Dundry Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 13th March 2017 at 7.30 pm
(These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting)

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux
In Attendance: Councillors Ralph Gay, Maggie Keast, Steve McCarthy, Nancy Jennings, Simon Fiddian
Clerk: Judith Hoskin

13/03/2017 - 2154 Apologies had been received from Cllrs David Hurford, Thomas Armitt, Jim Scott and Amanda Scott

13/03/2017 - 2155 Chair’s welcome and introduction.
2155.1. Cllr Laux apologised to councillors for not having attended the previous meeting and thanked Cllr Fiddian for chairing the meeting in his place.

13/03/2017 - 2156 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda
2156.1. There were no declarations of interest.

13/03/2017 - 2157 Minutes of Previous Meeting
2157.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2017 were agreed as a true record (proposed Cllr McCarthy, seconded Cllr Fiddian)
2157.2. It was noted, but not added to the minutes, that Chris Joannou had said that his team consisted of three officers (one of whom was part time) for the whole of North Somerset.

13/03/2017 - 2158 Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch
2158.1. No crime report had been received
2158.2. The Clerk said she had nothing to report on Neighbourhood Watch.

13/03/2017 - 2159 Public Forum
2159.1. Cllr Fiddian reported that the contractors for the housing development at the Aztec One service station were parking their vehicles on the ‘visibility area’ which was designed to make exiting from Dundry Lane safer. He had contacted the police but had not had an entirely satisfactory response.
The Clerk was asked to contact Martin Faithfull and NSC about this.
2159.2. The Clerk was asked to report to NSC a loose metal inspection chamber cover on the A38 near R.E.Hill.
2159.3. The Clerk had received a complaint about a proliferation of estate agents’ signs near the entrance to Hill Road. Councillors asked her to contact NSC about this.
2159.4. A letter had been received from a parishioner with various queries about the playing field, playground, church gate and blocked gullies in Church Road. The Clerk and Cllr Jennings had responded.

13/03/2017 - 2160 District Councillor Report
2160.1. There was no District Councillor report but Cllr Laux was hoping that after the next meeting of NSC it might be possible to arrange a meeting with Cllr Wilton.

13/03/2017 - 2161 Finance
2161.1. The Financial Report for March was approved (proposed Cllr Fiddian seconded Cllr Gay)
2161.2. The Chair would sign the Clerk’s time sheet for March at the next meeting.
2161.3. Payment of the following Cheques was approved:
   - JH & DJ Hurford: Removal of metal posts playing field 360.00 Gen Community
   - J Hoskin: February Salary 375.00 Gen Clerk's Salary
   - Dundry V H Trust: Hall hire 2016 -2017 288.00 Gen Fixed bills and subs

13/03/2017 - 2162 Annual Parish Meeting update on issues.
2162.1. Broadband – Cllr Laux explained that after the rush to obtain Connecting Devon and Somerset Vouchers the Broadband group had been looking at options for using them to help bring fast broadband to the parish. Initially, fibre to the premises had seemed promising and possible within a reasonable time but now appeared to be very unlikely.
CDS were rolling out phase 2 but the contract for the north of the area had stalled and again it seemed that this would not benefit Dundry in the near future.
Various wireless solutions had been considered and the group had agreed that Wight Wireless offered the solution most likely to succeed. CDS had accepted them as providers and would honour vouchers committed before the deadline. Because of the need to take action before the
vouchers expired most properties in the parish had been leafletted and/or emailed with information. It was hoped that sufficient households would sign up to make it financially viable before the voucher deadline of 31st March.

Cllr Laux urged councillors and parishioners to look at the Dundry Forum where questions could be asked about the service.

**2162.1.1. Traffic speed** –
- NSC had offered the temporary use of a Vehicle Activated sign. After some discussion it was agreed that this should be located on Wells Road.
- The Clerk had been advised by an officer of NSC that the signage for the 50 mph speed limit on the A38 for the SBL to Dundry Lane would be in place by the end of April. She was waiting to hear about the promised overall review of speed limits on the A38.
- The Clerk was asked to find out more about the proposed ‘pedestrian refuge’ opposite the new development at the Aztec 1 service station (Bridge View – see below) as councillors were of the opinion that this was potentially very dangerous.

**2162.1.2. Topics for APM 24th April** – After some discussion it was agreed that the APM should focus on Broadband for the parish and a report on the current situation with the Playing field.

**13/03/2017 - 2163 Playing Field**

2163.1. Since the previous meeting a letter had been sent to the representatives of Dundry AFC requesting the minutes of the meeting at which they were elected as officers of the Dundry Sports and Social Club and details of the other officers. They were also asked for evidence that they had renewed the building and public liability insurance as required by the lease and licence. The letter had been acknowledged by their consultant surveyor but no reply had been received despite a reminder having been sent.

2163.2. The metal posts had been removed and stored.

2163.3. The Clerk had sent more information to the solicitor and received a revised estimate for undertaking various actions, together with some general comments. Councillors reviewed his estimate and, after some discussion, it was agreed that he should be asked for a written opinion on the current legal position (proposed Cllr Fiddian, seconded Cllr Jennings).

The Clerk would contact him and discuss the best way of providing him with the full background.

2163.4. The Clerk was asked to write to Dundry AFC and Tony Mattock informing them that the Parish Council would be taking legal advice.

2163.5. Meanwhile, it was noted that the grass would soon start to grow strongly and it was agreed that it should be mown if possible. The grass would need to be removed rather than left in heaps as had happened the last time it was mown.

The Clerk would discuss the practicalities of this with Cllr Hurford and ask the solicitor whether there would be any legal implications in taking on maintenance of this sort.

**13/03/2017 - 2164 Miscellaneous**

2164.1. **Fingerpost repair hairpin bend** - Following the meeting on 13th February Cllr Fiddian had arranged for the fingerpost to be repaired at no cost. He said that thanks were due to Trevor Ford for organising the repair and for dropping off and collecting the sign and to Jim Burnell of Burnell Bodyworks, Highriding Common who welded the pieces together. Neither of them wanted any payment as they considered that they were doing their bit for the community. Councillors were very appreciative and thanked Councillor Fiddian for organising this, removing the parts from the post and providing and applying the finishing paint.

2164.2. **Consultation on Public Space Protection orders**

- Cllrs reviewed the general points and agreed that it was not very clear who had authority to enforce the PSPOs, particularly on land not belonging to NSC. More clarity in wording would generally be helpful.
- More specifically, councillors welcomed the conversion of dog control orders into PSPOs and would like to discuss with NSC possible use of PSPOs in the Hill road turning circle and the village car park.

2164.3. **Consider ‘Bridge View’ as street name of development at Aztec One Service station** – Cllrs had no objection to this proposed name.

2164.4. **Request from Dundry PCC to move December PC meeting to December 4th** (to enable carol service to be in village hall) – agreed
2164.5. **Report on highway works to be undertaken in Dundry by NSC** in new financial year.

The Clerk reported that she had met with two officers from NSC who had indicated that the following works would be taking place in the parish in the new financial year:

- **A38 from Downside Road to South Bristol Link** - pre-patching, gulley repairs etc. in year one, followed by surface dressing in the following year. Because of high traffic flows on this road work would have to take place between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. and the works were anticipated to take 2 weeks in June. The Clerk had raised the problems of flooding at the end of Dundry Lane and the ‘Waterfall wall’ and given them contact details for Cllr Fiddian.

- **Upton Lane from Carpenters Tavern to boundary with BANES** – surface dressing preceded by patching. This would involve two separate road closures of one day in late May or early June.

- **Highridge Road from Dundry Lane to boundary with Bristol** – surface dressing preceded by patching - timing and road closures as Upton lane. These works would be addition to normal maintenance and gulley emptying.

The Clerk said that she had asked the officers to look at other roads in Dundry, in particular:

- Broadoak Hill
- Whitchurch Lane
- Crabtree Lane
- Gullies at the corner of East Dundry Lane by Cross Cottage
- Blocked gullies on Church Road near Downs Road.

Councillor McCarthy suggested that a more comprehensive survey of highways problems with photographs and locations might be helpful to NSC and yield more results.

2164.6. **Airport noise monitor in East Dundry** - The Clerk had reviewed the noise report from the airport and noted that there were no figures for night flights or flights between 6 and 7 a.m. The noise figures were also averaged out to give a figure below the point at which the airport currently funds noise reduction measures. Given the normal low background noise in East Dundry these results did not seem accurately to reflect the noise nuisance experienced by residents. She had emailed the chair and recent past vice-chair of the PCAA who had suggested various further questions DPC might ask. Councillors agreed that this should be pursued with the airport.

13/03/2017 - 2165 Planning

**Applications Received**

17/P/032 48 Dundry Lane, Dundry, BS41 8JQ Minor material amendment to planning ref 2/MMA 16/P/0132/F to allow the reduction of rear extension from 6832mmj deep to 5260mm deep and continue the single storey construction along the side of the property. Change the roofing material of single storey side extension to concealed glass and clad the rear elevation in cedar cladding. - *No comment*

17/P/042 Grove Cottage, Highridge Road, Dundry, BS41 8JT - Conversion of existing garage into annexe – *No objection*

17/P/044 12 Yanleigh Close, Bristol, BS13 8AQ T1 oak - fell and replant; T2 oak - reduce crown over property back to boundary – *No comment*

17/P/045 Glenside, Oxeaze Lane, Dundry, BS41 8LA Erection of an entrance porch, new external terrace with canopy over, alteration to some of the windows, over cladding to some of the existing volumes; following the removal of the existing front and rear porch. – *no objection*

**Applications Approved by NSC (no prior approval required) – (noted)**

17/P/0229 10 Crabtree Close, Dundry, BS41 8LW Prior approval request for the erection of a single storey rear extension.

**Applications Refused by NSC – none (noted)**

2165.4. **Other Planning Matters** - none
### Reports

**2166.1. The Clerk’s Report** for the previous month had been circulated and was noted. Items of immediate interest had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

**2166.2. Village Hall committee** – The meeting of the village hall committee had been held on 9th March. There had been some disappointment from the pre-school at a proposed increase in the amount they were charged for hiring the hall. It was hoped to resolve this at a meeting on 14th March.

### Correspondence

| VWV | First registration of Dundry Recreation Ground - file closure storage of docs | Clerk to request return to DPC |
| Parishioner | Various queries – see public Forum |
| ALCA | Employment Law for Local Councils – action required from councillors on various aspects of employment of Clerk. |

### Comments/queries arising from complete correspondence list

- none

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.20 p.m.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Monday 13th February 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 10th April 2017**

**The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 24th April 2017**

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda please notify a councillor or the Clerk by Monday 5th April. 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.