Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 4\textsuperscript{th} December 2017 at 7.30 pm

\textit{(These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting)}

Chair: Cllr Simon Fiddian

In Attendance: Councillors Ralph Gay, Steve McCarthy, Nancy Jennings, Maggie Keast, Jim Scott

1 parishioner was also in attendance

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

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<th>04/12/2017 - 2287</th>
<th>Apologies had been received from Cllrs Holger Laux, David Hurford, Amanda Scott and Thomas Armitt, and Ian Wilson (NSC Parish Liaison Officer).</th>
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<td>04/12/2017 - 2288</td>
<td>Chair's welcome and introduction. 2288.1. Cllr Fiddian welcomed all to the last meeting of 2017. 2288.2. Cllr Gay reported that Cllr Hurford was in hospital recovering from an operation and all councillors sent their best wishes.</td>
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<td>04/12/2017 - 2289</td>
<td>Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 2289.1. There were no declarations of interest.</td>
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<td>04/12/2017 - 2290</td>
<td>It was resolved to exclude members of the press and public during Item 11 of the agenda (discussion of item 7)</td>
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<td>04/12/2017 - 2291</td>
<td>Minutes of Previous Meeting 2291.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13\textsuperscript{th} November 2017 were approved as a true record (proposed Cllr Gay, seconded Cllr J Scott)</td>
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<td>04/12/2017 - 2292</td>
<td>Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch 2292.1. No crime report had been received 2292.2. The Clerk said that she had nothing to report on Neighbourhood Watch.</td>
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<td>04/12/2017 - 2293</td>
<td>Invited guests - Representatives of Chew Valley Football Club to present their proposed options for assignment of the lease and licence. 2293.1. No representatives of Chew Valley Football Club/Dundry Sports and Social Club were present and no apologies had been received.</td>
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<td>04/12/2017 - 2294</td>
<td>Public Forum 2294.1. The parishioner present said that he lived in Hill Road and was very keen to find a solution to anti-social behaviour, fly tipping and speeding cars on that road and in the turning circle. He had read back through the minutes and was aware that various options had been tried but none had yet been successful. He felt that the problem was becoming worse. After some discussion it was agreed that the parishioner and Cllr McCarthy should meet to discuss the matter further to see if they could come up with a viable solution. 2294.2. Cllr Fiddian reported that: • The solid white lines on the A38 were in need of refreshing. Clerk to report. • The pavement by the 'waterfall wall' was now covered with algae and dangerously slippery. He would pursue this with NSC • The fingerpost on the A38 was now in storage. He would attempt to find a way of repairing it. • The trees outside Alveare had not yet been moved even though it was the right time of year. The Clerk would chase this up. 2294.3. More complaints had been received about a vehicle parked entirely on the pavement in front of the noticeboard near the Dundry Inn. The Clerk had sent a picture to the beat manager but received no reply. It was agreed to put a notice on the windscreen suggesting that this vehicle should be parked in the village car park.</td>
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<td>04/12/2017 - 2295</td>
<td>District Councillor Report 2295.1. There was no report from Councillor Wilton.</td>
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04/12/2017 - 2296 Finance
2296.1. The Financial report for November was approved (Prop Cllr McCarthy, sec Cllr Jennings)
2296.2. The Chair signed the Clerk’s time sheet.
2296.3. Payment of the following cheques was approved:
   100665  St Michael's Dundry PCC Floodlighting and Parish news  250.00 General
   100666  Judith Hoskin November Salary  375.00 General
   100667  EDF Clubhouse electricity*  164.18 General
*See item 2297.3 below
2296.4. The Finance Working Group meeting had been arranged for 18th December. The group would review the projection to the end of the year, and discuss a proposed budget to be agreed and the Precept set at the full meeting on 8th January. The final date for requesting the Precept would be the end of January.
Councillors thought it was likely that after several years of no increases the precept would have to rise in the coming year, mainly as a result of legal expenses related to the playing field and the appointment of a new Clerk.

04/12/2017 - 2297 Playing Field
2297.1.1. The Clerk reported that, as instructed at the last meeting, she had written to Chew Valley Football Club (on 14th November) asking them to provide a written summary of their two options by Monday 20th November and to send representatives to present their options at the next parish council meeting on Monday 4th December. They had also been made aware that if progress could not be made at this point it was likely that notice would be given on the licence for use of the playing field.
On 23rd November, after some prompting, the Clerk had received a brief description of the options with a promise to ‘scan the documents and email them over’. Since then, despite requests for the documents and for confirmation that someone would be attending the PC meeting (for which she set the agenda on 29th November) she had heard nothing more.
As noted in item 2293 no representatives of CVFC were present and no apologies had been received.
2297.1.2. Following nearly a year attempting to resolve the problems caused by the collapse (in summer 2016) of Dundry AFC and the dispute between the previous members of Dundry Sports and Social Club, the Parish Council had now been waiting since June for credible proof of CVFC’s legitimate right to use the playing field and clubhouse.
They had waited for this length of time because they were supportive in principle of the idea of youth football being played on the playing field and were aware that some parishioners were keen for it to continue. However, after this latest in a series of failed commitments and unwillingness to engage, councillors had to conclude that neither Chew Valley Football Club nor the remaining representatives of Dundry AFC had any interest in forming a constructive relationship with the Parish Council which owns the playing field and clubhouse on behalf of the parishioners of Dundry.
(Note to item 2296 – Since no progress had been made on the lease and licence DPC was at present still paying the clubhouse electricity and water bills. The Clerk said that she had checked with the utility companies and been told that it was not possible for two organisations to be paying the bill for the same meter. From this she concluded that CVFC had been mistaken when they said they were paying these bills).
2297.1.3. It was therefore RESOLVED unanimously that the intended course of action, subject to legal advice, should be to give notice under the licence as follows:
Under Clause 3.1.3 – six months’ notice to relinquish use of the near pitch
Under clause 8.2 – twelve months’ notice to terminate the licence completely.
(It was noted that the lease for the clubhouse is legally dependent on the use of the Dundry Playing fields).
Because of the lack of clarity over trustees the notice would be sent to all individuals claiming to be trustees in the past or at present. It was agreed that this action did not rule out the possibility of arriving at a satisfactory solution before the licence was finally terminated. The Clerk was asked to contact the solicitor to progress this.

2297.2. The Clerk reported that North Somerset Council had commissioned a contractor to assist in undertaking the Sports and Playing Pitch Strategy for the area. This strategy would help NSC to protect and enhance the quality of playing pitches over the next 10 – 15 years and help to identify shortfalls in provision that would support future funding bids. The contractor hoped to visit Dundry Playing Field the following week. Cllr Gay agreed to meet him but the Clerk was asked to contact the NSC officer in charge of the project beforehand to explain the current situation.

04/12/2017 - 2298 Report on initiatives for improving communication with Parishioners
2298.1. Cllr Jennings reported that as agreed at the previous meeting she had posted short ‘bullet points’ of information about the parish council and ‘mini minutes’ on Facebook. There had been a favourable response to these. The Clerk had also put the information on the notice boards, and in the parish news.
2298.2. Cllr Jennings said that there had been a query on Facebook about 20 mph speed limits which she had replied to with input from Cllrs Laux and McCarthy and the Clerk. Because of the expectation on Facebook of a swift reply she asked for agreement that this small group should continue to agree a response from the parish council where appropriate with the proviso that some matters would need to be put on the agenda at Parish Council meetings. This was agreed.
2298.3. On the particular subject of speed limits and traffic calming it was suggested that interested parishioners might be invited to form a working group to gather relevant information and put forward a proposal to NSC.

04/12/2017 - 2299 Planning
2299.1. Applications Received – none (noted)
2299.2. Applications Approved by NSC
   17/P/233 Chestnut Cottage, Wells Road, Dundry, BS41 8ND - Certificate of lawful development for proposed siting of a mobile home to be used as additional accommodation (certificate granted)

2299.3. Applications Refused by NSC – none (noted)
2299.4. Other Planning Matters
2299.4.1. Consultation on Joint Spatial Plan – The Clerk reported that the Joint Spatial Plan had been approved by the various councils and a public consultation on the ‘Publication Version’ had started on 22nd November and closes on 10th January. This consultation is restricted to issues of ‘soundness and legal compliance’. The plan can be viewed and details of the consultation found on https://www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk/consult/ti/JSPPublication/consultationHome
2299.4.2. North Somerset Local Plan – meeting with NSC planning officer. (27th November)
   The Clerk showed slides from a briefing she and Cllr Scott had attended and explained that North Somerset Council were now beginning to prepare a Local Plan for 2018 – 2036 which would put detail into the broad proposals of the Joint Spatial Plan. NSC were committed in the JSP to providing 25,011 dwellings by 2036. They had found locations for most of these through existing commitments and ‘strategic development locations’ in Banwell, Churchill, Nailsea and Backwell but were short by 1,000. They were therefore in the process of assessing villages for potential sites. Because Dundry has very few services it was not intended to change its status as an ‘infill’ village. However, the Clerk noted that: Despite no housing allocation for ‘Ashton Vale’ Taylor Wimpey were still intending to put in a planning application in the Spring.
   Some sites outside the settlement boundary had been put forward by their owners as potential
housing sites - in particular a field between The Mead and Andruss Drive, a site behind the Royal British Legion and a site on Broadoak Hill. None of these was at present under consideration by NSC.

2299.4.3. Proposed expansion of Bristol Airport – PCAA response - The Clerk would discuss this with Cllr Armitt.

2299.4.4. The Clerk had asked NSC about enforcement action at Oxleaze Farm. NSC have been monitoring the site and carried out a recent inspection. If there are concerns about activity or work on the site they should be reported at http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/planning-building-control/reportplanningbreach/planningenforcement/

04/12/2017 - 2300 – Reports
2300.1. The Clerk’s report had been circulated before the meeting and was noted.
2300.1.1. The Clerk noted:
   - A response was still awaited from Bristol Water about repairs to the wall opposite the village hall. Once she knew when this work was to be done she would contact the farmer concerned.
   - The yellow bins round the village were now being emptied.
   - Contractors would soon be starting work on the church. Residents of The Mead had asked that they park in the village car park and the Clerk had sent the contractors a template parking permit to indicate that they had permission to park there.
   - The Clerk had ordered the ‘No Dogs’ signs.

2300.2. Cllr Gay said he replaced some of the missing rails round the playing field but that there were several more that would need replacing soon.

04/12/2017 - 2301 Correspondence – all noted
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<td>Final Notice - Highridge Road (3), Dundry (T17-129)</td>
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There being no further business, the meeting ended at 09.50 p.m.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Monday 4th December 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 full meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th January 2018

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda please notify a councillor or the Clerk by Friday 29th 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.