

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON
08th August 2022 7.00pm

Attendees

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

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Christine Lawrence (SCC)

Apologies

Councillors: Jackie Meakes and T Williams

Other: Steve Griffiths (SwaT), Marcus Kravis (Swat and SCC)

22/106 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

22/107 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

22/108 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th July 2022 for approval: It was resolved to approve the minutes.

22/108.1 Mower for sports field: The football club have a tractor and mower so no longer require a new mower. The football club requested that they be included in the annual grants' application process. It was resolved to award them £200 for this year and send them a form for next year.

22/109 County Councillor Report: Cllr Lawrence reported that there is a Council Tax Consultation which has been launched for the new Unitary Council, this runs until 19th September and can be found at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SomersetCTRLIVE/

Trading Standards have recently seized illegal tobacco estimated to be worth more than £200,000 in raids in Devon and Somerset.

Local Community Networks have been endorsed by SCC at their July meeting. The geography of the proposed LCN's which was due last month is now expected over the summer.

SCC are this month launching a new community equipment and wheelchair service to help people live more independently. More information can be found at www.somerset.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/equipment-to-help-you/

The Somerset Business Climate Summit 2022 will take place at Queens College in Taunton on Wednesday 21st September between 10am and 1pm. Details can be found at www.somerset.gov.uk/climate-emergency/climate-emergency-businesses/climate-summit/

22/110 District Councillor Report: There were no reports.

22/111 Risk Register: It was resolved to note there were no updates.

22/112 Accounts

22/112.1 Approval of expenditure: It was resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

22/112.2 Current account expenditure analysis for July 2022: It was resolved to note the income and expenditure for July, and this was signed by Cllr Finney.

22/112.3 Bank reconciliation for July 2022: It was resolved Cllr Finney could sign the bank reconciliation for July.

22/112.4 Buttercross Orchard balance: There was no updated figures.

22/112.5 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the budget monitoring. Cllr Finney would sign this.

22/112.6 PAYE figures for July 2022: These were checked and signed by Cllr Dibble.

22/112.7 Grant for Village Gardens: The cheque would be signed this evening for £400.00

22/113 Planning:

22/113.1 To consider the following planning applications:

SWaT	3/10/22/005	Erection of an agricultural barn for storing, dry housing animals, feed and secure storage for machinery and tools at The Pavilion, The Old Manor, Lower Marsh Lane, Dunster, TA24 6PJ	It was resolved to note there were no objections.
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22/114 Toilets: The repairs were now complete.

22/115 Cemetery: The Clerk had submitted the planning application.

22/116 Allotments: The new notice board had been fitted. It was resolved to write to the plot holder regarding the white substance and ask her not to leave any feed down for wildlife as this attracts vermin. The allotment committee had met and recommend that letters be written to the holiday cottages on St Georges Street to inform them they can not park up the allotments and to put signs up asking plot holders not to use hosepipes. It was resolved to agree to both recommendations. The plot holder of 26b would like the charity Green Days to be able to use his plot, it was resolved to allow this.

22/117 Correspondence:

22/117.1 Dunster Deer park orienting Family activity: The Parish Council had not put any obstructions in the way. It was resolved to write to Nick Kelly to prove ownership of the land beyond Packhorse Bridge.

22.117.2 letter regarding damaged bridge on Riverside walk: It was resolved to note the bridge had been repaired and as a one-off goodwill gesture the Parish Council agreed to pay the vets bill for the dog that trapped her paw in the bridge.

22/117.3 Rural Market Town membership: It was resolved not to become members of this group.

22/118 Dunster Recovery Group: The website is being updated with a calendar of events.

22/119 Dunster Working Group: There was no update.

22/120 Sea Lane Flooding: There was no update.

22/121 Steps at top of West Close: It was resolved to note the response from the insurance company and to get quotes to improve the steps.

22/122 Ash Tree behind pavilion: There was no update.

22/123 Caravans on old A39: There was no update.

22/124 Leaking Leat: Nick Kelly reported the leat was not the problem and once the crops had been removed from the field further investigations would take place.

22/125 Dunster Marsh Street Lights: No update and the lights are still on.

22/126 Sports Field fence blown down: Nick Kelly would ask Andrew Speed to repair the fence.

22/127 Broken Fence post at Dunster Steep: it was resolved to note this had been repaired.

22/128 Missing cobbles outside 31 West Street: It was resolved to note the area had been marked out for repair.

22/129 ATM at Memorial Hall: The ATM had been removed and the original window has been replaced.

22/130 Western Power Substation: The Clerk had received a phone call to say it would be looked at on 8th August.

22/131 Drainage on High Street: Cllr Vicary confirmed the hole was on the pavement outside number 14.

22/132 Damaged posts on High Street outside the Newsagents and Dunster Living: These had been repaired.

22/133 Two more damaged post on the High Street: It was resolved to order more posts, but the rails would also need replacing.

22/134 Report from Bus Partnership zoom meeting: It was resolved to note the report Cllr Challoner had circulated.

22/135 Stone Blocking Gully at St Georges Street; It was resolved to note this had been removed.

22/136 Riverside Walk: This was covered under item 22/117.2

22/137 Sports Field Maintenance: This was covered under item 22/108.1

22/138 Items to Report and matters for the next meeting to be held on 12th September:

The Marsh Lane Street sign is broken.

Church Lynch Gate needs bays remarking.

Foresters Arms have slates loose.

More Difibs.

Nick Kelly requested to land helicopter in the sports field on 23rd September at 11.15 and leaving at 3.30

Posts at the triangle need repairing.

Meeting closed 8.35 p.m.

Signed Date.....