

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th January 2020 7.00pm
TITHE BARN, DUNSTER

Attendees

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

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: 1 member of public, Peter Pilkington (SWaT) and Marcus Kravis (SWaT)

Apologies

Councillors: C Dixon, C Ell

Other: Christine Lawrence (SCC) and Seamus Rogers

Robin White from the West Somerset Railway addressed the Council regarding the Minehead Rail Link to Taunton. He has been a volunteer at the railway for 41 years and wanted to put views from their side.

19/150 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

19/151 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

19/152 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2019: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

19/153 Public Participation: There was no participation from the public.

19/154 Report from West Somerset Councillor: The Local Plan has gone out to consultation on 13th January 2020. There is also a new economic strategy in place. There would be a consultation road show in Taunton Library on 18th January for climate change. SWaT is not keen to go through another transition to form a Unitary Council.

19/155 Report from Somerset County Councillor: There was no report.

19/156 Police report: During November and December in the Parish of Dunster there were 2 potential crimes and approximately 201 police calls in the whole of the Exmoor area, 23 of which were for the Parish of Dunster.

19/157 Any other reports: Cllr Finney attended the Dunster Area Panel meeting on 7th January. Most of the evening was spent talking about the Climate. The next meeting will be in April.

19/158 Matters arising:

19/158.1 Defibrillator training: The first session would be held at 10am on 29th February at Riverside Gardens.

19/158.2 Cobbles in Council Yard: No update.

19/158.3 Slabs outside Ashley Bishop Gallery: These have all been replaced.

19/158.4 Blocked gullies in West Street: No Update.

19/158.5 Blocked holes in kerbs on old A39: These have been cleared.

19/158.6 Fence outside retail unit: No update, Peter Pilkington would investigate this.

19/158.7 E V Charge points: Cllr Dibble was waiting for the 2nd quote.

19/158.8 Road Bumps – The Green: No update.

19/158.9 Frackford Bridge: Cllr Lamacraft had spoken to the officer at Exmoor National Park who informed him the bridge was listed and was originally built in 1750. A site meeting with the owner would take place shortly.

19/158.10 Ditch by Dunster Station: Both the Clerk and Cllr Vicary had spoken to West Somerset Railway and they stated they would clear it sometime in the new year.

19/159 Accounts Report:

19/159.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.
 19/159.2 Current account expenditure analysis for December: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure analysis and to note the bank balance on 31st December 2019 was £9550.73

19/159.3 Bank reconciliation for December 2019: It was resolved to note that Cllr Challoner had signed the bank reconciliation for the month of December.

19/159.4 Buttercross and Riverside Walk balance: Cllr Lamacraft had sent updated account balances to the Clerk.

19/160 Planning

19/160.1 To consider the following planning applications:

SWAT	3/10/19/007	The Pavilion, Lower Marsh, Dunster	Replacement of the bay and lantern windows and replacement of a window with a door	It was resolved the council had no objections
SWAT	3/10/19/008	37 Conygar View, Dunster	Conversion of double garage into one dwelling	It was resolved the council had no objections
ENP	6/10/19/115LB	Dunster Castle, Dunster Hill, Dunster	AMENDED PLANS – LB Consent for proposed repairs of walls and windows	It was resolved the council had no objections

19/160.2 To note the following decisions:

ENP	6/10/19/114	Land at Dunstercombe, Ellicombe	Proposed use of land for rugby, together with the erection of two goal posts (Renewal of planning permission 6/10/07/140)	Conditional Approval
ENP	6/10/19/112	The Barns, Ellicombe Lane, Alcombe	Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed replacement of rear conservatory	Approved

It was resolved to note the planning decisions.

19/161 Correspondence:

19/161.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log.
 19/161.2 Any other correspondence: Request for donation for CLOWNS: It was resolved to send them £100.00

19/162 Dunster Steep Toilets: The Sani-flow has broken again. Business letters for donations to be sent out again for payment in April.

19/162.1 Cleaning costs: It was resolved to write to the cleaner and ask her to defer the costs until 1st April. Also, as a Parish Council she has not given us enough notice to go out to tender and the increase is much higher than inflation.

19/163 Allotments:

19/163.1 Land Registry for allotments and cemetery: It was resolved to land register the allotments but not the cemetery.

19/163.2 Legal agreement with Carol Taylor: It was resolved to draw up our own agreement.

19/164 Verges coming into Dunster: It was resolved to ask Minehead Town Council for a quote to go with the 2 already received.

19/165 Climate Group: It was resolved Cllrs Finney, Meakes and Williams would form the group.

19/166 Add Councillor Dixon onto Committees: It was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

19/167 Dates/times of 2020 Parish Council Meetings: It was resolved to continue to hold the meetings on the 2nd Monday of every month at 7pm all year round.

19/168 Items on Report: Drains are blocked by Haven Close causing flooding during heavy rain.

19/169 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 10th February 2020: There were none

Meeting closed 9.00 p.m.

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