

DUNDRY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 3rd December 2008 at 7.30pm

Chair: Cllr Kevin Smith

In Attendance: Cllrs Maggie Keast, Jane Swyer, Bee Peters, Bee Quick, Richard Thomas, Mike Gleave, Duncan Pittaway, Dave Nevitt & David Hurford. District Cllr Hugh Gregor & WPC Jackie McDonald.

Clerk: Julie Smith

One member of the public joined the meeting at 9.00pm

03/12/08 404 – Apologies None	
03/12/08 405 – Crime Report for Preceding Month/Neighbourhood Watch 405.1 Prior to delivering the crime report, WPC McDonald explained that the Ringmaster email system had ‘crashed’ recently resulting in the breakdown in communication with Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators. The system had since been restored and communications established. WPC McDonald was pleased to report that there had been only one reported crime in the preceding month – a motorbike had been stolen from an outbuilding. She also reported that the spate of burglaries recently experienced had stopped – this was largely felt to be a result of a suspect being identified and approached. She did however, wish to remind all parishioners to remain vigilant and remember to not leave cars open and unattended, being particularly careful when unloading shopping (Christmas presents) from cars into houses. 405.2 Cllr Peters had no specific Neighbourhood Watch news to report but reiterated WPC McDonald’s advise to be specially security conscious at this time of year.	
03/12/08 406 – Matters Arising 406.1 Village Phone Box – no news. 406.2 A38 Notice Board – the Clerk had arranged for Cllr Gleave to meet with the owner of the A38 garage to discuss the positioning of a notice board. Cllr Gleave was please to report that the owner had been very supportive and a site identified for the board. Cllr Gleave had explained that the board would be for Parish Council news and community notices and not for commercial use. Cllr Gleave volunteered to contact the manufacturer of the board sited at the village hall to see if he	ACTION: Cllr Gleave

would be willing to make another board. 406.3 Ham Lane Drainage Problems – Cllr Nevitt gave an update on the current situation and the communications with North Somerset Council. He was dismayed to have learned that whilst the district Council accept that there are major problems with the drainage in Ham Lane, repairs have not been budgeted for as yet. Cllr Gregor was asked for assistance with this matter. 406.4 Footpaths – the Chairperson had received an email from North Somerset Council’s Access Team Leader inviting communication in an attempt to resolve the issue of missing way markers. 406.5 Potholes – the Chairperson had repeatedly contacted North Somerset Council regarding the state of the lanes throughout the Parish and felt very dissatisfied with the response and lack of action. He had received an email response day of the meeting that indicated that the resurfacing of Dundry Lane would hopefully be undertaken in the 2009/2010 financial year and that gullies (including those at the Baptist Chapel) were scheduled to be cleared on 19th December 2008. After discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Head of NSC Streets & Open Spaces advising of the Council’s dissatisfaction with the service provided. Cllr Gregor was also asked for assistance in trying to improve the service to Dundry. 406.6 Chew Surgery Patient Partnership Meeting/Dispensary – Cllr Quick reported on her attendance at the recent meeting which mainly focused on the consultation on the removal of dispensaries from GP surgeries. The Clerk confirmed that she had written in support of Chew Surgery dispensary. 406.7 Ringmaster Communication Breakdown – dealt with earlier. 406.8 Bristol International Airport – Cllr Thomas had previously circulated a report on BIA expansion plans and advised that Cllr Keast and he will continue to consult on behalf of Dundry Parish Council. The Clerk reported that she had an offer of a private meeting at the airport for Councillors on either 14th or 21st January 2009 and asked Councillors to check their diaries and advise on the most acceptable date in order that she could confirm the meeting. 406.9 Village Car Park – the Chair was pleased that the tidying of the village car park had been completed to a very satisfactory standard.	ACTION: Dist Cllr Gregor ACTIONS Clerk/ DistCllr Gregor ACTION: All Cllrs/ Clerk
03/12/08 407 – Minutes of the Meeting held 12th November 2008 The Clerk was asked to amend the minutes to reflect the attendance of Cllr Pittaway after which the minutes were signed as a true and accurate reflection of proceedings – Proposed: Cllr Hurford Seconded: Cllr Gleave	
03/12/08 408 – Public Forum 408.1 Cllr Swyer had been approached regarding the blocked drains at	

the Baptist Chapel. Severe flooding had occurred in the Chapel recently, and with water entering via the rear of the building. As had been reported earlier in the meeting, the Chair had been informed of the emptying of the gullies on 19th December. Cllr Swyer was asked to take this information to the relevant Parishioner. 408.2 Cllr Hurford raised concerns regarding a large branch overhanging the carriageway on Dundry Lane which looks in danger of falling. The Chair asked Cllr Hurford to check this out fully and report back.	ACTION: Cllr Swyer ACTION: Cllr Hurford
03/12/08 409 – Report from District Councillor Hugh Gregor Cllr Gregor reported on his attendance at various meetings involving Bristol International Airport’s expansion plans, the amalgamation of two primary schools in the ward and the proposed housing development along the A38. Cllr Thomas questioned Cllr Gregor’s decision in supporting the granting of a certificate of lawfulness for BIA’s new walkway and expressed his disappointment in this decision. Cllr Gregor explained that he had spoken against the granting of the certificate but had been told that the grounds of his opposition were irrelevant to the application. Further discussion had proved this point leaving Cllr Gregor no choice but to vote for the certificate of lawfulness. He did point out that conditions had been applied to the certificate restricted certain fixtures and fittings in the walkway. Cllr Nevitt asked Cllr Gregor if he felt that he had represented the views of his electorate, to which Cllr Gregor reiterated the point he made earlier about his objections being irrelevant to the application. Cllr Gregor read out the conclusions of the hearing which concluded that the walkway would not increase passenger capacity.	
03/12/08 410 – Parish Plan 410.1 Cllr Nevitt reported that the Parish Plan is nearing completion with the results of the questionnaire already being published on the Parish website. These results will dictate the action points and form the basis of the Parish Plan. The final push forward was discussed with various opinions being put forward. Cllr Thomas felt the plan should be concise and sorted into minor and major actions with two or three really worthwhile projects which would enthuse Parishioners to get involved. Cllr Nevitt pointed out that some of the issues raised from the Parish Plan questionnaire were already being ‘actioned’ and after further discussion, it was agreed that the current Parish Plan committee would continue in the form of a steering group, hopefully recruiting volunteers from within the wider community to help carry projects forward. Cllr Nevitt requested that all Cllrs read through the published action points before the next meeting of Dundry Parish Council. The Chair thanked the Parish Plan Committee for their continued work. 410.2 Cllrs Peters & Quick wished to thank all that had participated in the litter picking around the Parish throughout November.	ACTION: All Cllrs

Particular thanks were given to Councillors, John Venn, Jacqueline Goodrham, David Souter and Robin Pellowe and friends. Litter picking will resume in the Spring. 410.3 Cllr Peters reported that Claire Hawkins, North Somerset Council's Parish Liaison Officer had introduced her an expert on energy efficiency matters, grants etc and Cllr Peters had arranged for her to attend the lunch club in January in order to give advise. 410.4 Cllr Peters also reported that she had heard back from North Somerset Council who confirmed that they do own the triangle of land at the Dundry Lane/A38 junction and have no objection, in principle, to Dundry Parish Council adopting the land in order to make a pleasant entry into the village. Cllr Peters had stressed to NSC that they would be required to initially clear the land before handing it over to the Parish to enhance and maintain.	
03/12/08 411 – North Somerset Council Core Strategy 411.1 Cllr Thomas had circulated a summary of the recent meeting attended by Cllr Keast & himself. They had, and continue to work very hard to reduce the impact of the proposed development on Dundry. Increased traffic remains a big issue with no real plan on how to deal with the inevitable increase in congestion. The only suggested solution is a rapid transit proposal which is currently being considered and consulted upon. The rapid transit would link with only major current bus routes and does not include a hospital pick-up or indeed a pick-up along the A38! Also being considered and consulted upon, is a new road linking Hartcliffe Way with the Long Ashton bypass. This seems to replace the long talked about South Bristol ring road. Cllrs Thomas & Keast had drafted a response to the consultation on these two issues on behalf of Dundry Parish Council and the Clerk arrange submission. 411.2 The Chair read out an email received from the Dundry Residents Action Group (DRAG) which expressed concerns over their communication with Dundry Parish Council and their restrictions in speaking on the matter of the proposed development at Parish Council meetings. After discussion, it was agreed to allow a further fifteen minutes immediately after the public forum specifically for DRAG representation and dialogue. <i>Proposed – Cllr Pittaway</i> <i>Seconded – Cllr Hurford</i> After further discussion, Councillors decided that it would be beneficial to receive a written summary of any particular questions or issues DRAG would wish to raise, in advance of the Parish Council meeting agenda being fixed and circulated. The Clerk was asked to advise DRAG members of this decision.	ACTION: Clerk ACTION: Clerk

03/12/08 412 – Community Cars Cllr Quick was pleased to report that she had secured a grant for the insurance of the scheme. She also advised that volunteer drivers are urgently needed for the scheme to successfully continue.	
03/12/08 413 – Planning 413.1 Applications Received 08/P/2404/F: 2 Yanleigh Close, Nrth Somerset; Erection of a single storey rear extension – <i>no objections</i> 413.2 Applications Granted 08/P/2117/TPO: Jayanne, 3 Beechcroft, Dundry; Tree works (part) 413.3 Applications Refused 08/P/2117/TPO: Jayanne, 3 Beechcroft, Dundry; Tree works (part)	
03/12/08 414 – Clerks Report/Finance 414.1 Current financial reports were circulated to all Councillors for perusal. The Clerk’s time sheet will be circulated via email. 414.2 Audit of Accounts 2007/2008 – the Clerk had been informed by the external auditor that the accounts had been approved although the signed papers had not yet been receive. 414.3 Approve Cheques Paid/to be Paid C/N 100239 – £316.57 Mrs J Smith (November wages) 100240 – £280.00 Mr P Hurford (village car park works) <i>proposed – Cllr Pittaway seconded – Cllr Thomas</i>	
03/12/08 415 – Correspondence 415.1 North Somerset Council re Special Expenses 415.2 NSC Community Governance Review – Publication of Draft Recommendations 415.3 NSC Standards Committee Meeting 25/11/08 415.4 HSBC Bank Statement 415.5 Mr A Bell re Ham Lane Drainage 415.6 Resignation of Cllr D Nevitt – <i>accepted by the Chair who expressed thanks to Cllr Nevitt on behalf of Dundry Parish Council. Clerk to deal with advertising of vacancy.</i>	ACTION: Clerk

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.30pm. Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd December 2008 can be found on village notice boards, on the parish website or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs Julie Smith - 0117 978 4209.

Dundry Parish Council wishes all Parishioners a very Happy Christmas & a peaceful New Year.

Please note that the January meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm at Dundry C of E Primary School