

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON 08th March 2021 7.00pm

Attendees

Councillors: D Challoner (Chair), T Williams, G Dibble, C Oliver, G Lamacraft, P Herron and P Finney

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Christine Lawrence (SCC) and Marcus Kravis (SWaT)

Apologies

Councillors: None

Other: Peter Pilkington (SWaT)

20/99 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

20/100 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

20/101 Minutes of the Meeting held on 08th February 2021 for approval: It was resolved to approve the minutes. The Clerk would arrange with Cllr Challoner to get these signed.

20/102 Accounts

20/102.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

20/102.2 Current account expenditure analysis for February 2021: It was resolved to note the current account expenditure and income analysis and to note the bank balance on 28th February 2021 was £51471.46. These would be signed by Cllr Finney.

20/102.3 Bank reconciliation for February 2021: It was resolved Cllr Finney would sign the bank reconciliations.

20/102.4 Buttercross Orchard and Riverside Walk balance: Cllr Lamacraft had sent updated accounts to the Clerk.

20/102.5 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the budget monitoring which would be signed by Cllr Finney.

20/102.6 PAYE figures for March 2021: These were checked and would be signed by Cllr Dibble.

20/103 Planning:

20/103.1 To consider the following planning applications:

SWaT	3/10/21/001	Sewage Treatment works Dunster	Variation of condition 6 of application 3/10/20/002	It was resolved No Objections
SWaT	3/10/21/002	The Pavillion, The Old Manor, Lower Marsh Lane, Dunster, TA24 6PJ	Removal of oil tank and installation of air source heat pump in wooden shelter to the rear	It was resolved No Objections
ENP	WTCA 21/03	Land to the rear of Dunster National Park Centre, Dunster Steep, Dunster,	Works to Tree in Conservation Area: Young Ash T1 fell to ground level.	It was resolved No Objections
ENP	WTPO 21/01	1 THE BALL, DUNSTER, MINEHEAD, TA24 6SD	Works to Tree subject to Tree Preservation Order: T1- Yew tree. Reduction of partial canopy which is showing	It was resolved No Objections

			signs of poor form and dieback to be blended with existing lower canopy which is in good form. Reduction of height of canopy is 4m with a side reduction of >1m by selective thinning.	
ENP	6/10/21/108 6/10/21/109LB	30, HIGH STREET, DUNSTER, MINEHEAD, TA24 6SG	Proposed erection of a first-floor rear extension to provide shower room and stairwell for proposed bed and breakfast suite.	It was resolved No Objections
ENP	6/10/21/110	THE HAVEN, ELLCOMBE, MINEHEAD, TA24 6TR	Proposal: Proposed installation of new dormer window and the enlargement/alteration of three existing dormer windows, together with the re-roofing of the dwelling. Retrospective	It was resolved No Objections

20/104 Toilets: Update: Cllr Challoner confirmed 2 donation buckets had been purchased and would be fitted next week. A quote had been received for £650 for replacing and fitting the roof tiles. It was resolved further quotes would be sourced.

20/105 Maintenance contracts for 2021: It was resolved to award the contract to Cottrell Garden Care for the allotment hedge and the verges and remain with Paul Storey for the weed spraying.

20/106 Hanging Baskets – update: There was no update.

20/107 Correspondence: There was none to be resolved.

20/108 Electric Charge Points – Update: Cllr Dibble had submitted photos of the bays to peter Pilkington as requested.

20/109 Dunster Recovery Working Group: Cllr Finney reported that all business had been invited to submit one full page on the new website and there would be a page for chalets, lodges, and shepherds' huts.

20/109.1 To Discuss quotes for planters: The Dunster Recovery working group had drafted a letter including a monkey survey to go to every business in Dunster to ask if they approve or not of the seating and planters on the High Street. It was resolved this could be sent.

20/109.2 Discuss and agree contract for photography: Five photographers were invited to tender, it was resolved to award the contract to Dale Cherry.

20/110 Risk Register – updates: There were no updates.

20/111 Riverside Walk – resurfacing quotes: Cllr Challoner had forwarded two quotes onto the Clerk but was still waiting for the 3rd site meeting which he has been chasing for 6 weeks. It was resolved to award the contract to G A Sully & Sons at a cost of £2158.00.

20/112 Grit Bin at Hangers Way: The new bin had been delivered to Cllr Challoner and the salt had been delivered to the Clerk today. The Clerk would liaise with Cllr Challoner to get the bin and salt into the correct place.

20/113 Fence post between Hanger's way and Allotment: This had been replaced but it was brought to the Councils attention that a water main is directly below which was damaged during the post being fitted. Wessex water were called to repair the water main which would be covered by the contractor's insurance.

20/114 New posts at allotment: Cllr Challoner would chase this.

20/115 Report from Cllr Finney on coastal steam path: Cllr Finney attended a Zoom meeting to discuss the project to link Williton to Minehead. This would include Marsh Lane to Station Road to Sea Lane which is the link in Dunster. The road is narrow in places and would have passing places.

There are problems with cars parking outside Dunster Beach, but the group is working with Steve Pearson who is the Manager of the beach to come up with ideas to combat this. One idea is to come up with some form of free parking for locals for a limited time.

20/116 Report from Cllr Finney regarding Parish Online: Dunster Parish Council are now formally registered, and Cllr Finney is undergoing training.

20/117 Report from County Councillor: Cllr Lawrence gave a verbal report to include that 11th May was Somerset day and she gift a flag to the Council. Steve Deakin was still helping the NHS so no news on the parking review.

20/118 Report from District Councillor: Cllr Kravis gave a verbal report to include Stronger Somerset would be preferable to the One Somerset proposal for unitary council.

20/119 Dates of meetings for 2021: It was resolved to hold meetings on the 2nd Monday of every month going forward.

20/120 Items to Report: The Bremis Road Christmas tree will stay up all year round. The pathway past the Luttrell arms is quite dangerous as is Church Street and may be better if painted red.

20/121 Matters for the next meeting:

Meeting with business owners regarding seating and planters in the High Street.

Declare a climate emergency.

Parish News Sheet- replace Cllr Lamacraft.

Meeting closed 8.43 p.m.

Signed Date.....