

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON 10th February
2025 7.00pm

Attendees

Councillors: Geoff Dibble (Chair), Matt Griffiths, Chris Oliver, Steve Harris, Tony Melnyk, James Morley and Alan Vicary

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: None

Apologies

Councillors: T Williams, P Finney, K Sully & C Ell

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

24/202 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

24/203 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

24/204 Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 09th December 2024 for approval: It was resolved to defer to the next meeting.

24/205 Somerset Councillor Report: It was resolved to note there was no report.

24/206 Accounts

24/206.1 Approval of expenditure: It was resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

24/206.2 Current account expenditure analysis for January 2025: It was resolved to note the figures and Cllr Finney would sign these at the March meeting.

24/206.3 Bank reconciliation for January 2025: It was resolved to note the bank reconciliation which would be signed by Cllr Finney at the March meeting.

24/206.4 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the budget monitoring which would be signed by Cllr Finney at the March meeting.

24/206.5 PAYE figures for January 2025: These would be checked and signed by Cllr Finney at the March meeting.

24/207 Planning:

ENP	6/10/25/001 &6/10/25/002LB	Proposed conversion of ground floor rooms to a shop, together with, the replacement of 5 chimney pots with ventilation flue terminals and erection of awnings and signage. At 6 High Street, Dunster TA24 6SG	It was resolved there were no objections
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24/208 Toilets: The Clerk reported the mother and baby cubicle had to be closed as the saniflow had blown the electricity trip switch and could not be reset. It was resolved to award the refurbishment contract to Coast Builders. All toilets may have to be closed short term to enable the refurbishment. It was resolved the Clerk would contact the cleaner and let her know.

24/209 Cemetery:

24/209.1 Wall by new gate in old cemetery: One quote had been received for £1500 and it was resolved to ask A Welsh to do the repairs.

24/209.2 Phase one works of new cemetery: David Greenslade had completed phase one.

24/209.3 New gate in old cemetery: It was resolved to defer this to the next meeting as Cllr Sully was not present.

24/210 Allotments: The Clerk reported a good response for people wanting plots had arisen from the article in the Parish Newsletter.

24/211 Buttercross Orchard: It was resolved to note the work outside the orchard was now complete. Dunster Village Society had paid for a new picnic table.

24/212 Riverside Walk: Jubilee Bridge was in need of urgent repair. One quote for £600 had been received from Mike Ellis. As this was a matter of health and safety it was resolved to ask Mike Ellis to carry out the work ASAP.

24/213 Correspondence: ENP had done all the work they can clearing the Bridleway from Packhorse Bridge to Batts Castle and had now emailed the land owner to clear the rest.

24/214 Risk Register: It was resolved to note there were no updates.

24/215 Highways: Discussions took place regarding speeding vehicles through Dunster. Speed data from 2016/17 would be circulated to all councillors. SID's maybe a way forward, this would be discussed in more detail at our next meeting.

24/215.1 Response from Highways regarding trees on Dunster Steep: The following was received; *I have spoken to Paul Sweetman who heads up the Highway Trees Team. He says that a programme of crowning any trees on Dunster Steep would not be undertaken at present due to various reasons including budgetary and resource constraints. However, if you have a particular tree/location (maybe use What3 words as a locator or a marked map) that is causing particular concern he could send out one of his team to take a look and then feed back his finding.* It was resolved to write back to say that we have pointed out issues with all of the trees on Dunster Steep and it won't be the responsibility of the Parish Council if an accident happens.

24/215.2 Light on priory Green: Cllr Vicary had reported this.

24/216 Retail Unit: The storage unit was now ready for Homecoming to use. The Clerk would arrange to hand over the keys. This would be invoiced with the retail unit at a total monthly rent of £475.00.

24/217 Community/Neighbourhood plan/Top 5 priorities: The working group would meet and possibly to a door to door drop with a leaflet.

24/218 Knit and Natter update: It was resolved to defer this item.

24/219 Electric substation on West Street: It was resolved to note no response had been received.

24/220 Flood shed at Tithe Barn: The Tithe Barn Committee had contacted the Clerk to say that whilst they were having works done The Parish Council Flood Shed had been dismantled and removed from site. The Tithe Barn Committee instructed the builder to put the shed back as it was. It was resolved the Clerk would write to the builder to reiterate this and no costs should be passed onto the Parish Council.

24/221 Items to Report and matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 10th March 2025:

Green matting
New cemetery gate
Cllr Emails

Meeting closed 20.45 p.m.

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