

DUNDRY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 1st October 2008 at 7.30pm

Chair: Cllr Kevin Smith

In Attendance: Cllrs Maggie Keast, Jane Swyer, Bee Peters, Richard Thomas, Mike Gleave & David Hurford.
PCSO Michele Barrett & District Cllr Hugh Gregor.

Clerk: Julie Smith

Two members of Dundry Residents Action Group (DRAG) joined the meeting for the Public Forum

01/10/08 379 – Apologies Cllrs Bee Quick, Dave Nevitt & Duncan Pittaway. WPC Jackie McDonald	
01/10/08 380 – Crime Report for Preceding Month/Neighbourhood Watch 380.1 PCSO delivered the following crime report: Since the last meeting, there have been five reported crimes – 1 assault in a licensed premise. Identity of offender known but the victim will not make a statement. 1 theft of a car from a business premise. 1 theft of car number plate. 1 theft of a key 1 bilking A man from South Bristol has been arrested for 3 bilkings at a local garage. Having admitted to the crimes in court, he has been sentenced to 12 weeks in prison. There have been 2 incidents whereby stolen vehicles have been taken to Hill Road and the entire contents of the vehicles emptied into the turning circle. One of the cars has been found at a nearby business premise. 380.2 Cllr Peters was pleased to report that all is quiet with regards to Neighbourhood Watch. Newsletters are due soon and will be distributed accordingly. Cllr Peters has still to talk to a known volunteer in Crabtree Close re leaflet distribution.	

01/10/08 381 – Matters Arising 381.1 Road Repairs – Dundry Lane (outside of West Grove) at last underway. No firm date on Highridge Road closure. 381.2 Village Phone Box – Clerk not yet confirmed procedures and necessity of ‘adopt a kiosk’ scheme. 381.3 Hill Road Turning Circle – still ongoing re establishing a ‘hammer head’ turning area on a trial basis. Cllr Smith reported that the newest ‘no parking’ sign is missing. Also reported that Graeme Stark, the North Somerset Council Public Rights of Way Officer who attended the last meeting, has left the department. He is therefore unaware of the status of the right of way issue with the end of Hill Road. 381.4 Noise at Downs Farm – this seems to be much reduced. 381.5 A38 Notice Board – Cllr Gregor reported that he has asked Steph Jones of North Somerset Councils, Streets & Open Spaces Section for assistance with identifying a site. After discussion, it was suggested that the best site would be at the garage and the Clerk was asked to write to the owners regarding this. 381.6 Highridge Road Hedges – the Clerk reported that she had written to Bristol City Council requesting attention.	ACTION: Clerk
01/10/08 382 – Minutes of the Meeting held 10th September 2008 The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings – proposed; Cllr Hurford seconded; Cllr Keast	
01/10/08 383 – Public Forum 383.1 Cllr Thomas has been approached by a parishioner about the Dundry Inn smoking shelter questioning it’s look, position and whether or not planning permission is required and whose land it is sited on. The Parishioner also raised concerns over glasses being left outside overnight. After discussion, it was agreed that the structure is temporary and therefore unlikely to need planning permission, but that glasses left out is a safety issue and an informal approach to the pub owners should be made. Cllr Smith was asked to do this. 383.2 Cllr Quick had asked the Chair to advise of a social tariff which is available to parishioners in receipt of certain benefits. 15% discount can be claimed on fuel bills. 383.3 The Chairperson had been approached by a Parishioner questioning the resurfacing of Winford Lane. He had therefore contacted North Somerset Council who reported that this had been undertaken after being on their list of routine maintenance for some three years.	ACTION Cllr Smith
01/10/08 384 – Report from District Councillor Hugh Gregor Cllr Gregor reported that he had attended a presentation/workshop on the South West Regional Strategy on 24th September, during which he was able to bring up Dundry’s plight twice. As the consultants leading	

the presentation mentioned ‘climbing the contours of Dundry’, Cllr Gregor focused on the iconic views of Dundry – both looking up towards the church tower and looking down over the city, and how this would be severely compromised if the proposed development along the A38 goes ahead. Cllr Gregor had also investigated the historic coal mines which are situated close to the proposed development in case this might help the cause. On a general note, Cllr Gregor talked about the erratic delivery of the North Somerset Life magazine and the newly implemented ‘North Somerset Futures’ newsletter which focuses on the housing developments planned around our district. Cllr Thomas observed that the NS Life magazine is in his opinion, irrelevant, and should focus on what North Somerset District Council are actually doing with rate payers money. Cllr Gregor suggested sending comments to the editor and replied that the magazine does offer useful contact information.	
01/10/08 385 – Parish Plan 385.1 Cllr Peters reported that she has been looking to set up a register of elderly and vulnerable parishioners in order to establish some sort of ‘good neighbour’ scheme. She proposed that she be known as the formal Parish Council contact person for this initiative and will publish her telephone number to enable contact with her to be made. All agreed that this was a very good idea and it was suggested that a regular feature could be put into the parish magazine giving helpful advice and information. Cllr Peters has been helped by parishioner Ann Gleave who has had experience of setting up such schemes. 385.2 As Cllr Nevitt was not present, the handover of the parish plan action points to the Parish Council was not fully discussed. 385.3 Cllr Peters reported that Cllr Quick has drafted a litter picking rota/volunteer letter for distribution to parishioners who had indicated on the parish plan questionnaire, their willingness to help. All agreed this was a very good idea.	
01/10/08 386 – North Somerset Council Core Strategy Following on from the extraordinary meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Monday 29th September 2008, Cllrs Keast & Nevitt had put together a ‘template’ opposition letter for parishioners to simply add their personal details and signature before posting. They apologised for publishing the letter on the parish website before it had been formally approved by the Parish Council. Having heard the letter read out, Debbie Nicholls from the Dundry Residents Action Group (DRAG) respectfully suggested some minor amendments which were approved by Councillors. She also advised the Council that DRAG were in the process of downloading the formal SW Regional Spatial Strategy comment form from the internet with the purpose of copying one to each parishioner for signature and posting back. After discussion, it was agreed that it would be sensible for the Parish Council to work in tandem with DRAG, circulating both the Parish Councils’ suggested letter and the official comment form, at the same	ACTION: Cllrs Keast,

time. The Clerk was asked to write a covering letter to accompany the documents, to include addresses and date deadline. Debbie Nicholls (DRAG) also advised the Council that DRAG were taking their petition to Downing Street on 7th October 2008 and invited Cllrs to accompany them. The Chairperson agreed to try to secure leave from work to attend. Cllr Keast also expressed an interest in attending. Cllr Thomas reported that he was still working on Dundry Parish Council's formal response to the RSS and expressed his opinion that North Somerset Council had failed in their duty to adequately consult parishioners in the early stages of the process. Indeed, he felt that the parish plan questionnaire, which included a question on the proposed housing development along the A38, could be used as evidence of the lack of consultation as 29% of Dundry residents had responded to the effect that they know nothing of the proposal. If proven, this might enable the forcing of a judicial review. Cllr Thomas also stressed that the figures used for the forecasting of the development scale is way out of date and that the current economic climate would almost certainly produce much lower housing forecast figures. Further discussion ensued, concluding that the formal commenting process is deliberately overcomplicated.	Nevitt & Clerk ACTION: Cllr Thomas
01/10/08 387 – Sports & Social Club - Licence Registration The Chairperson reported that whilst sending apologies for this evening's meeting, Cllr Pittaway had reported that he had arranged for the Sports & Social Club Licence to be logged at the Land Registry. Furthermore, the Sports & Social Club had agreed to pay the cost of the entry. As an aside issue, Cllr Swyer advised that she had received complaints from residents whose properties back on to the playing field, regarding balls being regularly kicked, sometimes with force, into their gardens. It was agreed that the Sports & Social Club be approached and asked to try to resolve this problem.	ACTION: Clerk
01/10/08 388 – Planning 388.1 Declaration of Members Interests - none 388.2 Applications Granted 08/P/1652/F: Dundry C of E Primary School, 110 Dundry Lane, Dundry; Erection of a single storey extension to create new toilet block. 388.3 Clarification of Previous Application 08/P/1869/F: Alveare, Bridgwater Road, Dundry; Retrospective application for the amendment of approval 06/P/1311/F to use different materials from those approved to create two bedroom detached annexe.	
01/10/08 389 – Clerks Report/Finance 389.1 The Clerk circulated a current finance report and presented her time sheet for approval and signing. 389.2 Audit of Accounts 2007/2008 – the Clerk reported that the external auditors had not yet approved the accounts as they wish	

the Parish Council to carry out an evaluation of the internal audit. Clerk to deal. 389.3 Approve cheques paid/to be paid: Cheque no 100233 £120.00 Mr S Tucker Village Orderly 100234 £316.57 Mrs J Smith September wages	ACTION: Clerk
01/10/08 390 – Correspondence 390.1 Mr S Tucker – Village Orderly Payment 390.2 Citizens Advice Bureau – request for funding 390.3 CPRE Report to ALCA (email) 390.4 CPRE re 117,350 homes in our local area (email) 390.5 Dundry WI re football parking 390.6 Voluntary Action North Somerset – Conference & AGM 390.7 NSC Parish Wildlife Warden Scheme –<i>Cllr Peters</i> 390.8 NSC Standards Committee Meeting 30/09/08 390.9 North Somerset PCT re Clevedon Hospital 390.10 Dundry Baptist Church – invitation to service 05/10/08 – <i>Cllr Gleave</i>	

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 1st September 2008 can be found on village notice boards, on the parish website or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs Julie Smith - 0117 978 4209.