

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd March 2010 at 7.30pm

(These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting)

Chair: Cllr Kevin Smith

In Attendance: Cllrs Holger Laux, Steve McCarthy, Bee Peters, David Hurford,

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

No Parishioners were in attendance.

03/03/2010 629 - Apologies 629.1. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Richard Thomas, Maggie Keast, Mike Gleave and Duncan Pittaway, District Councillor Hugh Gregor, WPC Jackie McDonald, PCSO Michele Barrett, Debbie Nicholls (DRAG)	
03/03/2010 630 - Chairman's Report 630.1. Cllr Smith noted the following: • Geoff Nicholls (Debbie Nicholls' husband) had been in hospital. Councillors joined him in wishing Mr Nicholls a speedy recovery. • There had been a wonderful display of snowdrops and other spring bulbs round the village, thanks to the efforts of Jane Swyer and the late Chris Glover. • A parishioner had contacted him to thank the Parish Council for resolving the drainage problems in Ham Lane. 630.2 Cllr Smith said he was intending to stand down as Chairman at the Annual Meeting in May. Because of pressure of work he also intended to stand down as a parish councillor.	
03/03/2010 631 - Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 631.1. There were no declarations of interest	
03/03/2010 632 - Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch 632.1. Crime report for preceding month - WPC McDonald had reported to the Clerk that in the previous month there had been: • 1 theft from a car, 2 persons have been arrested and prosecuted • 1 theft by finding, following patrols in Hill road, a car was searched and credit cards later reported as stolen were found. 1 person is awaiting charge • Assault and damage following an altercation between persons not resident in the Parish • 1 theft of a car found partially burnt in the village, when recovery vehicle went to collect it they found it was no longer there 632.2. In response to a query from the Clerk WPC McDonald had supplied contact details and names for police officers involved with 'Operation Biker'. Should any resident need to contact the "Operation Biker" staff they should in the first instance phone 0845 456 7000, if the officers are on duty they will be booked on as "op biker" The officers are PS 517 Mike Johnson and PC 2529 Kevin Duffy. They are not permanently on bike patrol, this is additional to their normal duties. The query had been raised because of renewed problems with motorbikes on Woodland Trust land in East Dundry. It was agreed that at present the Parish Council's role in resolving this problem should be to support and encourage the work of the police. 632.3. Neighbourhood Watch report – Cllr Peters reported that several black bags with cannabis plants inside had been dumped on Dundry Lane. The police had removed them and praised Neighbourhood Watch for contacting them.	
03/03/2010 633 - Public Forum – There were no parishioners present.	
03/03/2010 634 - North Somerset Council Core Strategy /Regional Spatial Strategy 634.1. Draft South West Green Belt Assessment – Cllr Thomas would be reviewing this	Cllr Thomas

document which could be found on the NSC website. It was noted for discussion at the next meeting.	
634.2. North Somerset Council Development Management and Site Allocations DPDs: Scoping Report. – The Clerk reported that Cllr Thomas had reviewed this and had no particular comments, although the PC would like to comment on the proposals. DPC were interested in anything affecting the village, particularly the development of a ‘green wedge’ separating Dundry from Bristol. Councillors were in agreement with these comments and the Clerk was asked to send the response.	Clerk
634.3. Housing in Defined Villages (Policy H/7 V) Supplementary Planning Document (consultation Draft) – Note as for 634.1 above.	Cllr Thomas
03/03/2010 635 - South Bristol Urban Expansion ‘Ashton Park’– Planning Application	
635.1. No report	
03/03/2010 636 - Dundry Residents Action Group	
636.1. Apologies had been received from DRAG - no report	
03/03/2010 637 - Bristol International Airport Planning Application	
637.1. South Area Planning Meeting to determine application – this was in progress at the same time as the PC meeting. A letter had been sent commenting on the officers’ recommendations which had been published the previous week.	
637.2. GOSW had replied to DPC’s letter asking for the Secretary of State to call-in the application. GOSW had said that the decision to call-in would only be made, if at all, after the application had been considered by NSC’s Planning Committee.	
03/03/2010 638 - Report from District Councillor Hugh Gregor	
638.1. Apologies received from Cllr Gregor – no report	
03/03/2010 639 - Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council – 03/02/2010	
639.1. The Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings (Proposed Cllr Hurford, seconded Cllr Peters).	
03/03/2010 640 - Matters Arising	
640.1. Sports field floodlighting – A certificate had been received for the electrical installation but was on a ‘domestic’ form. The Clerk was asked to write to the Sports and Social Club requesting that if the correct form could not be produced that the lights should no longer be used. The letter would also ask for a copy of the S & S Club’s Public Liability insurance. The scaffolding had been removed but replaced with diagonal struts. Cllr Laux would inspect this to see if it represented a trip hazard.	Clerk
640.2. Hill Road turning circle, CCTV. The equipment had been ordered and would be delivered shortly. A third quote for installation was still needed.	Cllr Laux
Connected with this there had been some discussion about whether contact details other than those of the Clerk were needed for the Parish Council. Cllr Laux had researched some options and prices. After discussion it was decided that the benefits of the various options did not justify the cost.	Cllr Laux
03/03/2010 641 - Finance	
641.1. Financial Report – this had been circulated before the meeting. The Clerk noted that, barring emergencies, this report effectively showed the situation at the year end. It was agreed that a cheque which had been paid out but not cashed, more than two years previously, should be removed from the figures for future reports.	
641.2. The Chairman signed the Clerk’s timesheet.	
641.3. A letter had been received from the PCC requesting an additional payment of £50 towards floodlighting the church. Councillors were in agreement in principle but asked the Clerk to write to the PCC requesting a copy of electricity bills to back up their request.	Clerk
641.4. Approve Cheques paid/to be paid	Clerk
641.4.1. C/N 100294 – £333.33 - Judith Hoskin (February wages)	
641.4.2. C/N 100295 – £342.00 - NSC for Grit bins	
641.4.3. C/N 100296 – £ 50.00 - ALCA for New Councillors Training	

03/03/2010 642 - Parish Plan Report 642.1. General – Cllr Laux reported that at present the focus of the Parish Plan committee was on Dundry Day. 642.2. Dundry Day – Cllrs Laux and Peters reported that this would be a ‘Village Fayre’ in the afternoon, followed by an evening event to include a band of some variety, bar and food. It was intended that profits from this event would go towards the Children’s Play Area fund. Councillors agreed that the evening event should be designed to appeal to all age groups and that the entry should not be more than £10 per person. The Clerk would check that the Parish Council’s insurance would cover this event.	Clerk
03/03/2010 643 - Wildlife Survey 643.1. Grant application – a letter was required from the Parish Council for the money to be released. The survey would take place on 29th April, and background research had already been done into past surveys. Cllrs Peters and Hurford would liaise to ensure that all landowners were contacted for their permission. It was agreed that a joint letter should be sent to landowners from the Parish Council and Parish Plan committee. Cllr Smith thanked Cllr Peters for her hard work. 643.2. Letter from Avon Wildlife Trust re land ownership – Cllr Hurford reported that Avon Wildlife Trust, on behalf of NSC, was going to re-survey wildlife sites in the Parish, some of which had previously been surveyed over thirty years ago. He noted that there were now more wildlife sites in the parish than there had been then. He would liaise with Cllr Peters on this.	Cllrs Peters & Hurford Clerk Cllrs Peters & Hurford
03/03/2010 644 - Streets & Open Spaces 644.1. Grit Bins – as agreed at the previous meeting, the Clerk had ordered three grit bins from North Somerset Council. After some discussion it was agreed that in principle these should be sited: • On the junction of Downs Road and Crabtree Lane • In Ham Lane • Near the corner by ‘Rocklea’, East Dundry Lane It would be necessary to inspect these locations to establish whether they would in fact be suitable and exactly where the bins should go.	Cllrs Laux & McCarthy Clerk
03/03/2010 645 - Planning 645.1. Applications received: 645.1.1. 10/P/0169/F I Upton Cottages, Upton Lane, Dundry, Bristol, BS41 8NS Erection of a first floor level to existing garage, to include 2 no dormer windows to the SE elevation and 4no roof lights to the NW elevation. Flat roof changed to pitched roof. – <i>No objections</i> 645.2. Appeals 645.2.1. APP/D0121/A/10/2118330/NWF Bridgewater Farm, Bridgewater Road, Dundry, Somerset, BS41 8JW – change of use and conversion of existing barn – <i>no further comments</i> 645.3. Applications Granted by NSC: 645.3.1. 09/P/2176/F Highridge Farm, Oxleaze Lane, Dundry – Erection of single storey side extension to enclose existing outside swimming pool. Erection of detached double garage with store room above. General reorganisation of external spaces with new garden wall and gates. 645.4. Applications Refused by NSC: None	
03/03/2010 646 - Clerk’s Report 646.1. The Clerks’ report on the past month had been circulated with the agenda. Points of particular note were: 646.1.1. The Clerk had met the Area Inspector, Fay Powell, to discuss various items of concern in the village, but, as yet, not much action had been taken, apparently because all efforts were concentrated on filling potholes in the NSC area. The Clerk was asked to write to NSC expressing Councillors’ disappointment that so little had been done, and in particular that there had been no Parish Gang to clear leaves from the Steps, litter from the Hill Road turning circle and moss in Andruss Drive and Beechcroft	Clerk

646.1.2. The Clerk also noted that a letter had been received from the PCC thanking the Parish Council for their offer of a rooted Christmas tree but declining it because of a Church of England rule that conifers should not be planted in churchyards. 646.1.3. No one had yet enquired about the Parish Councillor vacancy.		
03/03/2010 647 - Correspondence of note (full list circulated with agenda) 647.1. The following correspondence of note had been received		
647.1.1. NS Housing	Stronger Communities Strategy – Cllr Laux to review	Cllr Laux
647.1.2. NSPCC	Promote NSPCC helpline	
647.1.3. Community Action	Community car scheme	
647.1.4. GOSW	Reply to request for call-in	
647.1.5. PCC	Letter Declining offer of Christmas tree	
647.1.6. PCC	Request for additional contribution towards floodlighting	
647.1.7. NSC	Development Management and Site Allocations	
647.1.8. NSC	DPDs: Scoping Report	
647.1.9. NS Housing	A recycling revolution for North Somerset: article for newsletters	
647.1.10. NSC	NSHousing consultation	
647.1.11. NSC	Children's centre coming soon	
647.1.12. Avril Baker Associates	Draft South West Green Belt Assessment	
647.1.13. Energy Saving Trust	University of Bristol Long Ashton Planning application	Cllr Peters
647.1.14. NSC	Invitation to Join 'Green Communities Network' – Cllr Peters to review	
647.1.15. ALCA	Removal of recycling banks at Texaco (<i>Shell?</i>)	Clerk
647.1.16. Community Action	Service Station	Cllr Laux
647.1.17. PCAA	Agenda - special General Meeting – send apologies	
647.1.18. HSBC	Chew Valley Transport Meeting - Now Monday 8th March - Cllr Laux to attend	
647.1.19. NSC	Pinnacle Transport Report	
647.1.20. WEP	Bank Statement	Cllr Keast
	South West Bristol Advisory Group Meeting – 29/04 – Cllr Keast to attend	
	West of England Joint Waste Core Strategy Pre-submission	
03/03/2010 648 - Items to be noted for discussion at next meeting 648.1. No items raised at the meeting were noted for discussion at the next meeting		

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.50pm

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 3rd March 2010 can be found on village notice boards, on the parish website or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs Judith Hoskin – Tel: 0117 9642804

The next meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 7th April, 2010