

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON
09th January 2023 7.00pm

Attendees

Councillors: Geoff Dibble (Chair), Tessa Williams, James Morley, Alan Vicary, Kevin Sully, Tony Melnyk and Peter Finney

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

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

Apologies

Councillors: Jackie Meakes, Carol Ell and Chris Oliver

Other: Marcus Kravis (SWaT and SCC)

22/300 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

22/301 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

22/302 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th December 2022 for approval: It was resolved to approve the minutes.

22/303 Co-option of new Councillor: It was unanimously resolved to Co-opt Tony Melnyk onto Dunster Parish Council who duly signed the Declaration of Office. Cllr Melnyk took part in the remainder of the meeting.

22/304 County Councillor Report: Cllr Lawrence urged everyone to have their flu vaccination and covid booster if they had not already had them.
Mrs Samantha Marsh has been appointed as the new Senior coroner for Somerset.

22/305 District Councillor Report: Cllr Griffiths gave a verbal report and reported that SWaT were getting quotations for the EV charge points for Dunster Steep Car Park.

22/306 Accounts

22/306.1 Approval of expenditure: It was resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

22/306.2 Current account expenditure analysis for December 2022: It was resolved to defer to the next meeting as the Clerk had not received bank statements.

22/306.3 Bank reconciliation for December 2022: It was resolved to defer to the next meeting.

22/306.4 Buttercross Orchard balance: The Clerk had not received any updated figures. Cllr Vicary would look into this.

22/306.5 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to defer to the next meeting.

22/306.6 PAYE figures for December 2022: These were checked and signed by Cllr Finney.

22/306.7 Appoint Internal auditor: It was resolved to ask Hillside Business Services to do the internal audit again this year.

22/307 Planning: There were no planning applications.

22/308 Toilets: It was resolved to change the lock on the store cupboard. The Clerk reported she had asked Sully's to look at the roof again in the gents as it was still leaking.

22/309 Cemetery: The Wall repair was complete. It was resolved the Clerk would contact Hedley Price to complain about the state the grave digger had left the cemetery in following recent burial.

22/309.1 Potholes: It was resolved that Cllr Sully had asked Lynch's to conduct the repairs to prevent damage to vehicles.

22/310 Allotments: There was nothing to report.

22/311 Correspondence: There was no correspondence to discuss.

22/312 Dunster Recovery Group: There was no update.

22/313 Dunster Working Group: There was no update.

22/314 Highways:

22/314.1 Sea Lane Flooding: Cllr Finney would take photos and send to the Clerk for her to submit via the website.

22/314.2 Old A39- Gate and post and rail fence: There was no update, the Clerk would resend the request.

22/314.3 Drainage on High Street: There was no update.

22/314.4 Damaged posts and Rails on High Street: These had now been repaired. So this item could be removed from the agenda.

22/314.5 Marsh Lane Street Sign and The Ball Street Sign: There was no update.

22/314.6 Church Lynch Gate – Parking Bays: There was no update.

22/314.7 Bridge at Knowle Lane: There was no update.

22/314.8 Blocked drains on West Street: There was no update.

22/314.9 Yellow box on West Street Requires painting: There was no update.

22/314.10 Blocked Gully opposite 19 St Georges Street: There was no update.

22/314.11 There is a loose slab outside the newsagents: It was resolved to note that this had been repaired.

22/314.12 Trees at Dunster Steep need cutting back: There was no update.

22/315 Leaking Leat: It was resolved to note the response from Nick Kelly but to contact him again asking him to liaise with the Mill to turn off the water as the Council believe the water is not coming off Grabbist. The last time the leat was cleaned out was approximately 5 years ago and this was done by The National Trust.

22/316 Sports Field fence blown down: The Clerk had heard from Nick Kelly saying he had asked the farmer to repair the fence. It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda.

22/317 Broken Gate near Northanger: The Clerk had reported this to ENP and they had responded to say it would be repaired. It was resolved to remove this item from the agenda.

22/318 Bus Partnership: It was resolved to note that Bus users can now travel on most routes in Somerset for just £2.00.

22/319 Additional Defibrillators: It was resolved to defer this to the next meeting.

22/320 Defib Training: There was no update.

22/321 Steps at top of West Close: It was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

22/322 Dunster Parking Review: There was no update. It was resolved the Clerk had emailed Steve Deakin direct but had received no response. Cllr Lawrence would chase but believed this would still go ahead.

22/323 Marsh Bridge – Riverbank Overgrown: There was no update.

22/324 Riverbank need clearing by the Mill: There was no update.

22/325 Trees on the school hanging over St Georges Street: The Clerk had received an email from the school to say the trees would be cut back.

22/326 Old Hanging Basket Brackets: It was resolved to note that Cllrs Vicary and Sully had looked at the brackets but thought it best to keep them in place for now.

22/327 Village Hanging Baskets: Cllr Vicary reported the empty baskets would be picked up tomorrow.

22/328 Councillor training: It was resolved Cllr Dibble would attend the chairman's training course.

22/329 Risk Register- any updates: It was resolved to note there were no updates.

22/330 Items to Report and matters for the next meeting to be held on 13th February 2023:
Broken gate on the signed public footpath from St Thomas St (Rattle Row) to Conygar at the entrance to the woods.

Meeting closed 8.17 p.m.

Signed Date.....