

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 12th June 2017 at 7.30 pm

(These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting)

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux

In Attendance: Councillors Ralph Gay, Simon Fiddian (part time), Jim Scott, David Hurford, Thomas Armit (part time) Steve McCarthy, Nancy Jennings

1 parishioner (for the Public Forum)

Ian Wilson (NSC Parish Liaison officer)

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

<p>12/06/2017 - 2206 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Maggie Keast and Amanda Scott, and District Councillor Nick Wilton.</p>	
<p>12/06/2017 - 2207 Chair's welcome and introduction. 2207.1. Cllr Laux welcomed all to the meeting. He said that since the last meeting there had been an election with an unpredictable result full of uncertainty, and two terror attacks. The thoughts of all the parish council would be with those affected. 2207.2. He also said that at the weekend there would be a 'Big Get Together' tea party in memory of Jo Cox MP.</p>	
<p>12/06/2017 - 2208 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 2208.1. There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p>12/06/2017 - 2209 It was resolved to exclude the press and public during discussion of item 2213.1 – Playing Field – Sports and Social Club (Proposed Cllr Hurford, seconded Cllr Fiddian)</p>	
<p>12/06/2017 - 2210 Minutes of Previous Meeting 2210.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th May 2017 were approved as a true record (proposed Cllr Fiddian, seconded Cllr Gay)</p>	
<p>12/06/2017 - 2211 Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch 2211.1. No Crime report had been received 2211.2. The Clerk said she had nothing to report on Neighbourhood Watch.</p>	
<p>12/06/2017 - 2212 Public Forum 2212.1. A parishioner had attended the meeting to discuss the playing field. He said it was important to support grass-roots football which was generally in decline, with teams folding for lack of players. In his view it was important to keep the recreation ground in Dundry as sports pitches. He said he was manager of a men's team which played in the area and had connections with Dundry. For various reasons this team would be interested in relocating to Dundry. They would only need one pitch, and if necessary this could be the far pitch. They generally played twice a month with the occasional extra match. There would be some evening training but in the winter they tended to train elsewhere where there was an all-weather pitch. They didn't play on Sundays. <i>Cllr Armit joined the meeting at this point.</i> Councillors said that they were not at the moment in the position to make any promises or agreements but would bear his request in mind. 2212.2. Cllr Fiddian said that work was in progress on the 'waterfall wall' on the A38 <i>Ian Wilson joined the meeting at this point</i></p>	
<p>12/06/2017 - 2213 Sports Field (brought forward by agreement as two councillors needed to leave early) 2213.1. Dundry Sports and Social Club 2213.1.1. Since the previous meeting work had progressed towards taking legal action against the Trustees of the Dundry Sports and Social Club who were in breach of multiple obligations set out in the lease for the clubhouse. However, it had become apparent that the playing field was being mown by someone not instructed by the Parish Council. Investigations had revealed that this contractor had been instructed by a representative of a Youth Football Club (YFC) and it had transpired that this organisation had been invited by the representatives of Dundry AFC to join the Dundry Sports and Social Club and use the pitches for youth football activities. The Parish Council had been told that four individuals from DAFC and two from YFC were the new committee/trustees of the Dundry</p>	

<p>Sports and Social Club, although no minutes of meetings at which they had been elected, or other documents, had been offered in evidence. The YFC representative had expressed a willingness to communicate and to remedy the breaches. Advice on this new development had been taken from the solicitor. 2213.1.2. After some discussion it was unanimously resolved to invite representatives of YFC, and any representatives of DAFC who were willing to attend, to an informal 'without prejudice' fact finding meeting (proposed Cllr Hurford, seconded Cllr Fiddian) The Clerk was instructed to try to arrange this meeting as soon as possible.</p> <p>2213.2. Miscellaneous 2213.2.1. There had been reports of broken glass on the car park near the playground. On this occasion the glass seemed to have appeared after the bins had been emptied and the Clerk had reported it to NSC. There had been other occasions when glass had been found in the car park and it was not clear how this had happened.</p> <p>2213.2.2. There was some discussion about padlocking the big bin as had been agreed at the previous meeting. Councillor McCarthy said that he probably had a suitable padlock and would progress this.</p> <p>2213.2.3. 'No dogs' signs. The Clerk had contacted North Somerset Council about having more 'No Dogs Allowed' signs. NSC had offered 'dogs on leads' signs with 'no dogs allowed' stickers on top of them. It was agreed to accept the signs but also to order some sample signs to distribute round the field.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr McCarthy</p> <p>Clerk</p>																									
<p>12/06/2017 - 2214 District Councillor Report 2214.1. Proposed study on the A38 and future routes to the airport - There was no District Councillor report but Councillor Laux reported that Councillor Wilton had been concerned to see that Dundry PC had supported the PCAA objection to North Somerset Council's providing financial support to a study on future access to the airport which was mainly funded by Bristol Airport. Councillor Laux had explained to Councillor Wilton that the objection was that this was not an independent study but one likely to be biased in favour of airport expansion because of the way it was funded. Councillor Wilton was keen that the parishes in his ward most affected by traffic on the A38 (Dundry, Barrow Gurney, and Winford) should have a say in the scope of this study. He had requested the terms of reference for the study. The chair of Barrow Gurney Parish Council had suggested a joint meeting. Councillors agreed that no decision should be made on a meeting before the terms of reference were available. Councillor Laux would write to the chair of Barrow Gurney PC and Councillor Wilton. <i>Cllr Armit left the meeting at this point</i> 2214.2. Traffic speed on the A38 Councillors were still keen to see a reduction in traffic speed on the A 38 as the increase in traffic since the opening of the South Bristol Link had made exiting onto this road crossing it on foot even more dangerous. Ian Wilson (a traffic engineer) argued that reducing the speed limit too much might lead to more dangerous behaviour by motorists. However he agreed to try to arrange a meeting with the engineer responsible for this stretch of the A 38.</p>	<p>Cllr Laux</p> <p>Ian Wilson</p>																									
<p>12/06/2017 - 2215 Finance 2215.1. The Financial Report for June was approved (proposed Cllr Fiddian seconded Cllr Gay) 2215.2. The Chair signed the Clerk's time sheet for June. 2215.3. Payment of the following Cheques was approved:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="159 1747 1276 1926"> <tr> <td>100646</td> <td>EDF Energy*</td> <td>Clubhouse Elec</td> <td>33.44</td> <td>Playing Field utility bills</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100647</td> <td>J Hoskin (total £382.40)</td> <td>May Salary</td> <td>375.00</td> <td>Clerk's salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Parking W s M</td> <td>5.00</td> <td>Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Postage</td> <td>2.40</td> <td>Office Expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100648</td> <td>Somerset PFA</td> <td>Subs 2017 – 18</td> <td>15.00</td> <td>Fixed bills and subs</td> </tr> </table> <p>*Paid before meeting because of deadline</p>	100646	EDF Energy*	Clubhouse Elec	33.44	Playing Field utility bills	100647	J Hoskin (total £382.40)	May Salary	375.00	Clerk's salary			Parking W s M	5.00	Expenses			Postage	2.40	Office Expenses	100648	Somerset PFA	Subs 2017 – 18	15.00	Fixed bills and subs	
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<p>12/06/2017 - 2216 Road Safety 2216.1. A38 speed limit – see item 2214.2 above 2216.2. Parking on pavement Dundry Lane – Councillor J Scott had visited the parishioner whose parking of business vehicles on the pavement on Dundry Lane had upset other residents. Since then he had not noticed the problem recurring. However Councillor Laux had received an email from another parishioner complaining that the parish council was in effect supporting the resident who was parking on the pavement. It was agreed that Councillor Laux would reply to this parishioner. 2216.3. Traffic incidents Crabtree Lane/West Dundry Lane – request for better lines and ‘Give Way’ sign – the Clerk had received an email from a parishioner describing near misses he and a neighbour had experienced while driving along West Dundry Lane. The road markings at the end of Crabtree Lane had worn away so that vehicles coming from this direction were not aware that they did not have priority. Councillors agreed that road markings generally in the parish were very faint and the clerk was asked to write to North Somerset Council. 2216.4. Fatal accident Highridge Road – There had sadly been a fatal accident on Highridge Road where a motorcyclist had hit his head on stones by the road and had died. A parishioner had written expressing concern about various properties where stones had been placed near the road. Councillors agreed that this was a tragic event which was still under investigation. However the stones in question were well off the road. They didn’t think there was any way of stopping residents putting stones in front of their properties provided it was on their land. The Clerk was asked to write the parishioner. <i>Cllr Fiddian left the meeting at this point</i></p>	<p>Cllr Laux Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>12/06/2017 - 2217 Other Matters 2217.1. – Councillor Laux had received a request from St Michael’s PCC to support their application for a rural development grant. Councillors were fully in support and Councillor Laux would write the letter. 2217.2. Broadband - Councillor Laux said that Wight Wireless was still hoping to install broadband to properties with CDS vouchers by the end of June. They were fully committed, had created a link from near the airport, were erecting a temporary mast and had invested money. Some councillors were concerned that they had given their Direct Debit details but heard nothing back. Councillor Laux would investigate.</p>	<p>Cllr Laux Cllr Laux</p>
<p>12/06/2017 - 2218 Meetings attended 2218.1. Town and Parish Workshop 11th May. 2218.1.1. The Clerk briefly showed the slides from this meeting and outlined the main points from it. The majority of the meeting was about planning – particularly the ongoing work to finally get the Core Strategy finalised and on the West of England Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Transport Strategy to 2036 for which the timetable was hoped to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on ‘Publication version’ Autumn 2017. • Submission to Secretary of State Spring 2018. • Examination Autumn 2018. • Adoption by end 2018. <p>Developers were exerting pressure to increase the number of houses planned and there was renewed pressure to review the Green Belt. 2218.1.2. She also noted that NSC had now joined the other authorities in the ‘West of England’ in a digital mapping project recording local history. The site could be found at http://www.kypwest.org.uk/ 2218.2. Village Hall meeting – Cllr Laux had not attended this meeting but reported that there would be a village hall maintenance day on Sunday 9th July. The VH committee had decided to join the Broadband programme. 2218.3. Meeting with Bristol Water to discuss replacement stone wall on Crabtree Lane - Cllr Jennings had met representatives of Bristol Water to discuss the stone wall which they had replaced after installing the water main. BW had agreed that the quality of workmanship was poor and that the wall should be rebuilt with mortar to match the rest of the wall. DPC had suggested a local stonemason who might like to do the work.</p>	
<p>12/06/2017 - 2219 Planning 2219.1. Applications Received 17/P/1281/F Mount Pleasant, Highridge Road, Dundry, BS41 8JU Erection of a double garage – no objections</p>	

<p>2219.2. Applications Approved by NSC (noted)</p> <p>17/P/0692/F Best View Barn, Upton Lane, Dundry, BS41 8NS Removal of condition 5 from 14/P/0691/F (Conversion of outbuilding to annexe including the addition of front porch) to allow use as a separate self-contained dwelling</p> <p>17/P/0187/F St Michael, Church Road, Dundry, BS41 8LH Proposed extension to provide access into church and accommodate WC and chair store. External works including pathway resurfacing and external lighting scheme</p> <p>2219.3. Applications Refused by NSC – (noted)</p> <p>17/P/1009/ O Leavesden, Upton Lane, Dundry, BS41 8NF. Outline application for the erection of 4 no. holiday accommodation units with details of access only. All other matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for subsequent approval</p> <p>2219.4. Other Planning Matters</p> <p>2219.5. Complaint from parishioners about development on land at 131 Bridgewater Road Bristol BS13 8AE (within Bristol boundary). The Chair had received a request from a parishioner for support from the Parish Council over a breach of planning permission on a development at the edge of Bristol, but within the Bristol boundary, where the properties had not been built as the application drawings. It was understood that Bristol City Council had received numerous complaints about this development and had asked for a retrospective planning application from the developer. Councillors were sympathetic but did not think that comments from the Parish Council on an application in a neighbouring authority would be appropriate. .</p> <p>2219.6. The Clerk had received the NSC enforcement list. She noted that enforcement action was still in progress on the over-high fence at the corner of Winford Lane and Castle Farm Lane.</p>	
<p>12/06/2017 - 2220 Reports</p> <p>2220.1. The Clerk’s Report for the previous month had been circulated and was noted. She noted in particular the following:</p> <p>2220.1.1. The Vehicle Activated sign had now been removed from the top of Broadoak Hill. Over the six weeks it had been in place it had recorded 4014 vehicles going over 40 mph downhill and 4779 uphill.</p> <p>2220.1.2. She had investigated the footpath reported as blocked at the previous meeting. She had found that the apparent blockage was actually after the footpath turned sharp left. However, the steps down to the footpath from Dundry Lane were very slippery and uneven and NSC had promised to investigate to see whether remedial work was needed to make them safe. .</p> <p>2220.2. Other Reports</p> <p>2220.2.1. There were no other reports</p>	
<p>12/06/2017 - 2221 Correspondence</p> <p>2221.1. There was no correspondence of note not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</p> <p>2221.2. Comments/queries arising from complete correspondence list - none</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.00 p.m.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Monday 12th 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
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The Next Meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held on Monday 10th July 2017

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