

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attendees

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

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: 20 members of public, WSFP reporter and 3 employees of Ware construction

Apologies

Councillors: S Ashton

Other: None

19/112 To exclude the press and public during session with Steve Deakin until 8pm: It was resolved to exclude the press and the public until 8pm. During this session discussions took place regarding the parking issues in Dunster. Steve Deakin said there would be a period of consultation with the public in the new year.

19/113 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

19/114 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none, it was noted Craig Dixon had completed his register of interests, but it had not yet been lodged with the District Council.

19/115 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2019: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

19/116 Public Participation: The operations Manager from Ware Construction addressed the Council stating they had to be guided by Somerset County Council and they had to close Marsh Street to carry out the work safely. They agreed they would open the road for 3 times during the day to allow cars to pass but there would always be a pedestrian pass. Several members of the public complained to Cllr Christine Lawrence stating they are very unhappy about the situation as many of them had carers or nurses on a daily basis. One question asked was could this work be done at night?

A resident from Park Street requested a pollution monitor be fitted at the bottom end due to the amount of cars going down, turning around and coming out again.

19/117 Report from West Somerset Councillor: Cllr Pilkington reported three new heads of functions had been employed by the Council although there are still some problems with staff shortage's.

19/118 Report from Somerset County Councillor: There was no report.

19/119 Police report: The Police reported there had been 3 potential crimes in the Parish of Dunster in October. There were approximately 96 police calls in the whole of the Exmoor area, of which 11 were in the Dunster Parish.

19/120: Report from West Somerset Flood Group held on 22nd October: The Environment Agency talked about Climate Change and had some interesting thoughts, but funding problems continue.

19/121: Minutes from Finance Committee: It was resolved to note the draft minutes.

19/121.1 Payment to Parish Magazine: It was unanimously resolved to donate £120 to the Parish Magazine.

19/121.2 Precept for 2020/21: It was unanimously resolved to maintain the precept at £28,000.

19/122 Any other reports: There were no other reports.

19/123 Matters arising:

19/123.1 Defibrillators: They had both been installed but not yet connected to electricity. This should be done

on 20th November. A date to be arranged for the ambulance service to come to Dunster for training on how to use the defibrillators.

19/123.2 Cobbles in Council Yard: No update.

19/123.3 Slabs outside Ashley Bishop Gallery: The Clerk had reported this again to Highways and received an automated response to say the query had been logged.

19/123.4 Blocked gullies in West Street: No Update.

19/123.5 Blocked holes in kerbs on old A39: No update.

19/123.6 Fence outside retail unit: SWaT had met with the retail unit tenant, who had requested the fence not be replaced as disabled customers find it difficult to enter the shop. Cllr Pilkington would check to see what the plans for the fence are?

19/123.7 E V Charge points: A response from SWaT had been received stating they are aware of the application and we can have charge points on their land.

19/123.8 Road Bumps – The Green: The Clerk had sent an email to Highways which has been sent to Tracey Hyman who is Business Support - Economy & Community Infrastructure at SCC. No further update.

19/123.9 Exmoor Bike Park: No update

19/123.10 Frackford Bridge: Cllr Lamacraft would look at the bridge to see what work is involved.

19/123.11 Drain by Dunster Station: The Clerk had sent an email to Highways and received an automated response. No further update.

19/123.12 Councillor training: The Clerk had booked 4 places and Cllrs Ashton, Meakes, Dixon and Williams would be attending.

19/124 Accounts Report:

19/124.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

19/124.2 Current account expenditure analysis for October: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure analysis and to note the bank balance on 31st October 2019 was £11459.92

19/124.3 Bank reconciliation for October 2019: It was resolved to note that Cllr Challoner had signed the bank reconciliation for the month of October.

19/123.4 Buttercross and Riverside Walk balance: Cllr Lamacraft had sent updated account balances to the Clerk.

19/125 Planning

19/125.1 To consider the following planning applications:

ENP	6/10/19/113	Dunster Castle, Castle Hill, Dunster	Proposed conversion of existing underground store to form new toilet	It was resolved the Council had no objections with the exception of Cllr Williams
SWaT	3/10/19/006	The Pavilion, Lower Marsh, Dunster	Erection of detached garage (resubmission of 3/10/19/002)	It was resolved the Council had no objections

19/125.2 To note the following decisions:

ENP	6/10/19/111	Dunster Castle, Castle Hill Dunster	Proposed change of use to provide café to include the siting of a portakabin for use as cooking and preparation space to serve a proposed indoor seating and serving area within part of the stable building, for a temporary 12-month period. As per amended plans and additional information.	Granted
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It was resolved to note the planning decisions.

19/126 Correspondence:

19/126.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log.

19/126.2 Any other correspondence: The Chairman read out a letter received from AtWest and circulated the enclosed leaflets. Cllr Challoner read out a letter from a resident in Havel Close thanking Cllr Lawrence for fulfilling her election promise to provide a safe pavement and cycle path on Marsh Lane.

19/127 Dunster Steep Toilets: Most of the lights are not working. Cllr Challoner had received a quote from Sully's for £630 plus VAT as they need rewiring. It was resolved to get 2 more quotes.

Cllr Finney reported he had spoken to Anne Way from the Luttrell Arms regarding contributions towards the toilets. She was in agreement that they need to remain open to enable buses to continue to come into the village. She would be sending in a contribution.

19/127.1 Sponsorship notice board: Cllr Challoner had collected the board from the printers and would put it up with the help of Cllr Vicary in the next few days.

19/128 Allotments:

19/128.1 Statutory Declaration: The Clerk had received from the solicitor information relating to the Statutory Declaration from Mrs Taylor which is not transferable to her. It was resolved the Clerk would contact Mrs Taylor and talk her through the situation.

19/128.2 Land Registry for allotments and cemetery's: It was resolved to register the lane and the allotments.

19/129 Hanging Baskets: This was deferred until the December meeting.

19/130 Dunster Marsh Street Closure: This item was covered under 19/116.

19/131 Items on Report: The lights are not working on the new pathway at Dunster Marsh but due to be repaired on November 24th.

19/132 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 9th December 2019: There was none.

Meeting closed 9.25 p.m.

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