

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12th October 2020 6.45pm
In Dunster Tithe Barn

Attendees

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

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Sarah Ellwood, Christine Lawrence (SCC) and David Oxendale

Apologies

Councillors: C Oliver and J Meakes

Other: P Pilkington (SWaT) and Marcus Kravis (SWaT)

Sarah Ellwood put initial ideas of a cycle path on Sea Lane. From Dunster Beach to the level crossing is being considered.

20/25 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

20/26 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

20/27 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th August for approval: It was resolved to approve the minutes.

20/28 Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Virtual Meeting held on 18th August 2020 for approval: It was resolved to approve the minutes.

20/29 Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Meeting held on 1st September 2020 for approval: It was resolved to approve the minutes.

20/30 Accounts

20/30.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

20/30.2 Current account expenditure analysis for August and September 2020: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure and income analysis and to note the bank balance on 30th September 2020 was £47,766.14. These were signed by Cllr Finney.

20/30.3 Bank reconciliation for August and September 2020: It was resolved to note that Cllr Finney had signed the bank reconciliation for the months of August and September.

20/30.4 Buttercross Orchard and Riverside Walk balance: Cllr Lamacraft had sent updated accounts to the Clerk.

20/30.5 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the budget monitoring which was signed by Cllr Finney.

20/30.6 PAYE figures for August and September: These were checked and signed by Cllr Dibble.

20/30.7 Electricity contract for the toilets: The Clerk had got 3 quotes as the present contract had expired. It was resolved to stay with the present contractor, SSE as they had provided a good service and were the cheapest.

20/31 Planning

20/31.1 To consider the following planning applications:

ENP	6/10/20/111	DUNSTER CASTLE, DUNSTER, MINEHEAD, TA24 6SL	Proposed retention of Portakabin approved under planning permission ref. 6/10/19/111, which is otherwise required to be removed by 1st November	It was resolved the Council had No Objections to this application.
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			2020, to extend the period for the siting and use of the Portakabin until 30 September 2021. (An extension to the consent for change of use of the Stable Block for indoor seating is not required).	
ENP	6/10/20/112	Wolverton Cottage, 2, Park Street, Dunster, TA24 6SR	Proposed creation of parking area to create 3 no. spaces together with associated works.	It was resolved the Council had no objections to this application, with a vote of 6 for and 1 against.

20/32 To update Financial Regulations: It was resolved to adopt the updated version of the financial regulations.

20/33 Annual Review of risk management arrangements during 2020/21: It was resolved to note the updated register which enables appropriate steps to be taken to manage the risks identified.

20/34 Quotes for verge trimming and hedge at allotment: The quotes received were discussed and it was resolved to give the job of verge trimming to Cotterell's Garden Care and the hedge trimming at the allotment to G A Sully.

20/35 One Somerset Business Plan: It was resolved to note the letters from Mr Fothergill. Cllr Lawrence said the SCC full business plan should be done by 7th November.

20/36 Toilets: Several complaints had been received about the state of the toilets. It was resolved Cllr Challoner would be a specification together to get the toilets updated and decorated to include repairs to guttering, new toilet roll holders, replace soap dispensers, paint doors and donation pots.

20/37 £1m Climate Emergency Community Fund: Cllr Challoner would put a bid in for solar panels on the toilet block. Other ideas such as segregated bins in the car parks for recycling and play equipment were also discussed.

20/38 Correspondence:

20/38.1 Wildlife Trust: it was resolved to note the letter received from the wildlife trust regarding the planning white paper.

20/38.2 Request for kerbs in cemetery on Fred Dyson's Grave: It was resolved, as before, no kerbs would be permitted in the cemetery.

20/38.3 SALC – Planning white paper consultation: It was resolved to support SALC's response regarding the planning white paper.

20/38.4 Resignation from Susan Ashton: It was resolved to note Sue Ashtons resignation from the Council but she had agreed to stay on the Dunster Recovery working Group.

20/38.5 Letter from Peter Taylor regarding Sea Lane: It was resolved there was nothing the Parish Council could do and this was a matter for highways.

20/38.6 Letter from NS&L regarding interest rates: it was resolved to note the new rates of interest.

20/38.7 Letter from Wendy Brown regarding entrance to Dunster Beach: It was resolved the Parish Council would not ask for double yellow lines.

20/38.8 Email from Young Somerset Youth Provision: It was resolved to let them know there are lots more children down Dunster Marsh so they would be better placed there.

20/38.9 Request from Paula Herron regarding insurance on Christmas tree in village: It was resolved to insure the Christmas tree for the entire period.

20/39 Electric Charge Points – Update: Cllr Dibble reported he had now re opened negotiations and hoped to have more details for the next meeting.

20/40 Dunster Recovery Working Group: David Oxendale left the meeting prior to this item being discussed. Cllr Finney talked the group through the recommendations from the group. It was resolved to award the Website contract to Radius Web Design. Digital Media Promotion contract was awarded to Group 365. Christmas trees to be ordered from Christmas Tree World with the battery-operated lights being ordered from Amazon along with battery chargers and rechargeable batteries. The contract for new signage went to Mark Curtis and the content writing for the website went to Lucy Green. Camsecure were awarded the contract for the webcam in the High Street. It was further resolved the above would all be given a job number by the Clerk once the money had been received from SWaT and was in the Councils bank account to enable payment to all the above.

20/40.1 To note minutes from Working group meeting: It was resolved to note the minutes.

20/40.2 To add Tessa Williams to the group: It was resolved Tessa Williams would be the 2nd Parish Councillor on the group. SwaT had also requested the terms of reference be updated to include a district councillor. It was unanimously resolved to update the terms of reference.

20/41 Playing Field: It was reported the football club had reformed and was in receipt of a grant to buy equipment. The following report was received from Chris Oliver regarding the cricket club:

Dunster Village Cricket Club has for the last 3 years struggled to find enough players.

The season usually starts well but other commitments mean that the number of people available diminishes.

The advent of covid this year has not improved the situation, it is not the cause but added to a decline in availability of people to play.

Season 2021 is already presenting problems. The club knows that 4 key players for various reasons are going to be unavailable. The club only has a nucleus of 12 players, so it is not rocket science to see that the remaining 8 players are going to struggle. For those who do not play cricket eleven players are needed to make a team.

Other club members have rethought their commitments and other changes are going to take place further changing the structure of the club.

The post season meeting of club players held on 13th September looked at various proposals and reached NO final conclusion.

Proposals included: -

Total disbandment.

Withdrawal from league games, continue to play friendly games depending on player availability.

Look at other options that would allow DVCC to continue but without the worry and commitment of club and field maintenance.

The decision they did reach was to take away the suggestions and meet again for the AGM when a final decision would be agreed.

If anyone would like to read the minutes from the meeting which explains the suggestions in full please let me know I will forward them to you.

20/42 Archiving of minutes: It was resolved to note the minutes and any other information would be stored in the Tithe Barn.

20/43 Coronavirus Grant from SWaT: It was resolved some of the money should go towards sprucing up the public toilets, both play parks and timber treatment in the Dunster Memorial Hall/

20/44 SPFA report: Dunster Marsh Playing Field have 3 immediate actions to remove the risks. Cllr Finney would look into these. Dunster Packhorse playing field requires £2268 to repair equipment. It was resolved to pay this money out of the Coronavirus grant.

20/45 River Avill Project: Cllr Challoner and Vicary had a site meeting so fish passages should be done by the end of October.

20/46 Items to Report:

Traffic queuing on the A39 before 10am causing traffic jams, due to National Trust not opening the gate to Dunster Castle before 10am.

Trees on the steep require trimming.

5 Mill Lane have lots of building going on in the garden.

Another caravan is parked on the old A39.

Weed spraying requires doing in the village.

20/47 Matters for the next meeting: There were none

Meeting closed 9.50 p.m.

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