

DUNDRY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council

Held on Wednesday 7th January 2009 at 7.30pm

Chair: Cllr Richard Thomas was voted into the Chair for this meeting –
proposed Cllr Gleave, seconded Cllr Swyer.

In Attendance: Cllrs Maggie Keast, Jane Swyer, Bee Peters & Mike Gleave.
District Cllr Hugh Gregor.

Clerk: Julie Smith

Three members of the public joined the meeting (one representative of the Parish Plan Committee and two representatives of Dundry Residents Action Group)

07/01/09 416 – Apologies Cllrs Kevin Smith, Bee Quick & David Hurford. WPC Jackie McDonald & PCSO Michele Barrett.	
07/01/09 417 – Crime Report for Preceding Month/ Neighbourhood Watch 417.1 WPC McDonald had supplied the Clerk with the following crime report: 1 burglary at local stables 1 non-resident stopped on A38, found to be in possession of cannabis – duly cautioned 1 criminal damage to a house and car window 417.2 Cllr Peters had no Neighbourhood Watch news to report.	
07/01/09 418 – Matters Arising 418.1 A38 Notice Board – Cllr Gleave has contacted a colleague who is willing to construct a notice board for placing on the garage site. It was agreed that the size should be similar to the original village notice boards. Cllr Gleave will obtain a quotation for the costs and the Clerk will seek quotes elsewhere for comparison. 418.2 Ham Lane Drainage – the Clerk had received an email from Dave Nevitt seeking the Councils assistance in urging North Somerset Council to budget for urgently needed repairs to the drainage pipes in Ham Lane. After discussion on the current situation it was agreed that the Clerk should write to North Somerset Council, sending a copy to Cllr Gregor who was also asked to assist in putting pressure on the District Council. 418.3 Streets & Open Spaces Dissatisfaction – the Clerk had written to North Somerset Council as instructed but had received no response to date. She was asked to follow this matter up if a response had not been received in a further ten days time. 418.4 Community Cars Grant – Cllr Quick had received a cheque for £150.00 from Community Action to help towards the cost of the Community Cars programme. The Clerk will send a letter of thanks.	ACTION: Cllr Gleave/ Clerk ACTION: Clerk/ Cllr Gregor ACTION: Clerk ACTION: Clerk

418.5 BIA Meeting – due to delay awaiting confirmation of availability of Councillors, the suggested dates for meeting with BIA officers had become unavailable. BIA have announced public exhibition dates which the Clerk was asked to advertise on village notice boards. The Clerk was also asked to pursue a private meeting with BIA in February. Cllr Thomas reported that Robert Sinclair, the recently appointed CEO of BIA is due to address a meeting of the Parish Councils Airport Association at Felton Village Hall on 27th January 2009. His focus will be the environmental impact of the expansion of the airport. 418.6 Councillor Vacancy – the Clerk had received notices from NSC advertising the vacancy for a Parish Councillor and these had been placed on the village notice boards. Cllr Peters was asked to place an advert in the A38 garage.	ACTION: Clerk ACTION: Cllr Peters
07/01/09 419 – Minutes of the Meeting held 3rd December 2008 The minutes were signed as a true and accurate reflection of proceedings – Proposed: Cllr Gleave Seconded: Cllr Keast	
07/01/09 420 – Public Forum 420.1 A dangerous pothole on Highridge Road near ‘The Ridge’ needs attention – Clerk to contact NSC. 420.2 A request for permission to purchase snowdrop bulbs for village planting was submitted. It was agreed to finance this to the value of £65.00: proposed Cllr Gleave - seconded Cllr Peters. 420.3 Cllr Peters had been approached regarding difficulties being experienced by bus users who catch the bus at the bottom of Dundry Lane. Due to the number of cars parked adjacent to the bus stop, it is reported to be difficult to attract the attention of the bus driver and Cllr Peters therefore asked if North Somerset Council could be contacted to discuss moving the bus stop a short way up the hill. Clerk to deal. 420.4 The issue of poorly maintained pavements on Dundry Lane (opposite no 9) was reported. The Clerk will ask NSC to investigate and undertake repairs. 420.5 It was also reported that the limited access sign on the A38/Dundry Lane junction is obscured by hedging. Clerk to contact NSC.	ACTIONS Clerk
07/01/09 421 - Dundry Residents Action Group The attending members of DRAG gave an update on their activities to date and for the future – • 35000 responses to the consultation on the draft Regional Spatial Strategy resulting in a delay in a decision • 2 new groups incorporating members of various green belt protection action groups have been formed – the ‘Green Belt Alliance’ which will meet for the first time on 14th January 2009 in Dundry with subsequent monthly meetings and the	

‘Greater Alliance’ which will also meet monthly focusing on wider issues such as BIA, roads etc. • It is expected that a planning application will be submitted very shortly for the new Bristol City Football Club stadium which is felt to be the start of the wider development process. • DRAG to go to London again on 21st January 2009. • DRAG now have a dedicated website – www.dundryresidentsactiongroup.com • Space was requested for small poster, activity advertising on the village notice boards – agreed. Following further discussion, Cllr Thomas suggested a public meeting hosted by Dundry Parish Council and DRAG and the Clerk was asked to contact NSC as a matter of urgency, to request the attendance of Michael Reap and Karuna Tharmananthar (Asst Director Dev & Environment) suggesting a date in March. Cllr Gregor was asked if he was aware of any developments that he could share, but other than reporting that the RSS decision is expected in April, was unable to add any information. Cllr Thomas praised members of DRAG for their commitment to opposing the planned expansion of SW Bristol to which the attending representatives responded with thanks for being allowed time to discuss related issues at the Parish Council meetings.	ACTION: Clerk
07/01/09 422 – North Somerset Council Core Strategy All related issues covered in previous agenda item.	
07/01/09 423 – Report from District Councillor Hugh Gregor Cllr Gregor reported that he had spoken on behalf of Dundry at the last South Area Planning Committee during an item on Bristol International Airport and in particular on planned re-siting of their fire station. The new development was originally going to have an aluminium roof which would have a poor visual impact so Cllr Gregor suggested painting the aluminium to blend in with the landscape. He also suggested planting to reduce the visual impact and low level lighting to reduce light pollution. Cllr Gregor was pleased that his suggestions had been taken on board. Cllr Gregor also reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the full District Council during which school admissions had been an agenda item. It seems that due to the shortage of places in schools in Long Ashton, some parents are opting to send their children to Dundry school.	
07/01/09 424 – Parish Plan The Parish Plan will be printed very shortly and needs proof reading before being finalised. Cllrs Thomas and Gleave volunteered to undertake this task and Cllr Smith will also be asked to do this. Cllr Thomas observed that following his reading of the results of the Parish Plan questionnaire, there appears to be some confusion between ‘single actions’ and more complicated, long term actions and suggested that these need greater separation. Dave Nevitt responded	ACTION: Cllrs Thomas, Gleave & Smith

that the Parish Plan is a ten year document and actions will be dealt with appropriately, inviting any necessary assistance from the community via regular newsletters.	
07/01/09 425 – Planning 425.1 Applications Granted 08/P/2322/F: 32 Crabtree Lane, Dundry; Erection of 2 storey rear, side and front extension and a single storey rear extension following demolition of the existing side store & WC & rear conservatory and altering the design of existing windows. Cllr Thomas expressed disappointment that the Planning Officers had not applied conditions regarding parking provision, as had been suggested by the Parish Council at the time of application, and asked the Clerk to advise NSC of this.	ACTION: Clerk
07/01/09 426 – Village Christmas Tree Disappointment was expressed that the churchyard did not have a Christmas tree this year. After discussion on who previously took responsibility for this, it was agreed that the Parish Council should investigate further and contribute towards the cost of a tree for future years. Cllr Swyer will make further enquiries regarding supply etc.	ACTION: Cllr Swyer
07/01/09 427 – Clerks Report/Finance 427.1 The Clerk submitted her time sheet which was duly approved and distributed an updated finance report. 427.2 The 2007/2008 accounts have been formally approved by the external auditor. 427.3 The precept for 2009/2010 need to be applied for by the end of January and the Clerk therefore called a meeting of the Finance Committee – set for 20/01/09 at 8.00pm at the Clerks home. 427.4 Approve Cheques Paid/ to be Paid: C/N 100241 £379.23 Mrs J Smith - December wages/office expenses 100242 £138.00 Mazars – External Audit fee 100243 £11.89 EDF Energy 100244 £19.99 Cllr Peters – office expenses re PP <i>Approval proposed by Cllr Keast, seconded by Cllr Swyer</i>	
07/01/09 428 – Correspondence 428.1 Pengelly Consulting on behalf of NSC – Green Infrastructure Study in North Somerset – <i>passed to Cllr Peters</i> 428.2 HSBC Bank Statement 428.3 Communities in Control: Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity – A Consultation. 428.4 NSC Local Council Finances 2009/2010 - <i>Finance Cmt</i> 428.5 Mr D Nevitt (email) re Ham Lane Flooding 428.6 Voluntary Action NS- Invitation to join Voluntary Sector Forum Meeting 15/12/09 – <i>pass to Dave Nevitt</i> 428.7 Rural Services Network – Invitation to Join – <i>declined but passed to Cllr Peters.</i> 428.8 NSC re Budget Strategy 2009/2010 consultation.	ACTION: Cllr Peters ACTION: Clerk

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.30pm, prior to which Cllr Peters expressed thanks to the Clerk for her continued work for the Parish Council.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th January 2009 can be found on village notice boards, on the parish website or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs Julie Smith - 0117 978 4209.

Parishioners are invited to view the notice of the vacancy for a Parish Councillor posted on notice boards. Anyone interested in applying for the position can contact the Clerk for further information.