

# DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD At DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON  
10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 7.00pm

## Attendees

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

**Clerk:** Mrs Sarah Towells

**Other:** Christine Lawrence (SCC) & L Smith (parishioner)

## Apologies

**Councillors:** C Ell

**Other:** M Kravis (SWaT) & S Griffiths (SWaT)

**21/198 To note apologies for absence:** As noted above.

**21/199 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations:** There were none.

**21/200 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 for approval:** It was resolved to approve the minutes.

## **21/201 Accounts**

21/201.1 Approval of expenditure: It was unanimously resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

21/201.2 Current account expenditure analysis for December 2021: It was resolved to note the income and expenditure for December, and this was signed by Cllr Finney

21/201.3 Bank reconciliation for December 2021: It was resolved to note Cllr Finney had signed this.

21/201.4 Buttercross Orchard balance: The Clerk had received updated accounts.

21/201.5 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the budget monitoring. This was signed by Cllr Finney.

21/173.6 PAYE figures for December 2021: These were checked and signed by Cllr Dibble

## **21/202 Planning:**

21/202.1 To consider the following planning applications:

ENP	6/10/21/133	Field 4104 – East of Rowe farm, Easting: 298367, Northing: 144174 TA24 6TS	Proposal: Proposed erection of stable block and shed, and installation of hard standing. Retrospective	<b>It was resolved NO OBJECTIONS</b>
ENP	6/10/21/134LB	24 Park Street, Dunster, TA24 4SR	Listed building consent for the proposed replacement of chimney pot and associated works.	<b>It was resolved NO OBJECTIONS</b>

21/202.2 Response from Trevor Short regarding planning enforcements: It was resolved to note the responses.

**21/203 Toilets:** No quote had been received from Ross Cox and no other responses received from plumber contacted by the Clerk. It was resolved to award the contract to G A Sully & Sons Ltd. Donations were still coming in and a total of £534 had been received since July. Discussions took place about saving money and only having one toilet open.

**21/204 Correspondence:** There was none.

21/204.1 Carbon Literacy training: It was resolved to note no councillor would be able to undertake the training.

21/204.2 Bus back better update: Cllr Challoner written to Baroness Vere of Department of Transport supporting SCC's claim for £165m as part of Bus Service Improvement Plan. At the latest meeting we were informed that Government would agree funding with local bus operators and SCC by April 2022.

The targets for BSIP is for ALL buses to have zero emissions by 2030. Somerset should have at least a half hour service from 0700-1900 + an evening service; 33% discounted fares for 16–25-year-olds; and £1 flat fares around towns. BSIP thinks it will take 2 years for passenger numbers to return to pre-Covid levels, then the aim would be for a 25% increase by 2030

**21/205 Dunster Recovery Working Group:** The group would have one final meeting and the group would then disband. A new group would need to be formed by the Parish Council to continue the work.

**21/206 Welcome Back Fund:** £391.00 had been received from the fund to purchase battery chargers and Christmas lights.

**21/207 Risk Register – updates:** The register had been updated to say the Parish Council are adhering to government guidelines regarding the covid pandemic. This had been signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

**21/208 Report from County Councillor:** Cllr Lawrence reported covid cases were increasing in Somerset and the helpline (0300 790 6275) remains open seven days a week from 8am-6pm. Somerset continues to have one of the highest vaccination rates in the country. There is an appeal for the return of healthcare equipment. To book a free collection so that equipment can be reused to help others call Millbrook Healthcare on 0333 0032 407.

**21/209 Report from District Councillor:** There was no report.

**21/210 20mph speed limit in Dunster:** There was no update.

**21/211 Dunster Working Group:** The group had met earlier today and an agreement form from ENP requires some alterations before it can be signed to release the money to the Parish Council.

**21/212 Packhorse playing field:** The weather would need to improve before work could start.

**21/213 Riverside Walk:** Cllr Challoner reported the resurfacing was now complete.

**21/214 Sea Lane Flooding:** There was no update. Cllr Sully would report this via the SCC online system.

**21/215 Trees by the underpass:** The Clerk reported this had been passed to the tree department.

**21/216 Charge points in Car Park:** The Clerk had heard Dunster was in phase two and no date had been scheduled to fit the charge points.

**21/217 Queens Jubilee 2022:** Cllr Dibble would put this in the parish magazine again.

**21/218 Stone Wall on cemetery side of allotment:** The three people had been in contact with Cllr Sully to arrange a site meeting in the next few weeks before submitting their quotes to the Clerk.

**21/219 Steps at the top of West Close:** The Clerk had contacted Highways who recommended contacting MAGNA as they own the steps. No response back from MAGNA to date.

**21/220 Allotments:** It has been reported to the Council that there are lots of rabbits and pigeons on the allotments eating the crops. It was resolved the clerk would contact SALC regarding use of air rifles on the allotments.

**21/221 Ash Tree behind the pavilion:** The Clerk had contacted SCC regarding the tree and was waiting for a response.

**21/222 Trees up Dunster Steep:** The Clerk had contacted Highways who have passed the request onto the tree department. Cllr Challoner reported that the pavement was also in a bad way. It was resolved to report this to Highways.

**21/223 Hanging Baskets:** It was resolved Cllr Vicary could order thirty-five baskets. It was further resolved the Clerk would ask the village society to continue their support by way of a donation.

**21/224 Parish Council Elections 2022:** These will take place in May.

**21/225 Contracts for verge and hedge cutting and weed spraying:** It was resolved to get quotes.

**21/226 Items to Report:** The cobbles outside five quarters have become loose.  
Street lighting: Lamps 1,2 and 5 in Riverside Gardens are not working. 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.

**21/227 Matters for the next meeting:** There were none

Meeting closed 8.07 p.m.

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