

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 10th April 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, Amanda Scott, Jim Scott, David Hurford

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

<p>10/04/2017 - 2169 Apologies had been received from Cllr Thomas Armitt, PC Martin Faithfull and District Councillor Nick Wilton.</p>	
<p>10/04/2017 - 2170 Chair's welcome and introduction. 2170.1. It was with great sadness that councillors heard of the recent death of John Rilett who had lived in Dundry for many years, had been a parish councillor and had been instrumental in the building of the village hall.</p>	
<p>10/04/2017 - 2171 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 2171.1. Cllr Hurford declared an interest in item 2177.3– fee for mowing</p>	
<p>10/04/2017 - 2172 It was resolved to exclude the press and public during discussion of item 2179 – Playing Field (Proposed Cllr Hurford, seconded Cllr Fiddian)</p>	
<p>10/04/2017 - 2173 Minutes of Previous Meeting 2173.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th March 2017 were approved as a true record (proposed Cllr Fiddian, Seconded Cllr Gay) <i>Cllr Scott joined the meeting at this point</i></p>	
<p>10/04/2017 - 2174 Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch 2174.1. No crime report had been received but an email had been received from PCSO Gatenby advising parishioners that 'as of Monday 3rd April 2017 ALL parking offences (apart from obstruction and white zig zags) are to be directed to North Somerset Council. The lines have become deregulated and therefore the police no longer have the power to ticket these offences'. (Post meeting note: a report was received from PC Faithfull after the meeting which will be posted on the Dundry website www.dundry.org.uk) <i>Cllr Keast joined the meeting at this point</i> 2174.2. The Clerk said she had nothing to report on Neighbourhood Watch.</p>	
<p>10/04/2017 - 2175 Public Forum 2175.1. Cllr McCarthy reported that he had received complaints about two separate incidents (and locations) where walkers had been told by a landowner that they should not have their dog with them on a public footpath even though the dog was on a lead. The Clerk would ask NSC about the legal position. Cllr Hurford said that farmers were finding dogs an increasing problem partly because of the diseases they can carry and partly because they can disturb and cause distress to farm animals. The public were not always aware that farmers are entitled to shoot dogs found worrying sheep. 2175.2. Cllr Hurford said that he had had several complaints about potholes. The Clerk said that parishioners should be encouraged to complain to NSC about potholes as multiple complaints are more likely to receive attention. Cllrs were also concerned that many of the road markings in the parish were becoming very faint. Cllr Laux volunteered to do a survey of potholes and road markings. 2175.3. Cllr Laux noted the new government proposals to combat fly-tipping. These included discouraging local councils from charging for disposal of waste at recycling centres. 2175.4. Cllr Keast said she had had a response to her Freedom of Information Request to NSC about the number of successful prosecutions for fly tipping in recent years. In 2014 -15 there had been 4 and in 2015 -16 there had been 2. 2175.5. Cllr Keast said that the mast at North Hill Farm in East Dundry had been without its red warning light for some days. The Clerk would report this.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cllr Laux</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Clerk</p>

<p>10/04/2017 - 2176 District Councillor Report</p> <p>2176.1. Cllr Laux had received an email from Cllr Wilton in which he reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste collection remains in focus with teething problems with the new contractor and green waste. • Central government has let it be known that Councils should NOT charge for disposal of waste at local authority operated sites: a position Cllr Wilton personally supported when fees were mooted at NSC. He hoped NSC would revert to free disposal which might help to mitigate the problem of fly tipping. • Cllr Wilton had also requested (again) a holistic review of the A38 post completion of the SBL. • Cllr Wilton had read to the last full NSC Council meeting a short statement regarding Avon Fire Authority. For the first time in the history of the Fire Service a Minister was exercising his statutory powers to demand an independent investigation. This matter had taken an enormous amount of Cllr Wilton's (and others') time. <p>Councillors noted that Cllr Wilton had been supportive of the Parish Council's continued request for a 40 mph speed limit on Bridgwater Road.</p>																															
<p>10/04/2017 - 2177 Finance</p> <p>2177.1. The Financial Reports for Year end 2016 – 2017 and for April were approved (proposed Cllr J Scoot, seconded Cllr Fiddian)</p> <p>2177.2. The Chair signed the Clerk's time sheets for March and April.</p> <p>2177.3. The Clerk reported that Paul Hurford had borrowed a suitable mower and mown the playing field in time for a marquee to be erected for a wedding at the village hall and in preparation for use of the field by the school. Although he had volunteered his labour as a parishioner it was agreed that Mr Hurford should be paid the nominal fee of £100 (plus VAT) which would also cover his expenses, and councillors extended their thanks to him.</p> <p>2177.4. Payment of the following Cheques was approved:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>100638</td> <td>ALCA</td> <td>Subscription 2017 - 2018</td> <td>163.51</td> <td>General</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100639</td> <td>Jody's GS</td> <td>Village orderly December</td> <td>272.00</td> <td>General</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100640</td> <td>DVHT</td> <td>Half of phone line rental</td> <td>162.14</td> <td>General</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100641</td> <td>Judith Hoskin</td> <td>March Salary</td> <td>375.00</td> <td>General</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100642</td> <td>Paul Hurford</td> <td>Mowing of Playing Field</td> <td>120.00</td> <td>General</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D/D</td> <td>E.ON</td> <td>Street light</td> <td>13.94</td> <td>General</td> </tr> </table>	100638	ALCA	Subscription 2017 - 2018	163.51	General	100639	Jody's GS	Village orderly December	272.00	General	100640	DVHT	Half of phone line rental	162.14	General	100641	Judith Hoskin	March Salary	375.00	General	100642	Paul Hurford	Mowing of Playing Field	120.00	General	D/D	E.ON	Street light	13.94	General	
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<p>10/04/2017 - 2178 Annual Parish Meeting 2016 update on issues.</p> <p>2178.1. Broadband – Cllr Laux reported that, after a widespread publicity campaign and distribution of leaflets, the number of people expressing an interest in signing up for wireless broadband had nearly reached the point where Wight Wireless would commit to installing the service.</p> <p>The deadline for using the CDS vouchers had been extended but superfast broadband had to be installed at a property by the end of June to qualify.</p> <p>Councillors were concerned that the 10 Mbps option originally advertised seemed no longer to be available. They thought that some parishioners would not actually take up the service if they had to pay more for a faster service they did not really need. Cllr Laux would raise this with Wight Wireless.</p> <p>Representatives from Wight Wireless would be at the Annual Parish Meeting to explain the next steps.</p> <p>2178.1.1. Traffic speed – North Somerset Council had reviewed speed limits on the A38 from the South Bristol Link to the airport and sent their proposals to the Parish Council for comment before the formal consultation. Councillors were concerned to see that it was intended to have a 50 mph speed limit from Castle Farm to Potters Hill. The Clerk had reminded NSC of the request to have a 40 mph limit and been told that the speed limits proposed were consistent with the Government's latest guidelines.</p> <p>Councillors were all agreed that the amount of traffic on the A38 had increased considerably since completion of the SBL and that this posed a serious danger to the safety of residents. A copy of a series of emails to NSC had been received from one resident of Bridgwater Road who was very concerned about the safety of children and older people trying to cross the road to the bus stop. After some discussion it was agreed to write to NSC asking why, if the same guidelines had been applied to the SBL which has no residential properties beside it, that road had a maximum 40mph speed limit.</p>	<p>Cllr Laux</p> <p>Clerk</p>																														

<p>10/04/2017 - 2182 Reports 2182.1. 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.</p>	
<p>10/04/2017 - 2183 Correspondence</p> <p>Grant Thornton Audit papers – <i>Clerk to action</i></p> <p>NSC Advice of submission of Landowner and Highways Statement and Highways Declaration, for Land to the north of East Dundry Lane, Dundry - <i>noted</i></p> <p>PCSO Gatenby Introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement within the North Somerset Council area with effect from Monday 3 April - <i>noted</i></p> <p>2183.1. Comments/queries arising from complete correspondence list - none</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.54 p.m.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Monday 10th April 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 Annual Meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th May 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 1st May**. 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.