

# DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 7.00pm  
TITHE BARN, DUNSTER

## Attendees

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

**Clerk:** Mrs Sarah Towells

**Other:** 1 member of public,

## Apologies

**Councillors:** G Lamacraft, S Ashton and G Dibble

**Other:** Christine Lawrence (SCC), Peter Pilkington (SWaT) and Marcus Kravis (SWaT)

Hazel Bater and the Head Teacher from Dunster First School addressed the council regarding the new entrance to the school.

**19/170 To note apologies for absence:** As noted above.

**19/171 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations:** There were none.

**19/172 Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020:** It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

**19/173 Public Participation:** There was no participation from the public.

**19/174 Report from West Somerset Councillor:** There was no report.

**19/175 Report from Somerset County Councillor:** There was no report.

**19/176 Police report:** There was no report.

**19/177 Any other reports:** There were no other reports.

## **19/178 Matters arising:**

19/178.1 Defibrillator training: The first session would be held at 10am on 29<sup>th</sup> February at Riverside Gardens.

19/178.2 Cobbles in Council Yard: No update.

19/178.3 Blocked gullies in West Street: The top one by the disabled parking bay is still blocked.

19/178.4 Fence outside retail unit: This would be replaced like for like due to health and safety reasons.

19/178.5 E V Charge points: No update.

19/178.6 Road Bumps – The Green: No update.

19/178.7 Frackford Bridge: No update

19/178.8 Ditch by Dunster Station: It was reported water is now flowing slowly but more work is required.

Cllr Vicary would contact West Somerset Railway again.

19/178.9 Drains blocked by Haven Close: No update.

## **19/179 Accounts Report:**

19/179.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

19/179.2 Current account expenditure analysis for January: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure and income analysis and to note the bank balance on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 was £8837.42

19/179.3 Bank reconciliation for January 2020: It was resolved to note that Cllr Challoner had signed the bank reconciliation for the month of January.

19/179.4 Buttercross and Riverside Walk balance: There were no updated accounts.

19/179.5 NS&L Balance: The Clerk reported the account had received interest of £187.45

## **19/180 Planning**

19/180.1 To consider the following planning applications:

ENP	6/10/20/101	Rohan Country Stores, Dunster	Proposed replacement of shop entrance doors	<b>It was resolved the council had no objections</b>
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19/180.2 To note the following decisions:

SWaT	3/10/19/008	37 Conygar View, Dunster	Conversion of double garage into 1 dwelling	<b>Refused</b>
SWaT	3/10/19/007	The pavilion, Lower Marsh Dunster	Replacement of the bay lantern windows and replacement of a window with a door	<b>Granted</b>

It was resolved to note the planning decisions.

**19/181 Correspondence:**

19/181.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log.

19/181.2 Any other correspondence: Letter from Mr Ellis: It was resolved to write to thank Mr Ellis for sending the samples to the RHS.

Email from National Trust regarding advertising on Bus Shelters: It was resolved to contact them for more information regarding how the advertising would look and the amount they were willing to pay.

Email from Exmoor Society: It was resolved to pay £20 to join the society for one year.

**19/182 Dunster Steep Toilets:**

19/182.1 Cleaning costs: It was resolved to note the existing cleaning company would increase their daily charge from £15.75 to £17.00 from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020.

19/182.2 Sani-flow: A letter had been received from G A Sully & Sons to say it has been repaired and no cost to us.

19/182.3 Water and Electricity Charges: It was resolved to change over to Everflow for the water and Opus for the electricity due to cheaper costs.

19/182.4 Donations from Business's: The Clerk reported letters had gone out and had received 2 donations to date.

**19/183 Allotments:**

19/183.1 Land Registry for allotments and cemetery: The Clerk had received an email from Thorne Segar to Say they thought the deeds were being held by Risdon Hosegood in Williton. The Clerk had contacted Risdon Hosegood to ask but had received no reply to date.

19/183.2 Potholes: It was resolved to go with the quote from CJ Lynch as no other companies had been able to supply a quote.

19/183.3 Deer fence around the cemetery: It was resolved to award the contact to G A Sully & Sons Ltd as no other quotes had been received.

**19/184 Verges coming into Dunster:** It was resolved to defer this until the next meeting when a decision from Minehead Town Council will have been received.

**19/185 Add Councillor Dixon onto Committees:** It was resolved Cllr Dixon would join the Finance committee and the Packhorse Playing Field group.

**19/186 Dunster Marsh Playing Field Fencing:** It was resolved to check if the Parish Council pay rent for this playing field, otherwise the Council would be unable to facilitate the monies involved with the new fence.

**19/187 Items on Report:** Manhole covers are raised in Mill Lane.

Potholes at the bottom of Dunster Steep going towards Minehead.

The Gully needs flushing out on St Georges Street

Cllr Vicary reported he had spoken to Julie Lynch about cleaning the cobbled pavements in the village. She suggested getting a working party to do this, but she would arrange for the rubbish to be collected.

Post in one of the allotments is rotted.

Lots of rubbish from the cemetery being thrown into the neighbour's garden.

**19/188 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020:** Take plans of Mill Lane Tea Rooms to look at. Cllr I-pads. Climate Group. Data protection Policies.

Meeting closed 8.40 p.m.

Signed ..... Date.....