

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON
13th March 2023 7.00pm

Attendees

Councillors: Kevin Sully (Chair), Tessa Williams, Jackie Meakes, Alan Vicary, Carol Ell, Tony Melnyk, Chris Oliver and Peter Finney

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Steve Griffiths (SWaT), Christine Lawrence (SCC) and Marcus Kravis (SWaT and SCC) and one member of the public

Apologies

Councillors: Geoff Dibble & James Morley

Other:

22/359 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

22/360 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

22/361 Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th February 2023 for approval: It was resolved to approve the minutes.

22/362 County Councillor Report: Cllr Lawrence reported she had attended a service at Wells Cathedral for the closing of Somerset West and Taunton Council and the opening of the new Unitary Council. Cllr Kravis reported that there is a consultation of school term dates to see about bringing forward the six weeks holiday. The licencing committee are looking at street trading policies. The quality of service with the night buses has not good, resulting in some not turning up at all.

Debate Not Hate: SCC's last Full Council meeting saw members from all political parties voting to support a motion signing up the new Council elected to the Local Government Association's Debate Not Hate campaign.

22/363 District Councillor Report: Cllr Griffiths reported this would be his last meeting as a District Councillor and SWaT had one final Full Council Meeting on the 28th March and 2 planning committee meetings on 30th March. He reported that the Electric charge points were going ahead in the Dunster Steep Car Par and a purchase order had been placed but no date had yet been received for fitting them. The Chairman thanked Steve for all he had done whilst being on the Council.

22/364 Accounts

22/364.1 Approval of expenditure: It was resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

22/364.2 Current account expenditure analysis for February 2023: It was resolved to note the figures and these were signed by Cllr Finney.

22/364.3 Bank reconciliation for February 2023: It was resolved to note the reconciliation figures which were signed by Cllr Finney.

22/364.4 Buttercross Orchard balance: The Clerk had received updated figures.

22/364.5 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the figures and these were signed by Cllr Finney.

22/364.6 PAYE figures for February 2023: These were checked and signed by Cllr Finney.

22/364.7 Report from Finance committee: It was resolved to defer this to the next meeting.

22/365 Planning:

SWaT	3/10/23/001	48 Marsh Gardens, Dunster, TA24 6EX	Erection of single storey extension to the north elevation	It was resolved no objections
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22/366 Toilets: The Clerk reported that the gents roof was still leaking. It was resolved to ask Melvin Sully to look at this again. The new Cleaning contractor was set to start on 1st April 2023.

22/367 Cemetery:

22/367.1 Potholes: The contractor would do the works during the School Easter Holiday.

22/368 Allotments: There was nothing to report.

22/369 Correspondence:

22/369.1 Request from Hannah Bradshaw regarding insurance for Dunster by Candlelight: It was resolved to contact Hannah and explain that the Council cannot pay insurance for a 3rd party.

22/369.2 Letter from Ruth Webber for new lawn mower: It was resolved to pay £1978 towards the new mower which matches the amount paid for flooring for the other play area.

22/370 Dunster Recovery Group: It was resolved to pay the following prior to 31st March to comply with the grant agreement: Dale Cherry £1500 for photos for the website to include businesses and Dunster through the 4 seasons, £50.00 had been paid to Cam Secure for webcam training, £1235 for a defibrillator for West Street, £500 for Knit and natter for a loom to produce a Dunster Tartan. £100 towards a new bench for the village gardens, £1326.80 for bunting and decorations for Dunster Village and replacement Christmas lights £184.65.

22/371 Dunster Working Group: It was resolved to ask if we could give £1978 towards a new mower for the Dunster Marsh play area.

22/372 Highways:

22/344.1 Sea Lane Flooding: There was no update.

22/344.2 Old A39- Gate and post and rail fence: There was no update.

22/344.3 Drainage on High Street: There was no update.

22/344.4 Marsh Lane Street Sign and The Ball Street Sign: There was no update.

22/344.5 Church Lynch Gate – Parking Bays: There was no update.

22/344.6 Bridge at Knowle Lane: There was no update.

22/344.7 Blocked drains on West Street: There was no update.

22/344.8 Yellow box on West Street Requires painting: There was no update.

22/344.9 Blocked Gully opposite 19 St Georges Street: There was no update.

22/344.10 Trees at Dunster Steep need cutting back: There was no update.

22/372.11 Street Lighting: This was the response received - I can confirm this fault has been reported and is currently with our Term Maintenance Contractor who will attend and complete a thorough investigation & repair within the next 7 days. It is now the policy for Somerset County Council to only replace the old lanterns with LED lanterns when they are no longer viable to repair or when budgets permit.

22/372.12 Paint post and rails on High Street: It was resolved to defer this item until the next meeting.

22/372.13 Deep clean cobbles ect: It was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

22/372.14 Disabled parking spaces: The Clerk had sent the photos into Highways.

22/373 Additional Defibrillators: It was resolved to purchase one out of the Dunster Recovery fund for West Street. It was further resolved to look for another site down Dunster Marsh for when we renew our present contract in November.

22/374 Defib Training: 21 people turned up and the session went well.

22/375 Steps at top of West Close: It was resolved to remove this from the agenda.

22/376 Dunster Parking Review: There was no update.

22/377 Marsh Bridge – Riverbank Overgrown: There was no update. Cllr Vicary would chase this.

22/378 Riverbank need clearing by the Mill: There was no update.

22/379 Village Hanging Baskets: It was resolved to note that these had been ordered.

22/380 Risk Register- any updates: It was resolved to note there were no updates.

22/381 Broken Gate into Conygar: It was resolved to note the Clerk had reported this and had received a response to state it would be repaired.

22/382 Date for Parish Assembly: It was resolved to have the assembly on May 16th in The Tithe Barn.

22/383 Cobbles in Village Gardens: It was resolved they could be sold and the money split between the Tithe Barn and The Village gardens. It was resolved the Tithe Barn could have some for the raised beds.

22/384 Kings Coronation: This would be held on the Sunday from noon until dusk. There would be music in the evening. It was resolved the Parish Council would pay for the ice cream at a cost of £360.00 plus VAT.

22/385 Items to Report and matters for the next meeting to be held on Tuesday 11th April 2023:
There were none.

Meeting closed 8.48 p.m.

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