Dundry Parish Council

Notes of the Meeting held on Monday, 14th September 2015 at 7.30 pm

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux
In Attendance: Councillor David Hurford,
Also in attendance: PC Greg Difford, 1 parishioner
Clerk: Judith Hoskin

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Maggie Keast, Ralph Gay, Simon Fiddian, Amanda Scott, Steve McCarthy, and Nancy Jennings, District Councillor Nick Wilton and PC Martin Faithfull.

No Quorum
Since only two councillors were present the meeting was quorate and no business could be transacted. Business requiring the decisions of councillors will either be dealt with under Section 3c of Standing Orders or at the next regular meeting on 12th October.
It was, however, decided to record the following reports:

Crime Report
PC Martin Faithfull had sent the crime figures for the previous month:
- Dwelling Burglary – 5
- Non dwelling Burglary – 1
- Theft – 1 (Pedigree Sheep x 1)
- Criminal Damage – 1
- ASB Issues – 3 (Nuisance Motorcyclists and Dog Walkers)

There has been an increase in Burglaries within the area of Dundry. The method used by offenders was to either remove the pane of glass completely or smash the glass in order to gain entry. Electrical equipment was the targeted item of choice.

Interestingly and worthy of note, whilst cleaning their windows, one resident found what appeared to be a hand drawn cross on their window pane, drawn with a UV marker pen. This mark, whilst invisible in normal lighting conditions, would show up under an Ultra-violet lamp or if viewed from a certain angle in sunlight. (Please note the property had not been broken into). This may (Although this is as yet unproven), be seen as a method to mark properties targeted by offenders.

I ask for residents to be vigilant and check their own properties windows / glass doors etc during this time and inform either myself or Police in general via the 101 non-emergency number if such markings are found.

I am aware that there was some forensic recovery at at least one of the incidents which is in the process of being analysed through our systems.

Myself and my team will be increasing patrols in the area and again ask residents to report anything or anyone who appears out of place to police.
I will also be asking for the assistance of colleagues from other internal departments to conduct directed patrols and stop checks.
If anyone would like a free Assessment of their own home security, I am happy to arrange a suitable appointment and provide advice where appropriate.

With the darker evenings approaching please check the security of your homes especially your external security lighting, condition of boundary fencing, hedgerow and locks/latches securing gates etc.

I am still keen to set up Community Speed Watch across my whole Beat area. Speaking with my predecessor, I am aware that such initiatives have been set up in the past and have worked well.
To date, no volunteers have come forward. If anyone is interested please contact myself via the 101 non-emergency number.

Don’t forget, the Redwood Beat team have also set up a Beat Surgery at Long Ashton Library held on a Thursday. A full list of times and dates will be available at the Library on request.
Members of the public can also visit www.police.uk if they wish to review any crime figures for a certain postcode or area. This site is also helpful for crime prevention advice and local issues.
PC Difford said that because of funding cuts and consequent reduction in numbers of police officers it was becoming more difficult to offer adequate police cover and fast response times in nearly all areas of the country.

Broadoak Hill – Cllr Wilton had reported that he was still hopeful that work on Broadoak Hill would start before the end of September although it was possible that this would slip into October or even later. The Clerk had received no official notification that the road would be closed.

Finance
The following cheques were signed:

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Registration of Playing Field with Land Registry
The Clerk reported that progress was being made on registration of the playing field with the Land Registry.

Footpaths
North Somerset Council had requested help with surveying footpaths for missing Public Rights of Way way-markers and roadway signs. It was thought that enough volunteers could be found and the Clerk would ask NSC for details. (Potential volunteers should contact the Clerk on 0117 9642804/parishclerk@dundry.org.uk)

High Speed Broadband update
Cllr Laux reported that insufficient households had registered with Truespeed for them to assess feasibility at present. They would start work in Chew Magna and then consider Dundry in 2016.

Dundry School
Shortly before the end of the summer term it had been announced that Dundry School was to become an Academy under the management of Trinity Academy in Radstock, part of the Dove Family Trust. There had been little consultation with parents or residents and the Parish Council had not been informed. Councillor Laux had attended a meeting on 10th August with representatives from North Somerset Council, Trinity Academy, parents and other parishioners.

Dundry School had been in difficulty for some time, with some negative outcomes in OFSTED inspections. Various measures had been put in place with the school given a year to find a sponsor to become an Academy. Trinity Academy had been in operation in Radstock for three years, bringing a school with similar problems to the level of ‘Outstanding’.

The Deputy Head of Trinity had explained details of how the school would be run. After one term there would be a separate local governing body. The Parish Council would be asked to have a representative on this. Cllr Laux said that he had been reassured by the meeting but time would tell whether the arrangement would be successful.

New Bus Service
Following the loss of the 121 and 21 bus services through Winford, Winford Parish Council had worked with North Somerset Council to provide an alternative in the form of a mini-bus feeder service to Bristol Airport to connect with the Airport Flyer to Bristol. At very short notice the route of this had been extended to Dundry starting on 24th August.

At present this bus is not much used by Dundry residents but Cllr Laux said that it is hoped that the route might be extended to Bishopsworth, or to connect with the rapid transit bus route on the South Bristol Link, which would make it much more relevant to Dundry.

‘Dismaland’
At the invitation of Cllr Nigel Ashton, leader of North Somerset Council, Cllr Keast had represented the Parish Council at an ‘event’ at the Tropicana in Weston-super-Mare. This had turned out to be the launch of Banksy’s ‘Dismaland’ She had reported:

‘On a dark, wet, miserable evening in Weston-super-Mare we stumbled across a new holiday camp. Dismaland “The UK’s most disappointing new visitor attraction” ..........was aptly named considering the weather!!

We waited outside in the murk, some protestors (actors) started banging the doors “let us in”, the doors opened and in we went through ’security’, cardboard CCTV cameras and scanner machines and very unhelpful surly staff.

The park looks derelict, (not a good advert for the Tropicana over which there has been much controversy). All the staff add to the game by being very unhelpful and uninterested, seemingly depressed, one even saying...’
“why can’t you go home”........
There are galleries under cover with many works of alternative art, an assortment of bizarre and macabre artworks, from over 50 artists from around the world including Banksy, who is showing 10 of his own art works and sculptures.
“I guess you’d say it’s a theme park whose big theme is – theme parks should have bigger themes,” said Banksy.
It is definitely going to be the autumn’s must see. The whole experience was very thought provoking and fascinating, we thoroughly enjoyed it .....apart from the dismal weather!!’

Forward Activities
The Clerk reported that Forward Activities had again held a series of activity sessions in Winford, Felton, Regil and Dundry. Numbers attending had varied but all the children (and adults) had enjoyed themselves.

Planning
Planning Applications received:
15/P/1934/ CUPA Barn to rear of Valley View Farm, Highridge Road, Dundry, BS41 8JU Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3) plus associated operational development comprising the insertion of windows and doors to all elevations. Demolition of lean-to to the west elevation and north elevation wall to form a veranda

15/P/1940/F Alveare, Bridgwater Road, Dundry, BS41 8JP Erection of carport attached to existing garage

1869.1. No prior approval required
15/P/1451/ PDA Ivy Farm, East Dundry Lane, Dundry, BS41 8NH Prior notification for the erection of an extension to the east elevation of the existing grain store. The extension is for the drying and handling of grain

1869.2. Applications Approved by NSC
15/P/1501/F 31 Crabtree Lane, Dundry, BS41 8LP - Replace existing garage and store with a single storey side extension with en-suite in roof space

15/P/1170/F Churchwell Cottage, The Steps, Dundry, BS41 8JB - Change of use of land to south-west from agricultural to residential and associated ground works including cut and fill, retaining wall and construction of a new access and driveway with parking and turning area (part retrospective)

15/P/0916/F Former Aztec One Service Station, Bridgwater Road, Dundry, BS41 8JW. Erection of 4no. detached dwellings. Creation of a new access driveway

15/P/1591/F 38 Dundry Lane, Dundry, BS41 8JQ - Erection of a first floor side and rear extension and a front porch. Installation of 1no. rooflight to the front elevation. Creation of hard standing and 2no. parking bays to the front garden area

1869.3. Applications Refused by NSC
15/P/1562/O Land to rear of 185 Queens Road, Bishopsworth, Bristol, BS13 8QE - Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 2no. two storey dwellings (application site straddles the North Somerset/Bristol City Council boundary)

1869.4. Planning Appeal
APP/D0121/W Ashton View Barn , Oxleaze Lane, Dundry, BS41 8JZ - Prior approval of operational development following application 14/P/2129/CUPA

Copies of the full notes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Monday 14th September can be found on the village notice boards, on the parish website (www.dundry.org.uk) or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs Judith Hoskin – Tel: 0117 9642804, email: parishclerk@dundry.org.uk
Abridged versions are available in the Parish News and in the Chew Valley Gazette.

The next meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held on Monday 12th October

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda please notify a councillor or the Clerk by Monday 5th October. You can also raise matters in the Public Forum but, depending on what they are, full discussion may have to be left to the following meeting.