

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD At DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON
10th October 2022 7.00pm

Attendees

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

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Marcus Kravis (SWaT and SCC), Steve Deakin and Len Smith

Apologies

Councillors: Jackie Meakes, James Morley, Kevin Sully and T Williams

Other: Christine Lawrence (SCC) and Steve Griffiths (SwaT)

22/174 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

22/175 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: Cllrs Oliver and Challoner declared an interest in short mat bowls.

22/176 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th September 2022 for approval: It was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes.

22/177 County Councillor Report: There is a new logo being designed for the Unitary Council.

22/178 District Councillor Report: Cllr Kravis reported that the Council were having a difficult time recruiting staff and lots of agency staff were being used. All staff working for SWaT on 31st March 2023 will automatically be employed by the new Unitary Council on 1st April doing their present jobs. There would be no voluntary or compulsory redundancies.

22/179 Risk Register: It was resolved to note there were no updates.

22/180 Accounts

22/180.1 Approval of expenditure: It was resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

22/180.2 Current account expenditure analysis for September 2022: It was resolved to note the income and expenditure for September, and this was signed by Cllr Finney.

22/180.3 Bank reconciliation for September 2022: It was resolved Cllr Finney could sign the bank reconciliation for September.

22/180.4 Buttercross Orchard balance: The Clerk had received up to date figures.

22/180.5 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the budget monitoring. Cllr Finney would sign this.

22/180.6 PAYE figures for September 2022: These were checked and signed by Cllr Dibble.

22/180.7 Dunster Short Mat Bowls Grant Application: A Request for a grant from the short mat bowls club had been received by the Clerk. The club are requesting up to £1000.00

It was resolved to ask ENP if this could be paid for out of Dunster Working Group funds. It was further resolved to ask them if we could spend money on community activities such as more defibrillators.

22/181 Planning: It was resolved to note there were no planning applications.

22/182 Toilets: Toilets have been repaired and a further £90 of donations have been banked.

22/182.1 Electricity Contract: No new information had been received from SSE The Clerk would get quotes to discuss at the November meeting.

22/183 Cemetery: The Clerk had been contacted by ENP requesting a further plan. It was resolved to purchase another plan.

22/184 Allotments:

22/184.1 The Hangers Way gate has been repaired.

22/185 Correspondence: It was resolved the Clerk would fill in a LCN consultation for the Parish Council.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Village Garden Society for the grant.

22/186 Dunster Recovery Group: The planters were being planted up with new plants.

22/187 Dunster Working Group: As item 22/180.7

22/188 Sea Lane Flooding: There was no update.

22/189 Steps at top of West Close: It was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

22/190 Ash Tree behind pavilion: There was no update.

22/191 Old A39- Gate and post and rail fence: The Clerk had contacted Highways via the website to request a post and rail fence with a 12-foot gate to replace the original one that was knocked down years ago.

22/192 Leaking Leat: Contractors had been contacted by Nick Kelly.

22/193 Sports Field fence blown down: Nick Kelly was going to remind Andrew Speed to repair this.

22/194 Missing cobbles outside 31 West Street: The Clerk reported this to Highways via the website asking them to contact The Parish Council for cobbles.

22/195 Covid Signs: Cllr Finney had collected 8 signs to date.

22/196 Drainage on High Street: There was no update..

22/197 Damaged posts and Rails on High Street: This had still not been repaired. Cllr Vicary would chase.

22/198 Report from Bus Partnership zoom meeting: Cllr Challoner reported there was no update.

22/199 Marsh Lane Street Sign: There was no update.

22/200 Church Lynch Gate – Parking Bays: The Clerk had contacted Highways to ask if they could paint Keep Clear in front of the Lynch Gate.

22/201 Additional Defibrillators: It was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

22/202 Triangle Posts: It was resolved to note the posts had been replaced.

22/203 Dunster Parking Review: Steve Deakin reported that phase one of the consultation which included High Street, West Street and Park Street would start very soon. Letters would go out to all residents regarding this over the next few weeks. He would then start to draft a traffic order during November. It would be decided in the early part of next year if phase one would be implicated or not.

22/204 A39 Cycle Path Roadworks: Cllr Kravis reported that all elected councillors were doing what they could regarding the roadworks.

22/205 Marsh Bridge – Riverbank Overgrown: The Clerk had reported this to the EA who would send an engineer out to look what is required.

22/206 Bridge at Knowle Lane: The Clerk had reported the loose capping stone to Highways via their website.

22/207 Trees on the school hanging over St Georges Street: The Clerk had contacted the school regarding the overhanging trees.

22/208 Blocked drains on West Street: The Clerk had contacted Highways via their website to ask them to liaise with The Parish Council to clear out the drains to prevent flooding.

22/209 Flood Channel being used as a road by Packhorse Bridge: The Clerk asked the EA for advice, and they said they could not do anything unless the person using it as a road had made a dam. Cllr Ell would investigate this.

22/210 Yellow box on West Street Requires painting: The Clerk had contacted Highways to request this be done.

22/211 Christmas Dinner: Cllr Ell reported this would be at The Yarn Market on Tuesday 13th December.

22/212 Broken Bench in Packhorse play area: It was resolved this was not a bench owned by the Parish Council and the play area would need to repair this.

22/173 Items to Report and matters for the next meeting to be held on 14th November:

The Sign at The Ball needs replacing.

Cars are parking on Mill Lane/Mill gardens which should be a No Parking Zone.

Gully blocked opposite 19 St Georges Street.

Old unused hanging basket brackets should be removed.

Defib training.

Meeting closed 8.40 p.m.

Signed Date.....