.

19/62.9 Bench in memory of Geoff Witherford: The Clerk would contact the family to say that a concrete plinth would be needed to sit the bench on.

19/62.10 Slabs outside Ashley Bishop Gallery: It was resolved to write to Highways to let them know the slabs need re-bedding. Also, one large cobble stone outside of Five Quarters also needs replacing.

19/62.11 Ownership of land over Packhorse Bridge: The Clerk had written to Exmoor National Park but had received no response to date. It was resolved to write to the Environment Agency as well.

19/63 Accounts Report:

19/63.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

19/63.2 Current account expenditure analysis for July: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure analysis and to note the bank balance on 31st July 2019 was £5259.23

19/63.3 Bank reconciliation for July 2019: It was resolved to note that Cllr Challoner had signed the bank reconciliation for the month of July.

19/63.4 Buttercross and Riverside Walk balance: Cllr Lamacraft had sent updated account balances to the Clerk.

19/64 Planning

19/64.1 To consider the following planning applications:

ENP	6/10/19/110LB	23 West Street Dunster	Listed Building consent for proposed installation of suspended ceilings and installation of wood burner to replace open fire.	No Objections
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19/64.2 To note the following decisions:

ENP	6/10/19/107 & 6/10/19/108LB	Dunster First School, St Georges Street, Dunster	Proposed single storey extension to reception area, new access ramp, railings, canopy to courtyard & alterations to rear entrance. As per amended and additional plans and additional information.	Approved
ENP	WTCA 19/08	7 Chapel Row, Dunster	Works to trees in conservation area	Approved

It was resolved to note the planning decisions.

19/65 Correspondence:

19/65.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log.

19/65.2 Any other correspondence: A letter had been received from the residents of Peephole Cottage regarding the amount of traffic in Dunster Marsh. It was resolved the Clerk would ask for the letter to be sent to Highways.

19/66 Dunster Steep Toilets: Cllr Challoner had order 10 door locks and used 3 already. Three new toilet seats had been repaired in the gents which now means all damaged seats and locks have been replaced. An email had been received from Williton Parish Council regarding public toilets within SWaT. It was resolved to write to Williton to support them on this.

19/66.1 Sponsorship notice board: The new board is being designed and hopefully a draft will be available at the September meeting. The approximate cost of the board would be £200.00

19/67 Allotments:

19/67.1 Grass Area – It was resolved this area should be incorporated into the Cemetery contract. It was further resolved that a bench should be placed there in memory of Les Griffiths.

19/67.2 Boundary hedge – Mrs Taylor reported she has had a prescriptive right of way for over 20 years. It was resolved The Clerk would ask for a copy and then fix a gate into place.

19/68 Speeding in the Village: It was resolved to write to Highways and ask for 20mph limit through the village.

19/69 Removal of Trees along A39: Cllr Lawrence reported that a letter should have come out from the local Highways Office but due to an oversight this did not happen, she agrees it should have been publicised more clearly.

19/70 Items on Report: Cllr Ell reported the children’s play area sign is a National Park finger sign. Gully’s are blocked in West Street, also holes in the kerbs on old A39 need flushing out with a jetter. The Pillbox has now been completely renovated.
Adoption of the Road on the Castlefield Estate: Subsidence in the road so in talks with Strongvox and a meeting is being held on 28th August.

19/71 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 9th September 2019: There were none.

Meeting closed 9.00 p.m.

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