Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 8th June 2015 at 7.30 pm
(These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting)

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux
In Attendance: Councillors David Hurford, Ralph Gay, Simon Fiddian, Amanda Scott, Steve McCarthy, Nancy Jennings.
Also in attendance: District Councillor Nick Wilton, 5 parishioners
Clerk: Judith Hoskin

08/06/2015 - 1851 Apologies had been received from Cllr Maggie Keast, and PC Martin Faithfull.

08/06/2015 - 1852 Chair’s welcome and introduction.
1852.1. Cllr Laux welcomed all councillors and members of the public. In particular he welcomed District Councillor Nick Wilton to his first meeting of DPC since his election.
1852.2. Cllr Laux reported that Councillor Gordon Murphy had tendered his resignation as councillor because of other commitments. Two new councillors were now needed.

Clerk

08/06/2015 - 1853 Signing of Declarations of Acceptance of Office

08/06/2015 - 1854 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda
1854.1. Cllr McCarthy declared an interest in item 1864.1 (1857.5)
1854.2. Cllr Laux declared an interest in item 1860

08/06/2015 - 1855 Minutes of Previous Meeting
1855.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2015 were agreed as a true record (proposed Cllr Gay, seconded Cllr Fiddian)

08/06/2015 - 1856 Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch
1856.1. PC Faithfull had sent a crime report for the previous month. There had been no burglaries, 1 theft, 1 drugs offence and 1 case of criminal damage.
He also offered advice as follows:
- With the lighter evenings and summer months approaching don’t leave items on display in the front garden, or windows/doors open which may leave your premises vulnerable to opportunist criminals. Police will be conducting patrols in your area and any house found to be considered vulnerable will be sent a letter with Crime prevention advice. Please ensure all windows are closed and locked when the property is empty. Make bicycles secure with good quality chains or security devices even if stored in outbuildings. Feel free to come along and get your bike marked. Further information can be found at www.bikeregister.com & www.avonandsomerset.police.uk
- Your local Beat Team will be conducting checks and enforcing Speed and weight limits both independently and in conjunction with the Speed Camera Partnership.
- I am keen to implement Community Speed watch and support across my whole Beat area. I will be advertising for volunteers for such a scheme but invite anyone interested to contact me directly.
- Members of the public can also visit www.police.uk if they wish to review any crime figures for a certain postcode or area.
1856.2. The Clerk said she had nothing to report about Neighbourhood Watch
1856.3. PCC Police Public Forum, June 3rd. Cllr Laux reported that he had attended this meeting which is held quarterly. The Police and Crime Commissioner, Sue Mountstevens had outlined her role and the NSC Area Commander had talked about policing priorities and budgets. The main points to report were:
- The workforce had been reduced and further cuts were to be expected as the police budget was not ring-fenced. £46m had been saved and savings of up to £40m may have to be found by 2018.
- Priorities for policing were anti-social behaviour and burglary, violence and road safety. There was a shift to helping vulnerable people and policing online crime.
- 11 new PCs and 9 PCSOs had been appointed. However, these are most likely to be
used as response officers in urban areas.

- On a positive note NSC has appointed Community Response Officers to offer help in resolving particularly obstinate problems (such as that of the Hill Road turning circle).
- The PCC has a Community Action Fund at her disposal. This gives grants of up to £5,000 towards crime reduction measures.

Cllr Laux said that he had found this meeting informative and suggested that a different councillor might like to attend the next one.

08/06/2015 - 1857 Public Forum

1857.1. A parishioner reported that she was having some difficulties with a neighbour regarding boundary fences and access over her property. She also thought that the neighbours might have extended their property without planning permission at some time in the past. Councillors explained that they were not able to help with boundary disagreements between neighbours and suggested that she take professional advice. If the parishioner thought there had been planning contraventions she could inform NSC but it appeared from what she said that these had happened many years ago and it was unlikely that enforcement action could be taken now.  
1857.2. A parishioner reported that some damage had been caused to the pavement outside 10 Dundry Lane where an extension was being built. There was also a problem with contractors’ vehicles parking on the pavement. The Clerk would report the pavement issue to NSC and ask the PCSO to investigate the parking problem.

1857.3. Cllr Scott said that she had been asked about the status of the track off Wells Road leading to Airfield Bungalow. Councillors confirmed that this is not a public footpath. (Note, information about footpaths can be obtained by visiting the NSC website http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/Pages/default.aspx and clicking on the interactive map on the home page)

1857.4. A parishioner had reported that residents of Crabtree Close had received letters from NSC offering to lower the kerbs in front of their properties in order for them to be able to park off-road, at a cost of £300 each. This parishioner was concerned that he might be obliged to take up the offer whether he wished to or not. The Clerk was asked to investigate.  
1857.5. Two parishioners (the applicants) had attended to listen to the council’s discussion about planning application 15/P/1170/F – Churchwell Cottage. With the agreement of councillors this matter was brought forward. This property had until recently been accessible only on foot from The Steps and the applicants had started to create a vehicular access from the private road leading to the bottom of the Steps. The planning application was the result of enforcement action taken by NSC.

Councillors agreed that they had no objection in principle to this application but that Cllrs Gay and Hurford would visit the site and report back before final comments were sent. (For the final comments see item 1860.1 below)

08/06/2015 - 1858 Report from District Councillor Nick Wilton

1858.1. Broadoak Hill - Cllr Wilton said that he had been pursuing the issue of Broadoak Hill and had had two meetings with the Highways Department, the second chaired by David Turner, NSC Director of Development and Environment. Despite assurances to the contrary from NSC, both to former District Councillor Gregor and to the Parish Council, no design work appeared to have been commenced and the dispute with Bristol Water about liability was not resolved. He had now been promised that a design and an estimate of cost would be produced within 6 weeks with a view to commencing work in October and completing within the calendar year. He has also asked for posts and strain gauges to be installed to establish whether the bank is still moving as this might help to resolve the issue of liability.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Wilton for pursuing this with such vigour. He noted that no direct response to their letters had been received by the Parish Council either from Cllr Nigel Ashton or David Turner.

1858.2. Bus Services Cllr Wilton had also been involved in discussions about the removal of the 121 bus service which had served the villages of Winford and Felton. Alternative proposals were being discussed which might provide a link to the Airport Flyer. This might involve Dundry as well. The next meeting to discuss these proposals would be on 29th June. He would try to make sure that a representative from Dundry was invited to join it (Cllr Laux said that he would go)  
(Cllr Scott noted that the 672 bus was running consistently late because of work on the South Bristol link)

1858.3. Cllr Wilton said that he had so far been appointed to the Avon Fire and Rescue Service
Committee and the local Access Forum,

08/06/2015 - 1859 Finance
1859.1. The Financial Report for June was approved (prop. Cllr Gay, sec. Cllr McCarthy)
1859.2. The Chair signed the Clerk’s time sheet.
1859.3. Following another successful ‘Heartstart’ session it was agreed that a donation of £50 should be given to the British Heart Foundation
1859.4. Payment of the following cheques was approved:
   
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08/06/2015 - 1860 Complaint from Dundry Inn about removal by Cllr Laux of sign on visibility area A38
1860.1. At the previous meeting Cllr Laux had been asked to investigate removal of some signs for a building company and for the Dundry Inn that had been put in the ‘visibility area’ at the junction of Dundry Lane and the A38. He had rung the builders to ask them to remove their signs but taken the Dundry Inn sign to the pub so that they would not need to come to remove them themselves. However, the landlord of the Dundry Inn had rung to complain that his business had been discriminated against because the builders’ signs had been left in place until they were collected. Cllr Laux had assured him that this had not been his intention but at the insistence of the landlord had assisted him in identifying the correct procedures for making a complaint direct to NSC. So far he had heard nothing more.
Councillor Laux gave the council full details of his conversations with the landlord.
Councillors did not feel that he had acted inappropriately and were fully supportive of his actions.

08/06/2015 - 1861 Streets and Open Spaces
1861.1. Broadoak Hill – See Cllr Wilton’s report above
1861.2. Speed limits A38 – The South Bristol Link Project Manager had told the Clerk that the subject of speed limits would be discussed with the Executive member on 15th June (now put back to 24th June).
Cllr Wilton said that he had already spoken to David Turner about reviewing speed limits on the A38. Other parishes were also hoping to reduce traffic speed on this road, particularly as the amount of traffic would increase once the SBL was completed. He would like to push for a more coherent plan for the whole stretch of road to the airport as he felt it made no sense for parishes to act individually.

08/06/2015 - 1862 High Speed Broadband update
1862.1. Cllr Laux said that discussions had been ongoing with AB Internet but they were now introducing charges that meant that the proposal would be much less competitive. A different solution had been proposed by a company called TrueSpeed Communications who had partnered with Hibernia networks, the company installing the superfast link from London to New York which had been routed through the Chew Valley. They hoped to be able to provide Ultrafast Broadband in the Chew Valley and surrounding areas. Information sessions were to be held on 17th June and members of the Broadband Initiative Group would be attending.

08/06/2015 - 1863 Sports and Social Club
1863.1. Removal of rail round football pitch – The Clerk said that she had asked the S & SC to remove the section of rail outside the village hall over the summer but not yet received a reply.
1863.2. Playing field working group – it was agreed that the new Playing field working group would meet in the week beginning 22nd June. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the scope of its remit.
1863.3. The Clerk was asked to obtain competitive quotes for legal services involved in registration of the playing field with the land Registry.

08/06/2015 - 1864 Planning
### 1864.1. Applications Received

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<td>Densford, Bridgewater Road, Dundry, BS41 8JP - Erection of front porch and bay window (retrospective)</td>
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<td>15/P/1047/CUPA</td>
<td>Ashton View Barn, Oxleaze Lane, Dundry, BS41 8JZ - Prior approval of operational development following application 14/P/2129/CUPA</td>
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<td>15/P/1170/F</td>
<td>Churchwell Cottage, The Steps, Dundry, BS41 8JB - Change of use of land to south-west from agricultural to residential and associated ground works including cut and fill, retaining wall and construction of a new access and driveway with parking and turning area (part retrospective)</td>
<td>Dundry Parish Council has no objection to this application in principle. However, we would ask you ensure that water from all existing springs disturbed as a result of the excavation works is properly drained into the appropriate storm drainage system.</td>
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<td>15/P/1190/TPO</td>
<td>18 Oaktree Gardens, Highbridge, BS3 8HX - 1 x oak - reduce by no more than 0.6m</td>
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### 1864.2. Applications Approved by NSC – none (noted)

### 1864.3. Applications Refused by NSC (noted)

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<td>15/P/075/CUPA</td>
<td>Farm Building near Dundry, West Dundry Lane, Dundry - Prior approval for the change of use from an agricultural building and land to a single dwelling within use class C3</td>
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### 08/06/2015 - 1865 – Other planning Matters

**1865.1.1.** The Clerk reported that she had been assured by Bristol Water that the Reservoir was being built as the approved plans.

**1865.1.2. Planning Enforcement:**
- Cllr Fiddian reported that he had been assured by NSC that the caravan at the Aztec 1 service station would be removed by the end of the month.
- The appeal at Alveare has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate so is out of NSC’s hands.

### 08/06/2015 - 1866 Clerk’s Reports

**1866.1.** The Clerk’s Report and Streets and Open Spaces Report for the previous month had been circulated before the meeting and were noted.

### 08/06/2015 - 1867 Correspondence

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<td>Overhanging hedges etc – ask owners to cut back. Contact parishioner</td>
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<td>20/05/2015</td>
<td>NSC</td>
<td>Draft Education Provision in North Somerset – A Commissioning Strategy 2015 – 2018 - noted</td>
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<td>28/05/2015</td>
<td>NSC</td>
<td>Parish workshop – Wednesday 17 June 2015 – 9.30 until noon, New Council Chamber, Town Hall, Weston super Mare – Clerk to attend</td>
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<td>02/06/2015</td>
<td>ALCA</td>
<td>Annual General Meeting to be at held at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 25th June - noted</td>
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**1867.1.** Correspondence list -. Councillors had no further comments on the list of correspondence.

### 08/06/2015 - 1868 Items from the Public Forum to be noted for discussion at next meeting

**1868.1.** No items were noted for discussion at next meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Monday 8th June can be found on the village notice boards, on the parish website ([www.dundry.org.uk](http://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 13th July**

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda please notify a councillor or the Clerk by **Monday 6th July**. 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.