

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th March 2020 7.00pm
TITHE BARN, DUNSTER

Attendees

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

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: 2 members of public, Cllr Christine Lawrence (SCC)

Apologies

Councillors: C Dixon & J Meakes

Other: Hazel Bater, Peter Pilkington (SWaT) and Marcus Kravis (SWaT)

19/189 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

19/190 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

19/191 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2020: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

19/192 Public Participation: There was no participation from the public.

19/193 Report from West Somerset Councillor: There was no report.

19/194 Report from Somerset County Councillor: Cllr Lawrence thanked everyone for all their good wishes for her husband and gave a vote of thanks to the NHS for doing such a lovely job. No update from Steve Deakin regarding the parking review but he has been off sick. New Schools, investment in roads, a boost to local jobs and a dramatically improved financial outlook on a year ago have been outlined by SCC.

19/195 Police report: PCSO Linda Brookes apologised for no report.

19/196 Report from Climate Change meeting at SWaT: The meeting was very informative and there is now a facility at Minehead Recycling Centre on Mart Road where waste is used to produce energy.

19/197 Any other reports: There were no other reports.

19/198 Matters arising:

19/198.1 Defibrillator training: There was a good attendance and it went well.

19/198.2 Cobbles in Council Yard: No update.

19/198.3 Blocked gullies in West Street: The top one by the disabled parking bay is still blocked. The Clerk would report this again to Highways.

19/198.4 E V Charge points: Plug'N'Go seem to be the best option and there is no risk to the Parish Council. Some one from the company will attend the next meeting.

19/198.5 Road Bumps – The Green: No update.

19/198.6 Frackford Bridge: No update

19/198.7 Ditch by Dunster Station: This has now been cleared.

19/198.8 Drains blocked by Haven Close: Not yet been cleared the Clerk will report again to Highways.

19/198.9 Playing Field Fencing: No planning permission is required.

19/198.10 Manhole covers in Mill Lane: The Clerk had received a job number from Wessex water but no update.

19/198.11 Gully on St Georges Street: This still needs clearing. The Clerk would report this again to Highways.

19/198.12 Mill Lane Tea Room Plans: It was resolved to note the building had been covered in White plastic and scaffolding to protect it.

19/199 Accounts Report:

19/199.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

19/199.2 Current account expenditure analysis for February: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure and income analysis and to note the bank balance on 28th February 2020 was £7580.16

19/199.3 Bank reconciliation for February 2020: It was resolved to note that Cllr Challoner had signed the bank reconciliation for the month of February.

19/199.4 Buttercross and Riverside Walk balance: Cllr Lamacraft had sent updated accounts to the Clerk.

19/199.5 New Internal Audit prices: it was resolved to note the new audit charges.

19/199.6 Draft Minutes from Finance meeting held on 20th February 2020 and to agree recommendations regarding grant applications: It was resolved to note the minutes and further resolved to pay the following amounts out in S137 grants.

Memorial Hall £300.00

Tithe Barn £500.00

Doll's Museum £200.00

Marsh Playing Field £300.00

Packhorse playing field £300.00

Parish Magazine £150.00

It was resolved to give an extra £200.00 to Tithe Barn before the end of this financial year.

19/200 Planning

19/200.1 To consider the following planning applications:

ENP	6/10/20/103	Dunster First School	Proposed variation of condition 2 of approved application 6/10/19/107 to allow changes to position and design of new shed together with design and layout of the rear entrance	It was resolved to support the application.
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19/200.2 To note the following decisions:

ENP	WTCA 20/04	Priory Court, Flat 3, priory Green, Dunster	T1: Ash – re-pollard to previous points. T3: Oak reduce by 3m. T4: Macrocarpa reduce by 2m. T7: Silver Birch reduce by 3m. T8 Ash Remove. T9 Holly: crown raise roadside to 5.5m. T10 Cypress Remove.	Approved
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It was resolved to note the planning decisions.

19/201 Correspondence:

19/201.1 To note the correspondence log: It was resolved to note the correspondence log.

19/201.2 Any other correspondence: Update from Hazel Bater regarding school ramp - It was resolved the Parish Council would supply 3 to 4 posts at a cost of no more than £100.00 each but Somerset County Council must maintain and repair these posts.

It was resolved the Parish Council were happy for fish to be introduced into the River Avill.

19/202 Dunster Steep Toilets:

19/202.1 Donations from Business's: It was resolved to note that the following businesses had donated to date – Clover Cottage, Not Too Deer, Tessa's Tearooms, Jacobs of Dunster and the Luttrell Arms. A reminder would go into the parish magazine.

19/203 Allotments:

19/203.1 Land Registry for allotments: It was resolved to check at Somerset heritage to see if the deeds were there.

19/203.2 Potholes - update: This was now complete.

19/203.3 Deer fence around the cemetery - update: This was now complete.

19/203.4 Hedges- to consider quotes: The quotes were discussed, and it was resolved to award the job to Greenways at a cost of £850.00 including VAT

19/204 Verges coming into Dunster: The quotes were discussed, and it was resolved to award the job to MSMG Services. The first cut should be done at the beginning of May and the last one prior to Dunster by candlelight. A third cut may be required in August.

19/205 Policies:

19/205.1 To adopt Data protection policy: It was resolved to adopt the policy.

19/206 Climate Group: The group are fact finding at the moment.

19/207 parish Assembly: The date for the Parish assembly would be Wednesday 22nd April at 7pm in Dunster Tithe Barn.

19/208 V E Day: The Museum May hold an event. Cllr Williams would speak to other businesses to maybe come up with an idea to mark the event.

19/209 Rubbish at Sports Pavilion: It was reported to the Chairman that both the Cricket club and football clubs take all their rubbish away.

19/210 Items on Report: Ann Whey from the Luttrell Arms had heard the owner of the Yarn market Hotel had 6 passes for free parking which she believes is not open to anyone else. This question would be put to Peter Pilkington.

- Trees branches have been coming off the trees on Dunster steep.
- The college farm unit should be returned to a greenfield site once the college did not require it anymore.
- There is a hole in the road outside 1, 2 and 3 West Close.
- Tiles on the Yarn market have been replaced.
- Cllr Challoner would respond to the ARE Survey.
- The time for parish Council meeting is showing incorrect in the Parish magazine.

19/211 Matters for the next meeting to be held on 13th April 2020: Quotes for cemetery contract.

Meeting closed 8.45 p.m.

Signed Date.....