

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th December 2019 7.00pm
TITHE BARN, DUNSTER

Attendees

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

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: 5 members of public

Apologies

Councillors: C Oliver

Other: Peter Pilkington (SWaT) & Christine Lawrence (SCC)

19/133 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

19/134 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

19/135 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2019: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

19/136 Public Participation: There was no participation from the public.

19/137 Report from West Somerset Councillor: There was no report.

19/138 Report from Somerset County Councillor: There was no report.

19/139 Police report: There was no report.

19/140 Any other reports: There were no other reports.

19/141 Matters arising:

19/141.1 Defibrillators: The total cost for both defibrillators were £2800 plus electricians fitting costs. We received a grant from Somerset prepared for £1400, Magna donated £400 and the Village Society have offered £1200. The costs covers annual training and all maintenance. A training session would be held at Riverside Gardens in the new year, a possible date would be 29th February. These sessions would be repeated annually.

19/141.2 Cobbles in Council Yard: No update.

19/141.3 Slabs outside Ashley Bishop Gallery: These have not yet been done but more have become loose. The Clerk would contact Highways to request an update and inform them there are more slabs that need attending to.

19/141.4 Blocked gullies in West Street: No Update.

19/141.5 Blocked holes in kerbs on old A39: No update.

19/141.6 Fence outside retail unit: No update.

19/141.7 E V Charge points: Cllr Dibble had received one quote and would meet with another supplier next week for another quote.

19/141.8 Road Bumps – The Green: No update.

19/141.9 Exmoor Bike Park: It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda.

19/141.10 Frackford Bridge: Cllr Lamacraft reported the original bridge is very fragile, he would remove brambles from one end of it but would not remove the brambles from the main part of the bridge for fear of causing more damage. It was resolved the Clerk would write to the historic building officer at the National Park for him to meet with Cllr Lamacraft to discuss the best way forward.

19/141.11 Drain by Dunster Station: SCC have jetted the gullies into the ditch joining the railway property. The ditch also needs to be cleared. It was resolved the Clerk would contact West Somerset Railway to request they do it.

19/142 Accounts Report:

19/142.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list other than G A Sully & Sons, Cllr Challoner would check this invoice with them.

19/142.2 Current account expenditure analysis for November: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure analysis and to note the bank balance on 30th November 2019 was £10658.03

19/142.3 Bank reconciliation for November 2019: It was resolved to note that Cllr Challoner had signed the bank reconciliation for the month of November.

19/142.4 Buttercross and Riverside Walk balance: Cllr Lamacraft had sent updated account balances to the Clerk.

19/143 Planning

19/143.1 To consider the following planning applications:

ENP	6/10/19/114	Land at Dunstercombe, Ellicombe,	Proposed use of land for rugby, together with the erection of 2 goal posts	It was resolved the Council had no objections
ENP	6/10/19/115LB	Dunster Castle, Dunster Hill, Dunster	LB consent for proposed repairs of walls and windows	It was resolved the Council had no objections

19/143.2 To note the following decisions:
It was resolved to note there were no planning decisions.

19/144 Correspondence:

19/144.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log.
19/144.2 Any other correspondence: Request for donation from CCS for the Christmas train – It was resolved to send a donation of £25.00

19/145 Dunster Steep Toilets: The lights have been fixed; the sponsorship board is on the wall. The Sani flow system needs repairing or replacing. It was resolved to get this looked at. The disabled toilet lock is broken, Cllr Challoner has reported this to SWaT and they will arrange repair.

19/146 Allotments:

19/146.1 Land Registry for allotments and cemetery: It was resolved to defer this until the next meeting.

19/147 Hanging Baskets: It was resolved to order 36 at a cost of £26.25 each.

19/148 Items on Report: The verges coming into Dunster look very untidy. There was lots of rubbish on Dunster Steep after Dunster by Candlelight. Cllr Dixon asked the local hotels to arrange litter picks next year. Cllr Dixon still concerned the disabled bays are being used by others and in some cases may be breach of a blue badge holder. Cllr Lamacraft reported large vehicles are parking between the Yarn Market Hotel and the Ball causes obstructive views when entering the village. Vehicles should park within a designated parking bay. Cllr Dibble reported that trees had been cut down at 9 West Close and the garden is looking tidier. Cllr Finney reported Stronvox had been contacted to repair 3 fence panels blown down in

the recent winds on the Castlefields Estate. Cllr Challoner reported the Marsh Street Closure went off well and all the work is now complete. The lighting at Marsh Lane junction is now working. Dunster Marsh playing fields will be taking part in the Tesco's blue token fund raiser for new fencing and a gate in the new year. Guests from the Luttrell Arms were complaining they had been given parking tickets on Sunday Morning when they had been told parking would be free. Cllr Dixon would investigate this.

19/149 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 13th January 2020: Climate committee and grass verges

Meeting closed 7.50 p.m.

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