

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD At DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON
08th November 2021 7.00pm

Attendees

Councillors: D Challoner (Chair), C Oliver, A Vicary, K Sully, P Herron, T Williams, J Meakes, G Dibble, M Ellis and P Finney

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Christine Lawrence (SCC), M Kravis (SWaT), S Griffiths (SWaT)

Apologies

Councillors: C Ell

Other: None

21/143 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

21/144 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

21/145 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th October 2021 for approval: It was resolved to approve the minutes.

21/146 Accounts

21/146.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

21/146.2 Current account expenditure analysis for October 2021: It was resolved to note the income and expenditure for October and this was signed by Cllr Finney

21/146.3 Bank reconciliation for October 2021: It was resolved to note Cllr Finney had signed this.

21/146.4 Buttercross Orchard balance: The Clerk had received updated accounts. Going forward these will only be Buttercross orchard as the Riverside balance was transferred to pay for the resurfacing of Riverside walk.

21/146.5 Budget Monitoring: Discussions took place regarding the maintenance being nearly £6000 over budget. This was down to a new fence and gate for Dunster Marsh playing field, but the full amount had been covered by fundraising. This was signed by Cllr Finney.

21/146.6 PAYE figures for October 2021: These were checked and signed by Cllr Dibble

21/146.7 Report from Finance Group: The finance group recommended to Full Council to keep the budget the same other than increase clerk's wages and stationery by £200.00 and to also keep precept the same. It was resolved after a proposal from Cllr Sully and seconded by Cllr Oliver to accept the budget and keep the precept at £28,000.

21/147 Planning:

21/147.1 To consider the following planning application:

ENP	6/10/21/130LB and 6/10/21/129	Luttrell Arms Hotel High Street Dunster	Listed building consent for the proposed change of use and internal alteration of ground floor of hotel domestic area to form A Hair and beauty salon together with the retention of painted sign	It was resolved to make a comment that this is not the first time the hotel has applied retrospectively.
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21/148 Toilets: £92.00 in donations during October. It was resolved to get quotes to replace the four toilets in the gents.

21/149 Correspondence:

21/149.1 Allotment thefts; A plot holder had reported to the Clerk that some items had been removed from her plot and could she claim on our insurance. It was resolved to let her know that Cllr Sully was looking into this and no claim could be made on council insurance.

21/149.2 Community Garden Project: Cllr Williams and Sully would attend a meeting on Friday with Cllr Lawrence and report back at the next meeting. Concerns were made regarding its out of way location.

A Parishioner from Dunster marsh has requested the Council look a located a convenience store in the area. It was resolved to let them know that Dunster Deli deliver.

21/150 Dunster Recovery Working Group: The group met on 13th October. 293,796 views during June to October on the social media platform. The planters would be filled with winter plants and the Christmas trees would go up at the end of November. Leaflets had been ordered and the group would soon cease. It was resolved to look at ways forward. Dunster Parish Council would like to thank the recovery group for all their hard work over the past year.

21/151 Welcome Back Fund: The NT and ENP do not like the idea of the new bins. If the bins do not work out Cllr Finney would ask to spend the money on Solar Panels on the toilet block instead. Cllr Finney was in talks with Anthony Brunt about siting one of the bike racks outside the visitor centre.

21/152 Risk Register – updates: There were no updates.

21/153 Report from County Councillor: Coronavirus infection rates in Somerset continue to remain high. The helpline will remain open.

The first meeting between the County Council and the district councils was held last Friday to build up a union between the councils to move forward with the unitary. There would be 110 councillors in the new council.

21/154 Report from District Councillor: Both District councillors backed what Cllr Lawrence had reported and stressed that it was important to get your covid booster. It was also reported that the leader of the council had visited Dunster but was unable to get a signal in the car park to pay by mobile phone for parking.

21/155 20mph speed limit in Dunster: It was resolved to enter into a partnership with SCC regarding this. It was further resolved with three votes against to put £1500 into this project.

21/156 Packhorse playing field: Dunster Working Group had met and thought the repairs were needed and supported this. A letter had been sent to ENP requesting the funds.

21/157 Riverside Walk: The Clerk would contact M Sully to get a start date.

21/158 Christmas Dinner: It was resolved to note this was booked for 7th December at 7pm at Reeves.

21/159 Dunster working group: The group had met and would like to support the repairs at the Packhorse Playing Field. The group had written to ENP as they hold the funds to ask them to release the money.

21/160 High Street Posts: It was resolved Cllr Vicary would order two more to keep in stock.

21/161 Sea Lane Flooding: The Clerk had reported this to Highways but no response to date.

21/162 Trees by the underpass: The Clerk had reported the trees required trimming but no response to date.

21/163 Charge Points at Luttrell: It was resolved to write to planning as this is a breach of planning.

21/164 Charge points in Car Park: SWaT had informed us that Dunster should have charge points fitted in November. The question has been asked why Dunster has been removed from that phase.

21/165 Queens Jubilee 2022: Discussions took place regarding this event. It was thought that holding an event on Thursday 2nd June in the Tithe Barn would be a good starting point. Dunster Recovery Group and Cllr Dibble would take this idea forward. It was resolved to ask the Castle if they could light a beacon.

21/166 Hedge by doctors: The hedge by the doctors' surgery was growing out and causing vehicles to go into the middle of the road. It was resolved to report this to highways.

21/167 Stone Wall on cemetery side of allotment: It was resolved to get quotes from Nick Welsh, Peter Creech and G A Sully and Sons.

21/168 Items to Report: Loose cobble by the Deli
Lots of fly tipping on the new estate at Dunster Marsh.
Cllr Finney reported he had a meeting with the National Trust on 29th October trying to forge a better relationship.
Bins blocking pavement outside 37 West Street.
Planning permission stated the temporary marquee at the castle should have been removed by end of September, but it is still in place.
Luttrell arms piano – Luttrell arms wish to remove piano which has stood in the lounge bar for many years and they are happy to give it away.
Domestic Homicide Review Email: It seems unlikely that Angela's situation could have been predicted. However, if this group can save one life in the future, perhaps a councillor who knew Angela well should arrange a meeting.

21/169 Matters for the next meeting: There were none

Meeting closed 8.50 p.m.

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