

# DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD At DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON  
13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 7.00pm

## Attendees

**Councillors:** D Challoner (Chair), C Ell, C Oliver, A Vicary, G Dibble, J Meakes,  
and P Finney

**Clerk:** Mrs Sarah Towells

**Other:** Christine Lawrence (SCC), Steve Griffiths (SWaT) M Chilcott (SCC) and Sarah Ellwood

## Apologies

**Councillors:** T Williams, P Herron, K Sully and M Ellis

**Other:** M Kravis (SWaT)

Prior to the start of the meeting Sarah Ellwood informed the council of SCC improvement footpath and cycle scheme from Carhampton to Minehead. Phase 1 – Minehead College to Marsh Street. Phase 2 – Marsh Street to Dunster Steep. Phase 3 Dunster Steep to Carhampton. Widen the path up to 3 m.

**21/099 To note apologies for absence:** As noted above.

**21/100 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations:** There were none.

**21/101 Minutes of the Meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> August 2021 for approval:** It was resolved to approve the minutes.

## **21/102 Accounts**

21/102.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

21/102.2 Current account expenditure analysis for July and August 2021: It was resolved to note the income and expenditure for July and August.

21/102.3 Bank reconciliation for July and August 2021: It was resolved to note Cllr Finney had signed these.

21/102.4 Buttercross Orchard and Riverside Walk balance: The Clerk had received updated accounts and bank statements.

21/102.5 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to defer to the next meeting.

21/102.6 PAYE figures for July and August 2021: These were checked and signed by Cllr Dibble.

## **21/103 Planning:**

21/103.1 To consider the following planning application:

ENP	6/10/21/123	7 The Ball, Dunster	Proposed erection of a garden room (5m x4.5m)	<b>It was resolved No Objections</b>
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**21/104 Toilets:** All toilets are working OK, but some handles had been replaced. We have received £258.00 in donations in 9 weeks.

## **21/105 Correspondence:**

21/105.1 SALC – Views on elections – Dunster Parish Council are happy to run with SCC elections next year.

21/105.2 Parishioner: Letter regarding traffic calming – The Clerk would respond to say we are working on this presently.

**21/106 Dunster Recovery Working Group:** The group met last week and over 165,000 hits on the social media and over 250,000 connections to the website over 2 months. Having a meeting with SWaT on Wednesday and another group meeting in October. It was resolved to give the £500 to the village gardens and resolved to purchase brass plaques for every bench purchased by the grant.

**21/107 Risk Register – updates:** There were no updates.

**21/108 Report from County Councillor:** Cllr Lawrence gave a verbal report. Coronavirus infection rates in Somerset are amongst the highest in England.

Following the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government decision to support the move to a single unitary council across Somerset work has now commenced to refine transition and implementation programme. It is expected that statutory orders will be laid before Parliament in the late Autumn and a vesting date of the new authority as April 2023.

Rural business grants up to £5000 are now available in rural parts of Somerset.

**21/109 Report from District Councillor:** Cllr Griffiths gave a short verbal report to say SWP had restarted the green waste collections.

**21/110 Report from the police:** There was no report, but the newsletter sent was noted.

**21/111 20mph speed limit in Dunster:** Cllr Herron had sent his apologies with the following update - The speed readings would support a 20mph speed limit and the police's initial comments would also support this, so some good news. ENP will need to be consulted and the Parish Council.

**21/112 Cobbles in Village Gardens:** The Tithe Barn and village gardens would work together on this. It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda.

**21/113 Packhorse playing field:** There was no update from ENP. The clerk would write to ask to arrange a meeting.

**21/114 Better signage leaving West Street:** It was resolved to incorporate this item with traffic calming, so remove from the agenda.

**21/115 Asset Register:** It was resolved to defer this item to next month.

**21/116 Allotment hedges:** The hedge at West Close had been cut this week and looked very good apart from the mess under the hedge and out on the road. It was resolved the Clerk would contact the contractor.

**21/117 Riverside Walk:** it was resolved to use the £250 in the Riverside walk account and the council would pay a further £110 to complete the resurfacing of Riverside walk. Further discussions were had regarding a remembrance bench that had been supposedly vandalised along the walk. The Clerk would contact the person concerned to discuss further next month.

**21/118 New Post:** It was resolved to purchase a new sign at a cost of £25.00 on Riverside Walk.

**21/119 Items to Report:** The new post had not yet been fitted by SCC on the High Street. Cllr Vicary would contact Paul Keal to get this arranged.

After the burst water main on West Street all the drains are full of mud.

The no parking layby at Luttrell arms has now got an electric charge point so cars always parked there.

Cllr Oliver would contact Luttrell arms regarding Council Christmas Dinner. The chairman's allowance would now only cover the cost of wine with the meal.

Both defibs need new pads. Cllr Oliver would contact SW ambulance regarding these.

**21/120 Matters for the next meeting:** Bench along Riverside Walk Meeting closed 8.40 p.m.

Signed ..... Date.....