

# DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD At DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON 14<sup>th</sup> October  
2024 7.00pm

## Attendees

**Councillors:** Geoff Dibble (Chair), Kevin Sully, Tony Melnyk, Matt Griffiths, Chris Oliver, Carol Ell, Steve Harris and Alan Vicary

**Clerk:** Mrs Sarah Towells

**Other:** Marcus Kravis (SC) and Barbara Hoffbauer (Memorial Hall)

## Apologies

**Councillors:** Peter Finney, James Morley and Tessa Williams

**Other:** Christine Lawrence (SC)

**24/117 To note apologies for absence:** As noted above.

**24/118 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations:** There were none.

**24/119 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 09<sup>th</sup> September 2024 for approval:** It was resolved to approve the minutes.

**24/120 Somerset Councillor Report:** Cllr Kravis reported that only the Police could deal with the issues of wrong parking in the village centre, he went on to say now is the time to contact Highways with what is wanted regarding the car park.

## **24/121 Accounts**

24/121.1 Approval of expenditure: It was resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

24/121.2 Current account expenditure analysis for September 2024: It was resolved to note the figures and Cllr Finney signed these.

24/121.3 Bank reconciliation for September 2024: It was resolved to note the bank reconciliation which would be signed by Cllr Finney.

24/121.4 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the budget monitoring which would be signed by Cllr Finney.

24/121.5 PAYE figures for September: These were checked and would be signed by Cllr Finney.

## **24/122 Planning:**

ENP	6/10/24/014	Proposed re-siting of stone wall to allow access to ne pedestrian door to garage and widen vehicle access at Priory Gate House, Dunster, TA24 6SD	It was resolved to withdraw our objection as no ancient wall would be affected
ENP	6/10/24/016LB	Listed building consent for the proposed installation of new gas connection at Parham House Brides,22 Church Street, Dunster, TA24 6SH	It was resolved to support this application
ENP	WTCA 24/18	Works to trees in conservation area: Crown reduce back to previous reduction pruning points by removing up to 3m-5m off the height and spread of the crown and reduce back lateral end weight loaded limbs to an appropriate pruning point, up to between 3m-4m removal at Brook cottage,26 Park Street, Dunster, TA24 6SR	It was resolved no objections

## **24/123 Toilets:**

24/123.1 Quotes for toilet refurb: It was resolved to accept the quote from Coast Builders at a cost of £1700.00 for the first stage of the refurb.

24/123.2 Winter Festival opening hours: It was resolved to keep the toilets open until 8pm over the festival weekend.

**24/124 Cemetery:** It was resolved to note the cemetery committee would meet on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October to plan the first phase of the new cemetery.

**24/125 Allotments:** It was resolved to amend the tenancy agreement so only one row of 5 trees is allowed per plot and any existing trees must be reduced to no more than two and no higher than 1.5meters. Once a plot becomes vacant all single fruit trees will be removed. No other types of trees would be allowed.

**24/126 Buttercross Orchard:** It was reported Apple Day was a success raising £155.00. Some of the pressing equipment needs replacing. Also new sheeting is required to repair the roof on the shed.

**24/127 Riverside Walk:** It was resolved to note MAGNA pointed out the dead tree was on Dunster Parish Council land. Councillors Vicary and Sully would look and report back at next month's meeting.

**24/128 Correspondence:**

24/128.1 Email from D Gliddon regarding Loxhole: It was resolved to note that the response from the planning enforcement team from Somerset Council said there is no planning breach. It was resolved to note both the Clerk, and the Chairman had informed Mr Gliddon of this and that this also falls in the Parish of Carhampton, not Dunster.

**24/129 Risk Register:** It was resolved to note there were no updates.

**24/130 Highways:** There was nothing to report.

**24/131 Weed spraying Contract:** It was resolved to offer the contract to G A Sully & Sons Ltd.

**24/132 Retail Unit:** It was resolved to note the new tenants are paying on time.

**24/133 Community/Neighbourhood plan:** Discussions took place and Cllr Dibble would put something into the parish Magazine to get parishioners views on this.

**24/124 Top 5 Priorities:** Discussions took place and Cllr Dibble would put something in the parish magazine to get ideas from parishioners.

**24/135 Mobile Phone masts:** It was reported that the Church would take this forward.

**24/136 Tithe Barn Defib:** It was resolved to move the Difib to the village gardens.

**24/137 Christmas Trees:** Cllrs Vicary and Sully would collect the Christmas trees for the Tithe Barn and Dunster Marsh. The winter festival committee would arrange the one for the village. The artificial trees stored in the barn would be distributed to the shop owners who would become responsible for looking after their own tree going forward.

**24/138 Memorial Hall:** Barbara Hoffbauer from the Dunster memorial Hall committee explained that the building is now worth £2 million pounds which is why the insurance has more than doubled to £4000 this year. Barabara has spent a lot of time trying to find out who actually owns the building and has been trawling through parish Council minutes going back to 1914 when the hall was gifted by the Luttrells to the people of Dunster. It was resolved the Clerk would contact Thorne Segar Solicitors to see if they hold any information.

**24/139 Items to Report and matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024:**

Tree on Riverside Walk  
Winter Festival

Meeting closed 21.07 p.m.

Signed ..... Date.....