

# DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD At DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON  
26<sup>th</sup> September 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) and Steve Griffiths

## Apologies

**Councillors:** Jackie Meakes and T Williams

**Other:** Marcus Kravis (Swat and SCC)

**22/139 To note apologies for absence:** As noted above.

**22/140 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations:** Cllrs Oliver and Challoner declared an interest in short mat bowls.

**22/141 Minutes of the Meeting held on 08<sup>th</sup> August 2022 for approval:** It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

**22/142 County Councillor Report:** Cllr Lawrence reported Steve Deakin hoped to be present at the October meeting to discuss the parking review. Cllr Lawrence urged councillors to respond regarding LCN's. There is a new CEO for Somerset County Council, Duncan Sharkey who was previously at Windsor. Mr Sharkey will become Chief Executive of the new unitary Somerset Council from next April.

**22/143 District Councillor Report:** Steve Griffiths reported that the B3191 defence works had not started as the vessels carrying the rock had been retained in Europe and the only vessels available are Russian ones. Works will now not take place until Spring 2023. Steve went on to say that the temporary works had held for the past 2 winters.

There is a fund for low-income households up to £200 but not for food, fuel or energy payments.

**22/144 Risk Register:** It was resolved to note there were no updates.

## **22/145 Accounts**

22/145.1 Approval of expenditure: It was resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

22/145.2 Current account expenditure analysis for August 2022: It was resolved to note the income and expenditure for August, and this was signed by Cllr Finney.

22/145.3 Bank reconciliation for August 2022: It was resolved Cllr Finney could sign the bank reconciliation for August.

22/145.4 Buttercross Orchard balance: The Clerk had received up to date figures.

22/145.5 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the budget monitoring. Cllr Finney would sign this.

22/146.6 PAYE figures for August 2022: These were checked and signed by Cllr Dibble.

22/147.7 Dunster Short Mat Bowls Grant Application: As the application letter had not yet been received it was resolved to defer this to the October meeting.

## **22/146 Planning:**

22/146.1 To consider the following planning applications:

ENP	WTCA 22/11	Works to tree in conservation area: Crown reduction of bay by 50% at Stag Cottage, St Georges Street, Dunster, Minehead, TA24 6TA	No Objections
ENP	6/10/22/121	Proposed erection of summerhouse and associated decking are at Bonniton Cottage, Dunster, TA24 6TA	No Objections

ENP	6/10/22/123LB And 6/10/22/122	LB consent for the proposed erection of garden bar, installation of timber decking and timber picket fence, positioning 2 seating pods, together with amendments to the rear link extension. Retrospective. At Luttrell Arms Hotel, Dunster.	No Objections
SWAT	3/10/22/004	Erection of an agricultural building for dry storage of hay and machinery at Field north of A39, Ellicombe, Dunster.	Object on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site and it goes against the 20 year plan.
ENP	6/10/22/117	Erection of 3 replacement dormer windows, one new dormer window, recovering roof with natural slate and replacement balcony. Part retrospective at The Haven, Ellicombe, Minehead, TA24 6TR.	No objections

**22/147 Toilets:**

22/147.1 Email Complaint: Both the Clerk and the Chairman had responded regarding the complaint about the state of the toilets.

22/147.2 Financial increase for W Cleaning: It was resolved to increase the daily rate from £17.00 to £18.50

22/147.3 Electricity Contract: It was resolved to defer this to the next meeting.

**22/148 Cemetery:** The Clerk would contact ENP regarding the planning application.

**22/149 Allotments:** Several people had left plots but they have all been filled with new people. There are still 5 people on the waiting list.

**22/150 Correspondence:**

22/150.1 Email from Lyn Harding: It was resolved Cllr Morley would work with Lyn to produce bullet points to then send to Katherine Tyson. It was further resolved to invite Katherine to a meeting once this had been done.

22/150.2 Email from the Valuation Office regarding the Village Hall: Cllr Challoner reported he had sent this back to meet the deadline.

22/150.3 SCC- Chairman awards: It was resolved to nominate Mr Alan Vicary and Cllr Challoner would fill the form in and then send onto the Clerk.

22/150.4 SCC Grit Bins: Cllr Challoner had sent the results back to Highways.

**22/151 Dunster Recovery Group:** It was resolved to spend £300 to plant up the planters around the village.

**22/152 Dunster Working Group:** There was no update.

**22/153 Sea Lane Flooding:** There was no update, but the area flooded again during recent wet weather.

**22/154 Steps at top of West Close:** It was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

**22/155 Ash Tree behind pavilion:** Philip Farmer had put in request for traffic lights.

**22/156 Caravans on old A39:** All the caravans have been removed. It was resolved to ask SCC to put a post and rail fence with a 12-foot gate to replace the original one that was knocked down years ago.

**22/157 Leaking Leat:** There was no update.

**22/158 Dunster Marsh Street Lights:** All the lights are now working properly.

**22/159 Sports Field fence blown down:** There was no update.

**22/160 Missing cobbles outside 31 West Street:** It was resolved to note this had been done but not to a very good standard. The ones replaced outside Chapel house had already come loose. It was resolved to contact Highways and ask them to use some of our cobbles stored at the Tithe Barn.

**22/161 Covid Signs:** It was resolved Cllr Finney would collect the signs and store them behind the salt shed at the Tithe Barn.

**22/162 Western Power Substation:** The Clerk had received a phone call to say Western Power agreed the Substation needed repair, they would like to remove it but it is a listed building. The Clerk would be informed of any progress from Western Power.

**22/163 Drainage on High Street:** The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to Highways.

**22/164 Damaged posts and Rails on High Street:** The posts and rails had been ordered.

**22/165 Report from Bus Partnership zoom meeting:** Cllr Challoner reported there was no update.

**22/166 Jackie Meakes – Request for time away from the Council:** It was resolved to allow Jackie time away from the Council to care for her husband.

**22/167 Marsh Lane Street Sign:** The Clerk had reported the sign requires repair or replacing on the SCC Website.

**22/168 Church Lynch Gate – Parking Bays:** The Clerk had contacted Highways to ask if the bays could be repainted via the SCC website. It was further resolved to ask if they could paint Keep Clear in front of the Lynch Gate.

**22/169 Additional Defibrillators:** It was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

**22/170 Triangle Posts:** It was resolved A Ell would replace the posts.

**22/171 Dunster Parking Review:** It was resolved this item would be discussed at the next meeting following a response from Steve Deakin.

**22/172 A39 Cycle Path Roadworks:** The works would take a minimum of 12 weeks but could last as long as 18. Work had not started today.

**22/173 Items to Report and matters for the next meeting to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> October:**

Parking at the top of West Close.

The river is overgrown at Marsh Bridge.

The Bridge at Knowle Lane has a loose capping.

Weed spraying is required.

West Street Drains are blocked.

The flood channel by the Packhorse bridge is being used as a road.

Yellow box on West Street needs repainting

Gate at Allotment from Hangers Way needs repairing.

Christmas Dinner.

Meeting closed 9.05 p.m.

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