Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 9th November 2015 at 7.30 pm

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux
In Attendance: Councillors Amanda Scott, Maggie Keast, Steve McCarthy, Ralph Gay. Simon Fiddian
Also in attendance: 5 parishioners
Clerk: Judith Hoskin

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<td>1904 <strong>Apologies</strong> had been received from Cllrs Nancy Jennings and David Hurford and District Councillor Nick Wilton.</td>
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<td>1905 Cllr Laux welcomed all present.</td>
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<td>1906 <strong>Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda</strong></td>
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<td>1906.1. There were no declarations of interest.</td>
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<td>1907 <strong>Minutes of Previous Meeting</strong> - The minutes of the meeting held on</td>
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<td>12th October 2015 were agreed as a true record (proposed Cllr Gay seconded Cllr Keast)</td>
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<td>09/11/2015</td>
<td>1908 <strong>Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch</strong></td>
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<td>1908.1. No crime report had been received</td>
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<td>1908.2. The Clerk said she had nothing to report about Neighbourhood Watch.</td>
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<td>1908.3. Cllr Laux noted that it was possible for members of the public to subscribe to crime updates on the Avon and Somerset police website at: <a href="https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/account">https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/account</a>. However, these did cover a wide area so he put the most relevant updates on the Dundry parish website.</td>
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<td>09/11/2015</td>
<td>1909 <strong>Invited guest</strong> – representative of Bristol Water to talk about plans are</td>
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<td>for enhancing the biodiversity of the reservoir site.</td>
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<td>1909.1. Patric Bulmer Bristol Water’s Environment Manager attended the meeting as BW’s representative. He apologised that no other members of the team had been able to attend but promised to pass on any comments relevant to them. He explained that the new reservoir had come into service three weeks ago and the existing reservoir would shortly be decommissioned and removed because it had reached the end of its useful life. Downs Road would be closed from 30th November for a week in order to cut off the old mains pipe.</td>
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<td>1909.1.1. As far as biodiversity was concerned the Pignut plants vital to the Chimney Sweeper moth had been relocated. Seeding with a wildflower mix would soon take place and later there would be a ‘green hay’ transfer from another site in collaboration with the Avon Wildlife Trust. Planting of native species of trees and shrubs would take place soon. Emphasis had been on seed-bearing species which were attractive to birds. Care had been taken to ensure that the planting scheme was acceptable to nearby residents.</td>
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<td>1909.1.2. The new mast would be erected on the site of the old one shortly when the weather allowed.</td>
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<td>1909.1.3. One of the parishioners present said that their water pressure has been low recently. Mr Bulmer was not sure what might be causing this and suggested that the resident report it to customer services.</td>
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<td>1909.1.4. The Clerk said she had been told that the new water main to Broadoak Hill would not be installed until after March 2016 – date yet to be confirmed.</td>
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<td>1909.1.5. Mr Bulmer confirmed that environmental inspections would probably take place twice a year to start with then once a year. General maintenance of the site would probably happen about four times a year and testing for water quality more regularly.</td>
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<td>1909.1.6. Bristol Water had tried to contact the school but as yet had no response. They hoped that in the spring they might be able to involve the children on the site.</td>
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<td>1909.1.7. In answer to a query from Councillor Gay Mr Bulmer said that it should be possible to include some fruit trees in the planting. He gave the Parish Council a list of the current planting scheme.</td>
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1909.1.8. The Clerk said she had received a complaint about the quality of work to the reinstated boundary wall. Mr Bulmer said he would pass this comment on.

1909.1.9. Cllr Laux thanked Mr Bulmer for coming. Councillors said that generally the work had been done without too much disruption to the village and looks very tidy.

09/11/2015 - 1910 Public Forum

1910.1. The applicant for Planning Application 15/P/2271/F explained that she had applied for change of use of an area of land behind her property from Agricultural to Equestrian and for the construction of stables with tack room and a classroom for a small number of pupils above them. There would also be an open air arena to one side of the stables. This would be unlit as it is under the flight path to the airport. She intended to teach a small number of pupils using her own horses. The stables would be for these horses. Access and parking would be improved. There would be no parking on the road.

Councillors thanked her for the information and said they would be discussing the application later in the meeting but were generally supportive of this venture.

1910.2. Another parishioner present remarked that riding horses round the roads of Dundry was now very dangerous with the amount and speed of traffic. She urged support for bridleways and measures to make the roads safer.

1910.3. A parishioner present reported that the posts for the `no overnight parking` sign in the car park has been driven into and were now bent. The Clerk was asked to investigate having this repaired.

1910.4. A member of the Broadband Working Group who was present asked that the group reconvene and make another attempt to persuade BT to improve Broadband to the village. She said that she had been told by a BT Openreach engineer that the cabinet in Andruss Drive had sixty faults in it which meant that even telephone lines in the village were not necessarily reliable, let alone broadband provision.

1910.5. The Clerk said that she had recently heard from the parishioner who in May had reported to the airport an incident where an aircraft had flown very low over the village from the north. Since his initial report he had not received any further response from the airport. The Clerk said she had been told that the incident was being investigated by the Air Accidents Investigation Branch which would take some time to reach a conclusion. Meanwhile the Chair of the Parish Councils Airport Association had raised the matter at the Airport Consultative Committee and, after an initial reluctance by the airport management to discuss the matter, there would be a report to the next ACC meeting in January, which the public could attend if they wished.

1910.6. A different parishioner had a complaint about aircraft noise which he had taken up with the airport. He had been provided by the airport with a noise meter. The Clerk wondered if there was a general perception that aircraft noise had increased recently and it was agreed to put the issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

1910.7. Streets and open spaces items raised: (Clerk to report)
- Potholes on Highridge Road
- Damaged verge opposite 97 Dundry Road
- ‘Waterfall wall’ on A38 near the end of Dundry Lane still pouring out water
- Gully outside Ghajn Tuffieha blocked
- New water meters installed in the pavement outside Alveare, Bridgwater Road have sunk causing a trip hazard.
- Continued fly tipping. Clerk to check whether regular collection in ‘hotspots’ is still happening.

09/11/2015 - 1911 Report from District Councillor Nick Wilton

1911.1. Cllr Wilton had sent his apologies so there was no report. However, the Clerk said that, as requested at the last meeting, he had asked Winford PC about the proposed 20 mph speed limit in their village. The Winford Clerk had explained to the Clerk that there had been a consultation in the parish lasting several years, originating from a request by parents of children at the school to make crossing the road to the school safer. The final scheme involved 20 mph speed limits, a chicane on the B3130 (Barrow Lane) and rumble strips. North Somerset Council had provided advice but Winford PC
had had to find a considerable amount of funding. It was agreed to put the question of excessive speed through various parts of Dundry on the agenda for the next meeting.

09/11/2015 - 1912 Finance
1912.1. The Financial Report for October was approved (prop. Cllr Scott, sec. Cllr Gay)
1912.2. The Chair signed the Clerk’s time sheet.
1912.3. Payment of the following cheques was approved:
   100586 Judith Hoskin October salary 375.00 General Clerk's Salary
1912.4. The finance working group meeting to discuss the budget was provisionally arranged for some time in the week beginning 30th November.

09/11/2015 - 1913 Sports and Social Club/Playing field
1913.1. Letter to Sports and Social Club – The Clerk reported that she had sent the letter to the Sports and Social Club and was awaiting a response.
1913.2. Registration of Playing Field with Land Registry – The Clerk reported that the ‘Overriding Interests' form appeared to be for items for which there was no other documentation. She had received confirmation from Bristol Water that the new water main would not cross the Recreation Ground and was awaiting information from the Chair of the Village Hall Committee about services from the hall which crossed Parish Council land.

09/11/2015 - 1914 Streets and Open Spaces
1914.1. Road Closures for Bristol Water – notification had been received about the closure of Downs Road for a week from 30th November and Dundry Lane for a fortnight from 7th December. The Clerk had asked NSC and Bristol Water to ensure that none of these closures overlapped with the closure of Broadoak Hill and that access arrangements were made for the school and the Royal British Legion and for buses, including the coach to Chew Valley School. Councillors had no further comments.
1914.2. Request from NSC to Survey Footpath signs – A start had been made with surveying the footpath signs. It was hoped to complete the task soon.
1914.3. Fingerposts - The work had been completed but it appeared that someone had vandalised the post at the hairpin bend by painting over some of the lettering. The Clerk has discussed this with NSC who originally said that the parish would be responsible for remedying the problem but the work now appears to have been done. (note – thanks have been sent to NSC by the Clerk and by a parishioner for the good job done on these)
1914.4. Street Light, Hill Road Turning Circle – Cllr McCarthy had reported that this light was not working. DPC had been paying a fixed sum each quarter for an unmetered supply so this problem had not been apparent from the bills. The Clerk had so far not been able to find out who was responsible for maintenance of the light. Councillors felt that even when it was working the light had not been achieving the desired aim of reducing anti-social behaviour in the turning circle and the Clerk was therefore asked to cancel the direct debit for the electricity supply.

09/11/2015 - 1915 Planning
1915.1. Applications Received
15/P/2271/ F Field adjoining Hollydene, Upton Lane, Dundry, BS41 8NF- Change of use from dwelling with agricultural land to dwelling with an associated School for Equestrian Facilitated Learning to include construction of new vehicular access, turning area and parking replacing existing access, erection of two storey building to provide 4 stables with tack room on ground floor, office and Learning Workshop for small classes on first floor. Construction of fenced riding arena to south-east of site and change of use of adjoining field to equestrian use – no comment
15/P/2298/ F  
Severn View, Downs Road, Dundry, BS41 8LR - Erection of a two storey rear extension – no objection

15/P/2366/ MMA
4 Broad Oak Cottages, Wells Road, Dundry, BS41 8NE - Minor material amendment application to planning permission 12/P/1453/F (erection of two storey rear and side extension at first floor level over existing kitchen) to allow repositioning of extension to west elevation and minor alterations in appearance – no objection

1915.2. Applications Approved by NSC - None (noted)
1915.3. Applications Refused by NSC – None (noted)

09/11/2015 - 1916 – Planning Enforcement
1916.1. Downs Farm - The Clerk reported that an enforcement notice had been served relating to the fence on Winford Lane/ Castle Farm Lane, requiring that it be reduced in height or taken down.
1916.2. Land at the end of Oxleaze Lane – the Clerk reported than an Inquiry relating to Appeal APP/D0121/C/15/3006506 was to be held from 17th – 19th November in Weston-super-Mare.

09/11/2015 - 1917 Clerk’s Reports
1917.1. The Clerk’s Report and Streets and Open Spaces Reports for the previous month had been circulated before the meeting. The Clerk noted in particular:
1917.1.1. With reference to the comments from District Councillor Elfan Ap Rees about resources (reported at the previous meeting) the location of the original complaint had been tidied up by NSC.
1917.1.2. Grit bins - The Clerk had sent the survey to NSC who had thanked DPC (Councillor McCarthy) for again producing such a thorough report and promised to fill the two bins which needed replenishing.
1917.1.3. Councillor Vacancies – the Clerk reported that one new councillor could be co-opted immediately to fill the ‘spare’ place, but that it is necessary to go through the process of notices etc. for the Casual Vacancy resulting from Councillor Murphy’s resignation.
1917.2. One street sign to Yanleigh Close had been totally uprooted and the road was looking generally unloved, with grass growing, potholes, and the road surface breaking up. The Clerk had reported this to NSC.

09/11/2015 - 1918 Correspondence
Parishioner  Aircraft noise and obtaining noise monitor – on agenda for next meeting
NSC Closure of Downs Road for one week. – see item 1914.1
NSC Planning for future housing- invite to update for Town and Parish Councils W-s-M 12/11/15 2.30 p.m. – Clerk to attend
NSC Oxleaze Farm Enforcement Notice Appeal Inquiry Venue Details - noted
NSC Notice of intent closure of Dundry lane for 2 weeks in December – see Item 1914.1
Parishioner Suggestion of reduction of speed limit to 20mph – for next agenda
Parishioner Query about cutting of trees round ‘Camping pod’ site E Dundry Lane – Clerk had checked with NSC and this is not an enforcement issue as no conditions were included in the planning approval for retention of the trees.

1918.1. Correspondence list -. Councillors had no further comments on the list of correspondence.

Items from the Public Forum to be noted for discussion at next meeting - Aircraft noise

Copies of the full notes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Monday 9th November 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 14th December**

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda please notify a councillor or the Clerk by Monday 7th December. 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.