Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 13th June 2016 at 7.30 pm
(These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting)

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux
In Attendance: Councillors David Hurford, Ralph Gay, Steve McCarthy, Nancy Jennings, Maggie Keast, Jim Scott, Simon Fiddian, Thomas Armit (part time)
District Councillor Nick Wilton (part time)
Clerk: Judith Hoskin

13/06/2016 - 2027 Apologies had been received from Cllr Amanda Scott.

13/06/2016 - 2028 Chair’s welcome and introduction.
2028.1. Cllr Laux welcomed all councillors to the meeting.

13/06/2016 - 2029 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda
2029.1. There were no declarations of interest

13/06/2016 - 2030 Minutes of Previous Meeting
2030.1. Item 2016 – it was noted that members of the playing field working group should include Cllr Gay rather than Cllr Murphy. Otherwise the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9th May 2016 were agreed as a true record (proposed Cllr Jennings, seconded Cllr McCarthy)

13/06/2016 - 2031 Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch
2031.1. No Crime Report had been received.
2031.2. The Clerk said she had nothing to report about Neighbourhood Watch

13/06/2016 - 2032 Public Forum
2032.1. It was noted that because of the closure during construction of the South Bristol link of a parking area to one side of the A38 near the Kings Head roundabout, a rescue truck was regularly parked in a layby on the opposite side of the road, restricting its use as a pull-in for emergencies. The Clerk was asked to report this to the relevant authorities.
(Cllr Armit joined the meeting at this point)
2032.2. It was noted that cars were again being sold from in front of ‘Alveare’ on the A38
2032.3. Work had started on the Aztec1 site
2032.4. There was no progress on the ‘Waterfall wall’ near the Dundry Lane junction
2032.5. A tree had recently shed a large branch across Dundry Lane, blocking it. A local farmer had moved it to the side of the road but there were other branches in that location which looked likely to do the same. The clerk was asked to contact NSC.
2032.6. It was noted that potholes were particularly bad in Highridge Road., Castle Farm Lane and Winford Lane.

13/06/2016 - 2033 Report from Councillor Nick Wilton.
2033.1. Cllr Wilton apologised for his recent non-attendance at Parish Council meetings but said that it was not really possible to attend the meetings of four parish councils every month. His preference would be to hold a joint meeting with representatives of all four councils roughly two weeks after the full NSC council meeting (which takes place every other month). This would also have the advantage of exchange of ideas between the councils. Councillors thought that this was a good idea.
Cllr Wilton said that one problem he would like parishes to tackle together was that of the A38, the increasing traffic and difficulty of exiting on to it.
2033.2. Highridge Road - Cllr Wilton said he had, at the request of a parishioner, walked the length of Highridge Road with a highways engineer from NSC. The result was that the road was to be extensively repaired, although not completely resurfaced, before the end of June.
2033.3. DPC Traffic Speed initiative – Cllr Wilton said he was aware that Dundry PC was looking at how to make the roads in Dundry safer, and would support when called to do so.
2033.4. Taylor Wimpey proposals – Cllr Laux said that there would be a meeting of councillors from the three affected parishes on 22nd June in Long Ashton. The Long Ashton District councillors would be attending and he hoped that Cllr Wilton would be able to as well.
2033.5. West of England Devolution Deal – Cllr Wilton said that the vote against the proposal for a ‘Metro Mayor’ had been almost unanimous at the NSC full meeting on 7th June. District councillors were of the opinion that the proposal was a threat to local democracy with the mayor having enormous power and being more accountable to central government than to local electors. Cooperation between authorities was already happening and could continue to do so without an
extra layer of government. In addition, the promised additional funds were not as generous as it appeared at first, with NSC to receive £3m per annum. The other authorities in the area would vote on 29th June.

**2033.6.** Cllr Laux thanked Cllr Wilton for attending the meeting.

_Cllr Wilton left the meeting at this point._

### 13/06/2016 - 2034 Finance

**2034.1.** The Financial Report for June was approved (proposed Cllr McCarthy, seconded Cllr Armitt)

**2034.2.** The Chair would sign the Clerk’s time sheet at a later date.

**2034.3.** Payment of the following Cheques was approved:

- 100610 CPRE Subscription 2016 - 17 36.00 Fixed bills and subscriptions
- 100611 ALCA Subscription 2016 - 17 143.76 Fixed bills and subscriptions
- 100612 Somerset PFA Subscription 2016 - 17 15.00 Fixed bills and subscriptions
- 100613 Judith Hoskin May Salary 375.00 Clerk’s Salary
  (Total 409.88) Printer cartridges 34.88 Office Supplies
- 100614 PCAA Subscription 2016 - 17 50.00 Fixed bills and subscriptions

**2034.4.** Cllr Laux reported that the Village Hall committee had been reviewing the fees it charges for hiring the hall and thought that the £10 per meeting that the Parish Council had been charged for many years should be raised to £24 per meeting in line with other organisations. Councillors agreed that this seemed fair and were happy to pay this from now on (proposed Cllr Jennings, seconded Cllr Hurford) It was agreed that funds should be moved from reserves to cover the shortfall.

### 13/06/2016 - 2035 Annual Parish Meeting update on issues.

**2035.1. Truespeed** – Cllr Laux said that as yet there was no further news from Truespeed.

**2035.2. Fly tipping** –

2035.2.1. The Clerk said that the Community Response Officer had reported that work on this was still ongoing and would need time. Prompted by a comment from a parishioner she had had a discussion with The CRO about use of private security cameras to help identify suspect vehicles. However, while restrictions on private CCTV cameras are fewer on private land, if they are set to capture images in areas with public access the operator must register with the Information Commissioner and adhere to data control principles. It seemed unlikely that private individuals would wish to do this.

**2035.3. East Dundry Lane had recently been completely blocked by fly-tipping. Cllr Armitt said that he had talked to the police who had given him a crime number for residents to quote for all incidents where fly-tipping blocked the road. This was 5216114054.**

**2035.4. Road Safety in the village** – The Clerk had requested information from NSC about using their mapping system to collate background information about traffic problems.

**2035.5. Recycling**

2035.5.1. **Parish recycling scheme** – Cllr Armitt reported that the scheme was ready to start. He was filling in the registration form and needed to know for the form how the £400 ‘Gold’ reward might be spent should it be achieved. Councillors suggested that this should ideally be subject to consultation but might be spent on matters such improving the look of the village, road safety etc.

2035.5.2. Garden Waste – Cllr Armitt reported that the garden waste collection system was to change from bags to bins from March 1st 2017. Residents would have to register if they wished garden waste to be collected and could then buy from NSC up to two bins of varying sizes. Collection would still be free and the frequency would not change. Reduced price compost bins would also be available. More information can be found on the NSC website [http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/waste/changes-to-recycling-and-waste-contract/renewing-the-recycling-and-waste-contract/](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/waste/changes-to-recycling-and-waste-contract/renewing-the-recycling-and-waste-contract/) and will appear in North Somerset Life.

2035.5.3. Other recycling – Cllr Armitt reported that additional containers for recycling could be requested from NSC at no extra charge and that residents could buy nets to stop their recycling from blowing away for £2 from NSC. Councillors thought that since Dundry was a particularly windy place these should be supplied free. Cllr Armitt would ask about this.

**2035.6. Footpaths** – Cllr J Scott had started walking some of the footpaths and already had some comments to make. The Clerk was hoping to use the NSC mapping system for this project as well.

**2035.7. Dundry online presence**

2035.7.1. **Facebook Group** – A community Facebook page had been set up by a parishioner after some discussion with Cllrs Jennings and Laux as to what form it should take. It can be found by searching for ‘dundry ns’ in Facebook. Cllr Jennings said that was already being seen and ‘liked’ and would be a useful additional means of communication for the parish.
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<th>2035.7.2. <strong>Website</strong></th>
<th>Cllr Laux said that he and the Clerk had spent some time reorganising the website slightly to show documents required by the ‘Transparency Code’. This included agendas and minutes and financial information. The file system could be accessed from the Parish Council part of the website under ‘Council documents’ or by following <a href="http://www.dundry.org.uk/parish_council_documents.php">http://www.dundry.org.uk/parish_council_documents.php</a>. The system was designed to allow easy upload of documents without time-consuming creation of links in web-pages. <strong>Cllr Armitt left the meeting at this point</strong></th>
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<td><strong>2036.1.</strong> The Clerk had sent a letter suggesting a meeting between representatives of the Sports and Social Club and the Parish Council. A date had yet to be arranged. The Clerk was asked to write again.</td>
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<td><strong>2036.2.</strong> There was some discussion about the ultimate aim of the protracted discussions with the Sports and Social Club and whether they were serving the best interests of parishioners. It was agreed that the aim was still as set out in the letter to DS&amp;S of October 2015 which said ‘The Parish Council would like in the long term to see a return of a closer connection and improved communication between the Sports and Social Club and, in particular, Dundry Athletic Football Club, and the parishioners of Dundry’ Most councillors were in agreement that progress had been made in clarifying the legal relationship between the two organisations and understanding the makeup of DS&amp;SC.</td>
<td><strong>Cllr Armitt left the meeting at this point</strong></td>
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<td><strong>2036.3.</strong> Since the last meeting Western Power Distribution had found it necessary to replace the underground cable under the playing field. Cllr Jennings said that when she had last looked there had been a small section of cable left uncovered. The clerk was asked to check that the work had now been completed.</td>
<td><strong>13/06/2016 - 2037 Playground Handover</strong></td>
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<td><strong>2037.1.</strong> Cllr Jennings said that it was still intended to handover the playground to the Parish Council later in the year. She had received advice from Community Spaces that all that was needed was a formal exchange of letters between the Playground Group and the Parish Council. She would therefore be writing formally to request the Parish Council to take over the playground.</td>
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<td><strong>13/06/2016 - 2038 Meetings Attended</strong></td>
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<td><strong>2038.1. Village Hall committee</strong> – Cllr Laux said that he had not been able to attend the meeting of DVHC. He referred to the increase in hire fees detailed in item 20134.4 above.</td>
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<td><strong>2038.2.</strong> Town and Parish forum 25th May. The Clerk showed and briefly explained the slides from the town and parish forum. She noted in particular the various stages of local planning policy being worked on, including:</td>
<td><strong>Core Strategy Examination of consequential changes to the other remitted policies</strong> – hearings 21-23 June</td>
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<td>16/P/1133/EIA2 Land to between A370 and A38, South West of Bristol “Scoping opinion for an Environmental Impact Assessment in relation to a proposed housing-led mixed use development comprising a maximum of 5,000 dwellings etc THIS IS NOT A PLANNING APPLICATION” – No comment required</td>
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<td>16/P/1156/TPO 7 Beechcroft, Dundry, BS41 8LE – work to 4 no trees.- no objection</td>
<td><strong>2039.2. Applications Approved by NSC</strong> – None (noted)</td>
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councillors were to be there as well.

2039.4.2. The Clerk said that TWH were proposing to hold public exhibitions at the beginning of July in each parish

2039.4.3. New access off Highridge Road - Councillor McCarthy had investigated whether this has planning approval. It appears to be covered by PA 10/P/0962/F which was renewed under 13/P/1036/F4.

2039.4.4. Planning Enforcement – An appeal had been lodged against enforcement action on the static caravan at Alveare.

13/06/2016 - 2040 Clerk’s Reports
2040.1. The Clerk’s Report and Streets and Open Spaces Report for the previous month had been circulated before the meeting and were noted.
2040.1.1. Cllr Jennings said that she thought the weeds in Crabtree Close had been sprayed – this did not seem to be a long term solution to poorly executed work. The clerk would investigate.
2040.1.2. The Clerk had reported the blocked gullies at the corner of East Dundry Lane and Spring Lane

13/06/2016 - 2041 Correspondence
BANES Chew valley Neighbourhood plan consultation - noted
West of England Joint Planning Update on Joint Spatial Plan - noted
NSC Sustainability Appraisal Supplementary Report - Revised Other Remitted Policies - noted
Parishioner Report of youth tipping over grit bin Andruess Drive – Cllr McC to discuss with parishioner as no solution suggested by NSC.
NSC Invite to North Somerset Council highways ‘week of action’ 20th - 24th June – clerk had booked two places- details to follow
ALCA Invite to NSC ALCA AGM 16th June – noted
CPRE Towns and villages under siege: communities fight back - Tuesday 5th July 7.30 - 9.30 at Flax Bourton Village Hall, noted
NSC Reviewing the sustainability of rural settlements in North Somerset – Clerk to review and circulate

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.
Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Monday 13th June 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 11th July

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda please notify a councillor or the Clerk by Monday 4th July. 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.