

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD At DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON
14th February 2022 7.00pm

Attendees

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

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells (absent – minutes taken by Cllr Challoner)

Other: Andy Rice, Martin Clarke (Dunster Recovery Group)

Apologies

Councillors: Phil Herron, Jackie Meakes and Tessa Williams

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

Peter Finney from The Dunster Recovery Working Group addressed the Council regarding the future of the Group now the District Council's Grant has been administered and had drawn to a close.

21/228 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

21/229 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

21/230 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2022 for approval: It was resolved to approve the minutes and Chairman would sign at the next meeting.

21/231 Accounts

21/231.1 Approval of expenditure: It was resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

21/231.2 Current account expenditure analysis for January 2022: It was resolved to note the income and expenditure for January, and this would be signed by Cllr Finney at the next meeting.

21/231.3 Bank reconciliation for January 2022: It was resolved to note Cllr Finney would sign this at the next meeting.

21/231.4 Buttercross Orchard balance: The Clerk had received updated accounts.

21/231.5 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the budget monitoring. This would be signed by Cllr Finney at the next meeting.

21/231.6 PAYE figures for January 2022: These would be checked and signed by Cllr Dibble at next meeting.

21/232 Planning: There were no applications to discuss.

21/233 Toilets: G A Sully & Sons Ltd would start renovating gents' toilets this week. A total of over £580 had been collected in donations since July 2021.

21/234 Correspondence:

21/234.1 Response from SALC: It was resolved to defer this to the next meeting due to the absence of the Clerk.

21/234.2 It was resolved to note that Village Society would continue to support funding for Hanging Baskets on a 50/50 basis.

21/235 Dunster Recovery Working Group: It was resolved the Group would reform to aid the parish council to administer future grants and raise funds for the benefit of Dunster village.

21/236 Welcome Back Fund: Bins were still waiting for Highway's approval.

21/237 Risk Register – Update: There were no updates.

21/238 Report from County Councillor: There was no report.

21/239 Report from District Councillor: There was no report.

21/240 20mph speed limit in Dunster: There was no update.

21/241 Dunster Working Group: Cllr Oliver reported that a second draft of the Funding Agreement between the Parish Council and Exmoor National Park had been accepted by DWG and this needs to be signed to release the money to the Parish Council.

21/242 Packhorse playing field: The weather would need to improve before work could start.

21/243 Sea Lane Flooding: There was no update. Cllr Vicary would report this via the SCC online system.

21/244 Trees by the underpass: The Clerk will report when this has been passed by the tree department.

21/245 Queens Jubilee 2022: Some response to second parish magazine entry. Cllr Dibble would follow up on these responses. Cllr Challoner reported that Village Society were meeting on 10 March to plan activities for the celebrations.

21/246 Stone Wall on cemetery side of allotment: The council resolved that the Chair would ask the Clerk to accept the lowest of the three quotes submitted to speed up the work.

21/247 Steps at top of West Close: Still waiting on response from MAGNA.

21/248 Ash Tree behind pavilion: There was no update.

21/249 Trees in Dunster Steep: Cllr Challoner reported that pavement work on Steep had been completed.

21/250 Cemetery: Cllrs Challoner and Vicary would meet a representative from Hedley Price on Wednesday to discuss quality of topsoil left in cemetery.

21/251 Contracts for verge and hedge cutting and weed spraying: It was resolved to defer this to the next meeting.

21/252 Caravans on old A39: Following some complaints from residents it was resolved to consult Cllr Lawrence about increasing number of caravans on old A39.

21/253 Items to Report:

The following Street lighting have still not been repaired: Lamps 1, 2 and 3 on Conygar View are on all day. Lamps 1 and 2 on Marsh Street are on all day and lamp 1 on Station Road is on all day.

Parish Council elections would be held on 5 May 2022, but Local Registry Advisory Board of Somerset Unitary Council would start on 1 April 2023

Notice board at foot of Castle Hill in West Street is very dilapidated.

21/254 Matters for the next meeting: There were none.

Meeting closed 8.20 p.m.

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