

DUNDRY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 6th February 2008

Chair: Cllr Kevin Smith

In Attendance: Cllrs Bee Peters, Jane Swyer, Richard Thomas, David Hurford,
Maggie Keast, Bee Quick, Dave Nevitt & Duncan Pittaway.
District Cllr Hugh Gregor, PCSO Michele Barrett and Cllr David
Shopland, Chair of North Somerset Council.

Clerk: Julie Smith

Present: One member of the public joined the meeting for the Public Forum.

06/02/08 294 – Apologies Cllr Mike Gleave	
06/02/08 295 – Introduction of Councillor David Shopland – Chair of North Somerset Council Cllr Smith welcomed Cllr David Shopland to the meeting and invited him to speak. Cllr Shopland accepted the invitation and proceeded to explain his role in the District Council, the significance of his chain of office and the important role of Parish Councils within the remit of Local Government.	
06/02/08 296 – Crime Report for preceding month/Neighbourhood Watch 296.1 PCSO Barrett delivered the following crime report: Theft of motor vehicle – found nearby and returned to owner Theft from motor vehicle x2 Criminal damage to farmers fencing Possession of cannabis – 3x non residents caught in Hill Road Firearms Offences – 3 persons from Dundry arrested Drive off from petrol station 296.2 Cllr Peters had no Neighbourhood Watch news but the Clerk reported that she had approached a resident in Upton Lane regarding assistance with delivery of the NW quarterly newsletter and was hopeful of a positive outcome. Clerk will follow up and put Cllr Peters in touch with volunteer.	ACTION: Clerk

At the request of Cllr Thomas and with the agreement of the Council, agenda items 8 & 9 were brought forward.

06/02/08 297 – Bristol International Airport

Cllr Thomas reported on a recent meeting of the PCAA (Parish Council's Airport Association) and GOSW (Government Office South West).

Climate change had been discussed - contradiction apparent between the Governments commitment to reduce carbon emissions and yet keen to support airport expansion. Sustainable transport issues remain a matter for concern – GOSW to set up a working forum to look at challenges to climate change and transport in all modes and how to address.

Concerns remain regarding the proposal to build a covered walkway at BIA. This is a major development which will substantially increase passenger capacity helping BIA achieve its target of 7.5m passengers per annum from this year, which means the airport is expanding at a faster rate than either the Governments White Paper and BIA's Master Plan. The proposed development is huge – approximately the size of a two story terraced house and it is strongly felt that BIA should not be allowed to proceed with this as a general development item and that the proposal should be subject to a separate dedicated planning application.

The infrastructure remains a concern – by getting as much growth now BIA will reduce their level of contribution to infrastructure improvements. The PCAA had queried the combined effect of BIA's expansion and the plans for 10500 houses together with employment and related facilities on the southern fringe of Bristol. GOSW stated that it is essential that all problems are solved and that all relevant authorities would work together to achieve sustainable development.

Cllr Shopland joined in the debate regarding the airport expansion, offering personal opinions and advice. He advised that there is a workshop being held in London on 19th March on how to cope with airport expansion and suggested that it would be useful to send a delegate to this. Cllr Gregor advised that he is attending but as Cllr Thomas reported that the PCAA is sending a representative, it was felt unnecessary for Dundry Parish Council to attend.

06/02/08 298 – Dundry Parish Council/North Somerset Council

**Public Meeting on NS Core Strategy – Monday 11th
February 2008**

The Clerk confirmed that Michael Reep from North Somerset Council will attend the meeting at Dundry Village Hall on 11th February. A notice had been placed in the parish magazine, and the Clerk will place

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notices on parish notice boards.	Clerk
06/02/08 299 – Matters Arising 299.1 Road Repairs to Dundry Lane – the Clerk reported that further delays had occurred and North Somerset Council would not be able to undertake the work during the February school half term holiday. The work will be scheduled for the Easter holiday in April. 299.2 Signs for Village Car Park & Hill Road Turning Circle – the Clerk has placed an order for signs to be made and installed. 299.3 Light in Hill Road Turning Circle – the Chair had still not received a written quotation regarding the installation of a brighter lamp but will continue to pursue this. Doubt was expressed as to whether the existing lamp is in working order and Cllr Nevitt volunteered to check this. 299.4 Village Car Park Tidying – the Clerk had, as instructed, sought and received a further quote for the tidying of the village car park. Three quotes have now been received and it was decided that it would be appropriate to form a sub-committee to look at these. Cllr Hurford has a declarable interest in this item for discussion and will therefore be excluded from deliberations. Cllrs Smith, Thomas and Pittaway agreed to form the said sub-committee and will arrange to meet before the next meeting. 299.5 ‘Slow’ Signs on Wells Road – North Somerset Council have put in a work order to reinstate slow signs on the Wells Road carriageway, as requested by parishioners. 299.6 CCTV at Dundry Village Hall – the Clerk had received a response from Dundry Village Hall Trust detailing that due to financial constraints, they are unable to contribute towards the cost of CCTV. After discussion, it was decided to bring this up as a formal agenda item at the next meeting of Dundry Parish Council with invitations being sent to Dundry Village Hall Trust and the Sports & Social Club in order to allow full consultation. 299.7 Notice Board for Village Hall – Cllr Quick had learned that all necessary materials for the reinstatement of the vandalised doors had been purchased and the job will be undertaken as soon as possible.	ACTION: Chair/Cllr Nevitt ACTION: Cllrs Smith, Thomas & Pittaway ACTION; Clerk

299.8 Sharp Deviation Chevrons for Dundry Lane - Cllr Quick asked for a progress report and the Clerk advised that she had written to the landowner requesting permission to site the chevrons but as direct contact with North Somerset Council had been suggested, a response had not been received. Cllr Quick volunteered to contact the landowner. The Chairperson expressed general concern over the lack of progress when issues of potholes, repairs to road signs etc are reported to North Somerset Council. Cllr Shopland suggested introducing more rigorous procedures for monitoring and following up requests for remedial works and reminded Cllrs that the District Councillor is the next point of contact when dissatisfaction is felt. District Cllr Gregor suggested taking photographs of problem areas and sending these to North Somerset when requesting attention.	ACTION: Cllr Quick
06/02/08 300 – Minutes of the Meeting held 9th January 2008 The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Proposed – Cllr Pittaway Seconded – Cllr Nevitt	
06/02/08 301 – Public Forum The attending member of the public, Chris Glover, asked the Parish Council to set a date for the annual village cricket match in order that Parishioners be given as much notice as possible. It was agreed that Sunday 6th July should be publicised for this event. Cllr Shopland was verbally invited to this event. Mr Glover took the opportunity of asking Cllr Shopland what happens to materials recycled at the ‘tip’ in Backwell. The Clerk was subsequently advised to contact Deborah Yamanaka, Chairperson of Environmental Policy for a detailed explanation. Discussion digressed to Parish Plans and Cllr Nevitt sought Cllr Shoplands view on North Somerset Council perspective on Parish Plans. The Chairperson took the opportunity posed by the open forum of formally thanking Chris Glover and Cllr Jane Swyer for their hard work and commitment to planting snowdrop bulbs around the parish – all agreed that the appearance of the village is greatly enhanced by the spring flowers.	
06/02/08 302 – Report from District Councillor Hugh Gregor Cllr Gregor reported that North Somerset Council are working hard to	

identify savings in view of the known funding shortfall for this coming financial year. He further reported on how the purchase of land for the proposed new school in Felton is unlikely to be pursued in the current location due to the landowners consistent refusal to sell. Discussion regarding compulsory purchase was discussed and Cllr Hurford asked at this point if this would be an option taken by North Somerset Council when pursuing the development of land just south of Bristol. It was felt that this would be considered.	
06/02/08 303 – Planning 303.1 Applications Granted 07/P/2922/F: Rocklea, Crabtree Lane, Dundry; Erection of single storey side extension & creation of first floor to include dormers to the front and back. 07/P/2984/F: Royal British Legion, 106 Dundry Lane, Dundry; Erection of timber decking for an external terrace area. 303.2 Applications Received 07/P/3240/F: 25 Dundry Lane, Dundry; Erection of a roof extension to main roof on east elevation over landing room, replace hip with gable to south elevation, alterations to fenestration on all elevations and install solar panels. <i>Application supported by Dundry Parish Council.</i> 08/P/0064/F: 9 Dundry Lane, Dundry; Erection of a rear dormer to accommodate bedroom and bathroom in roof space. Raising of ridge level. <i>No objections.</i> 08/P/0074/F: Alveare, Bridgwater Road, Dundry; Conversion of existing outbuilding to residential annexe including raising the roof to accommodate a first floor level (as amendment to approval re 06/P/1311/F). <i>Concern regarding poor quality of proposed design.</i>	
06/02/08 304– Sports & Social Club - Signing of Agreement Cllr Pittaway reported that a couple of anomalies had come to light with the Agreement which had caused a further delay with the signing. A revised copy of the Agreement had been forwarded to the Sports & Social Club for their perusal prior to signing. Cllr Pittaway needs to obtain the land title deeds in order to proceed. The Clerk asked if it would be possible to have the Solicitors invoice for costs before the end of the financial year.	ACTION; Cllr Pittaway

06/02/08 305 – Clerk’s Report/Finance 305.1 The Clerks time sheet for January was duly signed. 305.2 The Clerk reported that the Finance Committee had met in January and had set the Parish precept at £5785 – a substantial reduction on the previous year – and that this has subsequently been approved by North Somerset Council. She distributed copies of the proposed budget figures for 2008/2009. 305.3 Approval and Signing of Cheques: Cheque No 100193 - £316.57 Mrs J Smith January wages 100194 - £118.20 North Somerset Council re election expenses 100195 - £67.95 Mr Glover re snowdrop bulbs 100196 - £18.00 CPRE annual donation The Clerk reported that she has received information and forms to reclaim VAT.	
06/02/08 306 – Correspondence 306.1 North Somerset Council invoice for election expenses 306.2 Dundry Village Hall Trust re CCTV 306.3 HSBC Bank Statement 306.4 Invoice from Mr C Glover re bulbs 306.5 North Somerset Local Access Forum 306.6 North Somerset Council – South Area Committee Meeting 16/01/08 306.7 Department for Communities & Local Government – consultation on orders and regulations relating to the conduct of Local Authority Members in England 306.8 NSC – confirmation of parish council precept requirement 306.9 Audit Commission – advice of appointment of external auditor 306.10 Dr Pauline Primrose – notification of Christian Aid collections 306.11 Bristol City Council – revised Statement of Community Involvement – <i>pass to Cllr Thomas</i> 306.12 Quotation re car park tidying	

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.30pm. Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th February 2008 can be found on village notice boards, on the p

or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs Julie Smith - 0117 978 4209.