

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23rd March 2020
11.00am
VILLAGE HALL, DUNSTER

Attendees

Councillors: D Challoner (Chair), G Dibble, S Ashton, T Williams, C Dixon and J Meakes

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: None

Apologies

Councillors: A Vicary, P Finney, C Ell, C Oliver and G Lamacraft

Other:

The meeting took place outside the village hall with everyone present standing at least 2 meters apart.

19/212 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

19/213 Covid 19 – to agree Business Continuity Motion

After a proposal by Cllr Dibble and seconded by Cllr Ashton it was unanimously resolved to adopt the following Business Continuity Motion:

In light of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic and government advice, Dunster Parish Council resolves that:

(a) Should the council be unable to meet for whatever reason, the Clerk be given delegated authority to progress all ongoing matters and projects and authorise all regular payments and incur expenditure in line with the council's agreed budget.

(b) Any decisions taken under resolution (a) above will be taken, whenever possible, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman. A record of all decisions and expenditure incurred under delegated authority will be kept and reported to members when the council next meets.

(c) The authority to decide the council's response to planning applications be delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman of the Planning Committee and Chairman and Vice Chairman of council. Whenever possible, members of the Planning Committee will be informed of applications out for consultation and will be invited to submit comments to the Clerk.

(d) The provisions outlined in resolutions (a-c) above will override any requirements to the contrary in the council's standing orders, financial regulations or terms of reference.

(e) In line with government advice, staff will be encouraged to work from home.

(f) Should the Clerk be unable to perform her duties, Councillor D Challoner will assume the role of Proper Officer and RFO in an unpaid capacity.

(g) The Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, may incur expenditure from the project earmarked reserve where such expenditure will help the community's efforts to support those in need of assistance or prevent social isolation.

(h) Should government allow councils to meet virtually (online), the council will take all reasonable steps to facilitate this.

Meeting closed 11.01 a.m.

Signed Date.....