

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD At DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON
10th July 2023 7.00pm

Attendees

Councillors: Geoff Dibble (Chair), Kevin Sully, Carol Ell, James Morley, Tessa Williams, Peter Finney and Chris Oliver

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Christine Lawrence (SC) and Marcus Kravis (SC)

Apologies

Councillors: Jackie Meakes, Tony Melnyk and Alan Vicary

Other: None

23/57 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

23/58 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

23/59 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12th June 2023 for approval: It was resolved to approve the minutes.

23/60 Somerset Councillor Report: Cllr Kravis reported Somerset tree strategy takes root – a ten-year plan to enhance and protect Somerset trees and woodland has been adopted by Somerset Council.

Surface dressings underway for 2023 – Somerset Councils Highway team have started to surface dress some roads as part of the summer maintenance programme.

Cllr Lawrence reported that the waste services industrial action could be called off as late as 11th July when the action was planned to start on 12th July for four weeks from Wednesday to Friday each week.

Customer access points – Customers who need in person help or advice from Somerset Council will find support in Somerset Libraires. From July they will be able to set up virtual or face to face meetings so people can speak directly to a member of the customer service team.

National award for Childrens services – Somerset Council is celebrating after winning a prestigious award for a partnership project delivering childrens' homes across the county. The Council and its partners Care providers Homes2inspire and Somerset NHS Foundation trust won the 'innovation in Partnerships' category for their trailblazing Homes and Horizons project.

23/61 Accounts

23/61.1 Approval of expenditure: It was resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

23/61.2 Current account expenditure analysis for June 2023: It was resolved to defer to the next meeting.

23/61.3 Bank reconciliation for June 2023: It was resolved to defer to the next meeting.

23/61.4 Buttercross Orchard balance: The Clerk reported she had received up to date statements.

23/61.5 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to defer to the next meeting.

23/61.6 PAYE figures for May 2023: These were checked and signed by Cllr Finney. It was resolved to note that nothing was being paid to HMRC.

23/61.7 Policy for unpaid invoices: It was resolved to adopt the policy.

23/61.8 Online banking and debit card: It was resolved to do online banking and apply for a debit card.

23/62 Planning:

ENP	6/10/23/014	The Horse and Crook 19 High Street Dunster TA24 6SF	Resubmission of refused applications 6/10/21/07 and 6/10/22/102 for proposed change of use of ground floor shop to form part of a single residential use of the premises.	It was resolved to object as before and keep this as retail
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23/63 Toilets: The Clerk reported she had received a complaint from a near by resident to say the doors are banging. They are on auto lock at 6pm so can't bang after this. The Clerk also reported that if auto lock is taken off the gents' toilet donation box is being vandalised on a daily basis. It was resolved to keep them on auto lock and see if anything else could be done to stop the banging.

23/64 Cemetery: No update

23/65 Allotments: All invoices except 5 have been paid. Reminders will be sent this week.

23/66 Retail unit: It was noted no income was received during June. It was resolved no further action should be taken until after 31st August.

23/67 Buttercross Orchard: The Clerk had taken steps to change the address details of the bank statements, and these should be sent to the Clerk very soon. The teddy bear picnic event was not a great success due to the wet weather.

23/68 Correspondence: There was nothing to discuss.

23/69 Risk Register: It was resolved to note there were no updates.

23/70 Highways: It was resolved to get quotes for repair to our bus shelter. The roof has 3 broken slates, 2 boards need fixing, the gutters need cleaning and parts of it replacing and it need staining on the outside.
23/70.1 Old A39- Gate and post and rail fence: The Clerk and Cllr Lawrence along with Cllrs Vicary and Oliver met with Kali Martin from Highways and Kali thought 3 bollards could be put in place to stop vehicles entering the last bit of the old A39, rather than a gate.

23/71.2 Road Signage for Dunster: It was resolved to write to Kerry Jones to ask what can we do to put the large sign above the new cycle path right? It was resolved to also send Jenni Fenders emails on to her.

23/71 Additional Defibrillators: The defibrillator had still not been fitted in West Street.

23/72 Dunster Parking Review: There was no update. Cllr Kravis had been chasing.

23/73 20mph limits through Dunster: It was resolved to contact Highways to ask if there were any other traffic calming other than 20mph limits. It was resolved not to pursue 20mph limits coming into Dunster from Timberscombe.

23/74 Report from LCN Meeting: This would follow next month after the meeting held on 13th July.

23/75 Clerks hours: It was resolved to increase the clerks' monthly hours from 42.66 to 48.

23/76 Packhorse Playing Field: It was resolved to note that more members are required on the committee to enable to the committee and the play park to continue. A working group is required to help do hedge work on 5th August 2023.

23/77 Items to Report and matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 14th August 2023:

The Stags Head would re-open under new management on 4th August.

Parking machines – are they going cashless?

Traffic not parked in the lines on the High Street.

Meeting closed 8.40 p.m.

Signed Date.....