

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD At DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON
11th April 2022 7.00pm

Attendees

Councillors: Doug Challoner (Chair), Christine Oliver, Alan Vicary, Kevin Sully, Carol Ell, Geoff Dibble, Jackie Meakes, Tessa Williams and Peter Finney

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Christine Lawrence (SCC)

Apologies

Councillors: Mike Ellis

Other: None

21/293 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

21/294 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

21/295 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th March 2022 for approval: It was resolved to approve the minutes.

21/296 Accounts

21/296.1 Approval of expenditure: It was resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

21/296.2 Current account expenditure analysis for March 2022: It was resolved to note the income and expenditure for March, and this was signed by Cllr Finney.

21/296.3 Bank reconciliation for March 2022: It was resolved Cllr Finney could sign the bank reconciliation for March.

21/296.4 Buttercross Orchard balance: The Clerk had received updated accounts and bank statements.

21/296.5 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the budget monitoring. This would be signed by Cllr Finney.

21/296.6 PAYE figures for March 2022: These were checked and signed by Cllr Dibble.

21/297 Planning:

21/297.1 To consider the following planning applications:

ENP	WTCA 22/07	Works to Trees in Conservation Area at Dunster First School, 13 St Georges Street, Dunster, TA24 6RX	It was resolved to note there were no objections
ENP	6/10/22/104LB	Listed building consent for the removal of internal lobby and associated works at Castle Coffee House, 4 High Street, Dunster, TA24 6SG	It was resolved to note there were no objections.
ENP	6/10/22/105 and 6/10/22/106	Proposed first floor garden room extension to existing flat using part of the balcony area at 2 West Street, Dunster, TA24 6SN	It was resolved to note there were no objections.
ENP	6/10/22/107LB	Listed Building Consent for the proposed replacement of the roof covering to the front and rear roof slopes and associated repairs including repointing chimney stack at 3 Castle Hill, Dunster, TA24 6SQ	It was resolved to note there were no objections.
ENP	6/10/22/108LB	Listed Building Consent for proposed internal alterations at Bona Lattie, 6 High Street, Dunster, TA24 6SG	It was resolved to note there were no objections.

ENP	6/10/22/109LB	Listed building consent for the proposed replacement of clay tiles to all roof slopes with new clay tiles at 7 Castle Hill, Dunster, TA24 6SJ	It was resolved to note there were no objections.
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21/298 Toilets: £45.00 was in the donation boxes for March. Work started on the toilets but was halted due to the wrong size toilets. Work should commence again mid-April.

21/299 Correspondence:

21/299.1 Email about Village clock not working correctly: It was resolved to note the clock had been repaired earlier today.

21/299.2 Email regarding covid signs: It was resolved to note these are not the responsibility of the Parish Council as SWaT organised them at the beginning of the pandemic, but the Parish Council thought it was a good idea to keep them out due to the increasing number of infections.

21/300 Dunster Recovery Working Group: It was resolved to note a further £5000 funding had been awarded to continue the work already started. This must be spent by 31st March 2023. It was further resolved the group should reform under the title of Dunster Recovery Group to continue the work up to 31st March 2023.

21/301 Welcome Back Fund: Flags and bunting had arrived today. Five new bins are on order and should be installed by June.

21/302 Risk Register – Update: There were no updates.

21/303 Report from County Councillor: There was no report due to the May elections, but Councillor Lawrence stated that Covid is still very much with us and urged everyone to have their 2nd Booster.

21/304 Report from District Councillor: There was no report.

21/305 20mph speed limit in Dunster: There was no update. It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda.

21/306 Dunster Working Group: There was no update. Both Cllr Oliver and County Councillor Lawrence would chase to get the agreement signed.

21/307 Packhorse Playing Field: No date to start the work had been received.

21/308 Sea Lane Flooding: No update. The Clerk would chase again.

21/309 Trees by the underpass: No update and it was resolved to remove this from the agenda.

21/310 Queens Jubilee 2022: A committee meeting is being held on 12th April. The Jubilee Celebration event would start at 2pm until dusk.

21/311 Stone Wall on cemetery side of allotment: Work not yet started.

21/312 Steps at top of West Close: MAGNA reported they do not own the steps. Cllr Sully stated the land was originally gardens which were removed to create a car park when West Somerset Council built the bungalows. It was resolved to contact the District Council to enquire about ownership of the steps.

21/313 Ash Tree behind pavilion: There was no update. The Clerk would contact Philip Farmer for a date.

21/314 Cemetery: It was noted the stoney soil had not yet been removed by the grave digger. It was resolved the clerk would contact Hedley Price to request this be done ASAP. The cemetery committee would meet at the site of the new cemetery later this week. 2.5 by 8ft is required for each grave.

21/315 Contracts for verge and hedge cutting and weed spraying: It was resolved to award the weed spraying contract to Paul Storey and the hedges and verges would be awarded to G A Sully & Sons Ltd.

21/316 Caravans on old A39: There was no update.

21/317 Leaking Leet: There was no update. Cllr Challoner would investigate this.

21/318 Dunster Marsh Street Lights: The lights are still on all day and night. The clerk would contact the lighting team to request repair again.

21/319 Notice boards in West Street and Allotments: It was resolved to accept Mt Ell's quote of £160 to repair the West Street Notice Board. Cllrs Challoner and Sully would meet Mr Ell at the allotments to discuss the allotment notice board.

21/320 Sports Field fence blown down: It was resolved to contact Dunster Estate again to request repair.

21/321 Hedge at Sea Lane: The Clerk had reported this to Highways, but no response received.

21/322 Bus Consultation – Update: Services will be maintained until October 2022.

21/323 Broken Fence post at Dunster Steep: The Clerk had contacted the District Council and they would arrange repair.

21/324 West Somerset Flood Group: It was resolved to pay £5.00 towards the upkeep of the website.

21/325 Dunster memorial Hall ATM: Cllr Challoner reported the ATM would be removed and covered with a plate. The Trustees of the Memorial Hall may replace this with a window which was originally in that position.

21/326 Items to Report: Post missing by the first thatched cottage past the school.
The bottom Flat at the top of Mill Lane is using the Highway for bird tables and other items.
More traffic in West Close since the school have created a new entrance.
A step outside 6 High Street is split in two.
Parish Assembly 25th April.

21/327 Matters for the next meeting:
Grant for Orchard committee
Cycle Path

Meeting closed 8.35 p.m.

Signed Date.....