

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th August
2020 6.00pm

Attendees

Councillors: D Challoner (Chair), C Oliver, G Dibble, S Ashton, J Meakes and P Finney

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Lisa Redston (SWaT), Marcus Kravis, Jeni Fender, Craig Dixon, Steve Murray, Andy Rice, Martin Clarke and David Oxendale

Apologies

Councillors: A Vicary, C Ell, T Williams and G Lamacraft

Other: P Pilkington

20/15 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

20/15 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

20/16 Planning

To consider the following planning application:

ENP	6/10/20/110LB	Park Gate Cottage, 28 Park Street, Dunster	Listed Building consent for the installation of a wood burner	It was resolved the Council had no objections to this application
-----	---------------	--------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------

20/17 To discuss how to kick start the economy of Dunster with the potential £25K funding from SWaT: Lisa Redston who is the Economic Development Operational Manager from SWaT gave some information about the grant. Dunster has been awarded a grant of £25,000 to support the Village Centre and surrounding area. A grant fund agreement would have to be entered into with monitoring reports sent to SWaT every 8 weeks. A working group could be set up around this fund to carry out the groundwork. An indicative plan would need to be submitted by 4th September and initial interventions should be seen this side of Christmas and as soon as 4-8 weeks after receiving the grant, however some funds could be held back for up to a year.

Several ideas for ways to spend the money were discussed: to include

- Purchase of 8-10 gazebos
- New responsive and optimised website with free business listings for all traders
- Winter marketing package to (November–Easter) with profiled digital media targeted advertising inline with accommodation providers.
- New accommodation website with profit share on bookings. (Possible part grant funded via ENP)
- Church Street decorative lighting, Christmas trees and lights, or lights from poles on High Street and West Street.
- On Street seating and planting to improve the public realm and provide socially distanced, outdoor seating for catering businesses in the village
- Online shop for all Dunster traders on website
- Dunster Jute Bags which aligns with environmental (plastic free) credentials.
- Alignment with SCC Highways: Bicycle Rack and eBike Charging point and Communal seating areas on High Street and at key 'viewpoints' throughout the village
- Optimised/ tactical free parking - Free parking with purchase at selected businesses, refundable via a regular submission process. (Short stay only –not overnight charges)
- Education programme to ensure High Street parking is ultra-short term, ensuring essential traders benefit from local support.

It was resolved the Parish Council would enter into an agreement with SWaT to receive and manage the grant. It was further resolved Sue Ashton, Steve Murray and Peter Finney would be the Working group known as Dunster Village Recovery Group. Martin Clarke, David Oxendale, Jeni Fender and Andy Rice would be a consultancy group for both the Parish Council and the working group. Terms of conditions for the groups would be drawn up and agreed by The Parish Council.

Marcus Kravis stated that a further small pot of money (up to £5000) would be coming soon for community groups to apply for.

Meeting closed 7.40 p.m.

Signed Date.....