

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD At DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON 13th January
2025 7.00pm

Attendees

Councillors: Geoff Dibble (Chair), Kevin Sully, Matt Griffiths, Chris Oliver, Steve Harris, Tony Melnyk, Tessa Williams, Carol Ell, Peter Finney, James Morley and Alan Vicary

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Marcus Kravis (SC)

Apologies

Councillors: None

Other: Christine Lawrence (SC)

24/182 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

24/183 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

24/184 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 09th December 2024 for approval: It was resolved to approve the minutes.

24/185 Somerset Councillor Report: The local plan review consultation is now available. The restructure of Somerset Council is ongoing with cuts to the Highway team and a reduction in councillors from 110 to 90. Boundaries review is ongoing. Cllr Kravis reported he had spoken to the portfolio holder regarding a meeting with Steve Deakin regarding the parking review for Dunster.

24/186 Accounts

24/186.1 Approval of expenditure: It was resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

24/186.2 Current account expenditure analysis for December 2024: It was resolved to note the figures and Cllr Finney signed these.

24/186.3 Bank reconciliation for December 2024: It was resolved to note the bank reconciliation which was signed by Cllr Finney.

24/186.4 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the budget monitoring which was signed by Cllr Finney.

24/186.5 PAYE figures for December: These were checked and signed by Cllr Finney.

24/186.6 Report from the Finance Committee: It was resolved to note the draft minutes and the recommendations from the group.

24/186.7 Set Budget and precept: The attached budget was set as recommended by the Finance group and it was resolved to set the precept at £46,000.

24/187 Planning:

ENP	WTCA 25/01	Works to trees in conservation area: reduce memosa by 30% and 4 Lawson Cypress by 2 meters at The Archers, Dunster, Minehead, TA24 6SD	It was resolved there were no objections
ENP	WTCA 24/24	Works to trees in conservation area: proposed various works to trees across the main Dunster Castle site at Dunster Castle and Gardens, Dunster, TA24 6SL	It was resolved there were no objections

24/188 Toilets: The Clerk reported the mother and baby toilet was blocked but the handyman came out the same day and unblocked it. The electricity use had gone back to normal for December.

24/189 Cemetery:

24/189.1 Wall by new gate in old cemetery: The Clerk had still not received any quotes. Cllr Sully would chase.

24/189.2 Phase one works of new cemetery: David Greenslade would start the work in the next two weeks.

24/189.3 New gate in old cemetery: Cllr Dibble reported this was not closing. Cllr Sully would look at it.

24/190 Allotments: There was no one on the waiting list and 3 empty plots available. It was resolved to put a notice in the Parish magazine.

24/191 Buttercross Orchard: Wassailing on Friday 17th January at 7.30. This is a free event. The refurbishment of the shed is almost complete. The Tithe Barn would open their car park for visitors to use for the wassailing.

24/192 Riverside Walk:

24/193.1 Dead Tree on Riverside Walk: A P farmer had cleared all the trees.

24/193 Correspondence: There was none.

24/194 Risk Register: It was resolved to note there were no updates.

24/195 Highways: It was resolved to contact the Highways department to ask to clear the gullies on Croydon Hill as this is what is causing the flooding issues.

24/196 Retail Unit: Nothing to report.

24/197 Community/Neighbourhood plan: Cllr Dibble put this in the Parish Magazine and had no response to date. It was resolved the working group would take this forward.

24/198 Top 5 Priorities: As item 24/197 and these items would be combined.

24/199 Knit and Natter update: It was resolved to defer this item.

24/200 Hanging Baskets: Cllr Vicary would start collating how many is required.

24/201 Items to Report and matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 10th February 2025:

Trees on Dunster Steep

Electric substation on West Street

Light on Priory Green

Meeting closed 20.05 p.m.

Signed Date.....