

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 2011 at 7.30pm

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

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux

In Attendance: Cllrs Bee Peters, Nancy Jennings, David Hurford, Richard Thomas, Ralph Gay, Duncan Pittaway, Steve McCarthy.

District Councillor Hugh Gregor, PC Trevor Byford, PCSO Michele Barrett

6 parishioners

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

09/02/2011 873 - Apologies	ACTIONS
873.1. Apologies had been received from Cllr Maggie Keast	
09/02/2011 874 - Chairman's Introduction	
874.1. The Chairman welcomed all present. He was particularly pleased to see so many parishioners at the meeting.	
09/02/2011 875 - Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda	
875.1. There were no declarations of interest	
09/02/2011 876 - Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council – 05/01/2011 –	
876.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 5 th January were agreed as a true record (proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr McCarthy) <i>Cllr Pittaway joined the meeting</i>	
09/02/2011 877 - Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch	
877.1. Crime report for preceding month. PCSO Barrett was unable to give a crime report because of technical problems but afterwards sent the following report for inclusion in the minutes: 4 x Possession of Cannabis (non locals), 2 x Non dwelling burglaries, 1 x Theft of Motor Vehicle, 3 x Assault occasioning ABH (all at same location)	
877.2. New Beat Manager. PC Trevor Byford introduced himself as the new Beat Manager for Dundry. He had been a police officer for twenty-one years and had been a Beat Manager for fourteen of these. He explained that, because of spending cuts, PC Jackie McDonald had not been directly replaced. Instead he was adding Dundry to his existing responsibilities for Long Ashton and Abbots Leigh. <i>Cllr Hurford joined the meeting</i> PC Byford said that local policing was still under review and might yet change again because of financial considerations. He showed the meeting a copy of the most recent edition of a newsletter that he sends to the Neighbourhood Watch members in the beats he works in. He was happy for this to be circulated to other people and for it to appear on the parish website. He noted in particular an item about the new Government website (www.police.uk) which shows details of crimes by street and is very clear and detailed. This newsletter also details the changes in local policing.	
09/02/2011 878 - Public Forum – By general agreement this was brought forward so that the police could be involved in a discussion about traffic speeds on the Wells Road.	
878.1. Some parishioners reported that traffic outside their houses on Wells Road north of Elton Farm travelled too fast for safety on this blind corner. This made exiting from their driveways dangerous and there had been numerous accidents and incidents of dangerous driving over the years, most of which had unfortunately gone unreported to the police. After some discussion it was agreed that action, such as installation of suitable signage, was required to improve matters and the following was agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk would write to North Somerset Council to ask for a meeting involving representatives from NSC, DPC, the Police and residents • PC Byford would raise this matter with Police Traffic Management. • The parishioners were asked to keep a record of incidents in order to help their case. 878.2. A different parishioner asked about potholes on Highridge Lane. The Clerk said she would point them out to Fay Powell the Area Inspector at their meeting later in the month.	Clerk PC Byford Residents

<p>883.2. Cllr Thomas noted that Dr Liam Fox was the only local MP who had not supported the request for a call-in of the planning application.</p> <p>883.3. The Government are still working on an Air Transport National Policy Statement which would not be issued until 2013. This meant that the Air Transport White Paper is still in force.</p> <p>883.4. West of England Local Enterprise Partnership. The interim board of this new partnership between local government and business has two representatives from the aerospace industry out of five from the business sector, with Robert Sinclair, Chief Executive of the Airport, representing transport. The PCAA was concerned that this meant that the board was heavily weighted towards the aerospace industry and had written to ask about the selection process which had not been transparent. Cllrs agreed that DPC should also write to the West of England Partnership expressing their concern at the current make-up of the board.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>09/02/2011 884 - Playground – monthly report</p> <p>884.1. Cllr Jennings reported that the result of the grant application should be available by early April.</p>	
<p>09/02/2011 885 - Parish Plan</p> <p>885.1. Dundry Day. It had been suggested that Dundry Day should centre round the official opening of the Hill Top walk. Councillors agreed that this was a good idea, and 22nd May was suggested as a suitable date. The Clerk would check availability of the Village Hall</p> <p>885.2. Hill Top Walk and footpaths – Cllr Peters said that the display and leaflets were nearly ready.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>09/02/2011 886 - Report from Governors of Dundry School – Cllr Peters</p> <p>886.1. Repairs to playground retaining wall and road closure – Cllr Peters reported that there was still no firm date for work on the school wall.</p> <p>886.2. Cllr Peters said that there had been some rumours about possible closure or merger of the school. The school newsletter ‘Dundry Days’ contained the following statement from Cllr Jeremy Blatchford, Executive member for Children and Young People, North Somerset Council: ‘Dundry is an exemplary village school which serves its children well and creatively. The school enjoys unusually close links and strong support from all aspects of the village community. There are no plans to merge or close the school. There is no political or professional will for closure or merger. There are no resources available for such changes and none will be made available in the foreseeable future’.</p> <p>886.3. Cllr Peters said that work on making the building watertight, redecorating etc was progressing well and that numbers would be up in the autumn.</p> <p>886.4. The school is in need of another minibus driver for the mornings</p>	
<p>09/02/2011 887 - Millennium stone at hairpin bend – offer of new stone</p> <p>887.1. A parishioner had offered a stone of similar size to the existing one and another parishioner had offered the use of lifting equipment. Councillors agreed that this would be an excellent solution to the problem of the damaged stone, particularly since the proposed replacement stone had been exposed to the weather for many years without suffering any damage. Cllr Gay would investigate the cost of removing the granite plaque and fitting it into the new stone. <i>Cllr Gregor left the meeting</i></p>	<p>Cllr Gay</p>
<p>09/02/2011 888 - Annual Parish Meeting, 23rd March</p> <p>888.1. Councillors discussed how to encourage more parishioners to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that more advertising was needed. It was also agreed to write to village organisations inviting them to send representatives with a view to them suggesting ways in which they would like the Parish Council to support them. The Clerk would draft a letter for approval and advertise the meeting in the Parish News etc.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>09/02/2011 889 - Planning</p> <p>889.1. Planning Applications received: None</p> <p>889.2. Applications Approved by NSC:</p> <p>889.2.1. 10/P/2052/F St Bernard’s Mount, Broadoak Hill, Dundry, BS41 8NB – Replacement of existing single storey car – port with a single storey sedum planted flat roofed disabled annexe building.</p> <p>889.2.2. 10/P/2060/F Keedwell Farm, Oxleaze Lane, Dundry, BS41 8JZ – erection of a two storey east elevation extension, including the addition of balconies and a canopy</p> <p>889.3. Applications Refused by NSC:</p> <p>889.3.1. 10/P/1314/F Bridgwater Farm, Bridgwater Road, Dundry, BS41 8JW – Retention of</p>	

<p>building and engineering operations associated with the conversion of former outbuildings to form guesthouse accommodation</p> <p><i>Councillors were disappointed that this application had been turned down by the Planning and Regulatory Committee despite the support of the Parish Council and the South Area Committee. It was agreed to write expressing concern that the Parish Council's opinion had been disregarded, in apparent contradiction to the spirit of the new 'Localism' policies of the Government.</i></p> <p>889.4. Planning enforcement</p> <p>889.4.1. Alveare, Bridgewater Road</p> <p>It had been reported that a structure was being built behind this property. This structure might be of a type that needed planning permission. The matter has been raised with the NSC Planning Enforcement team who are investigating.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>09/02/2011 890 - Clerk's Report</p> <p>890.1. The Clerk's report on the past month had been circulated with the agenda. In particular the following points were noted/discussed:</p> <p>890.1.1. CR/109 – Playing field refuse arrangements. There had been a problem with refuse building up particularly round the litter bin by the main gate. Cllr Laux would raise this with the Village Hall Committee.</p> <p>Clearing of litter round the sports field was the responsibility of the Sports and Social Club. Cllr Pittaway would discuss this with them. He would also raise the problem of their disposal of rubbish by burning.</p> <p>890.1.2. CR/138 – Bus timetable. NSC had put a new timetable at the bus stop by the Dundry Inn.</p> <p>890.1.3. CR/143 –Repairs had recently been made to the retaining wall at the end of Dundry Lane.</p> <p>890.2. A Draft Complaints Procedure had been circulated with the Agenda. Councillors agreed to adopt this (proposed Cllr Peters, seconded Cllr Hurford)</p> <p>890.3. The Clerk had circulated with the agenda a proposed entry for the website explaining how Planning Applications are dealt with. The wording of this was agreed.</p> <p>890.4. Councillors expressed their appreciation of the website which was a great asset to the village and their thanks to its editor.</p>	<p>Cllr Pittaway</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>09/02/2011 891 - Correspondence requiring action/discussion/noting (not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda)</p> <p>891.1. ALCA Royal Garden Party Nominations</p> <p>891.2. NSC Core Strategy Publication version – advance warning of consultation & meeting 18th Feb. <i>Cllr Laux and/or Clerk to attend</i></p> <p>891.2.1. Long Ashton PC Invite to Meeting about Parish Councils & Localism 10th Feb <i>Cllr Laux & Thomas and Clerk to attend</i></p> <p>891.3. ALCA Flyer about course on finding funding, 22nd March</p> <p>891.4. ALCA Course on preparing for audit & general finance 7th April</p> <p>891.5. Parishioner Traffic at blind corner at 'Crown Hill' <i>see item 878.1</i></p> <p>891.6. VH Booking Clerk Request for permission for wedding reception to have hog roast outside hall on April 2nd</p> <p><i>No objections subject to comments about insurance, informing the Sports and Social Club etc (proposed Cllr Pittaway, seconded Cllr Jennings) Clerk to prepare standard document for use when agreeing to similar requests.</i></p> <p>891.7. ALCA NSC group meeting 24th Feb – <i>Clerk to attend?</i></p> <p>891.8. BRERC Dundry Wildlife Survey – <i>Clerk to forward to Councillors</i></p> <p>891.9. A & S police KIN+ Community database</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th February 2011 can be found on the parish website (www.dundry.org.uk) or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs Judith Hoskin – Tel: 0117 9642804, email: dundryclerk@tiscali.co.uk

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The next meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd March 2011
The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd March 2011