

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March 2011 at 7.30pm

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

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux

In Attendance: Cllrs Bee Peters, Nancy Jennings, David Hurford, Richard Thomas, Ralph Gay, Steve McCarthy, Maggie Keast

District Councillor Hugh Gregor

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

02/03/2011 892 - Apologies 892.1. Apologies had been received from Cllr Duncan Pittaway, PC Trevor Byford, PCSO Michele Barrett, Claire Dyke (NSC Parish Liaison Officer)	
02/03/2011 893 - Chairman's Introduction 893.1. The Chairman welcomed all present	
02/03/2011 894 - Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 894.1. Cllr Keast declared an interest in Item 907.1.1 (Spring Barns)	
02/03/2011 895 - Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council – 09/02/2011 895.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2011 were agreed as a true record (Proposed Cllr Keast, seconded Cllr Gay)	
02/03/2011 896 - Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch 896.1. Crime report for preceding month. PCSO Barrett was unable to attend but had sent a report. Crime figures for the preceding month had been very low, with 1 x Dwelling Burglary, 1 x Theft and 1 x Making off without payment. 896.2. Neighbourhood Watch Report 896.2.1. Cllr Peters reported that the yellow newsletters had been replaced by a different leaflet from the police. There had also been a useful and more local newsletter from PC Byford. She would again put an item in the Parish News to remind residents that crime prevention messages can be found on the Parish website. It was also agreed to put an item about Neighbourhood Watch on the website. She thanked all the distributors of newsletters for their hard work. 896.2.2. It was noted that three witnesses had seen fly-tipping taking place in the Hill Road turning circle. They had reported the registration number of the vehicle to the police but had been informed by the police that the owner of the vehicle had denied the offence and it appeared that no further action had been taken. The Clerk would write to PCSO Barrett to see if she could provide more information.	Cllr Peters Clerk Clerk
02/03/2011 897 - Public Forum - No members of the public were present but the following points had been raised with councillors: 897.1. Cllr Jennings said that some parishioners had informed her of their intention to hold some sort of celebration of the royal wedding on April 29th – probably in the Village Hall. 897.2. Cllr Peters reported that a parishioner had volunteered to resume her work with the Senior Community Link and report back to the Parish Council. Councillors welcome this. 897.3. Cllr Laux reported that some parishioners had said that they would be interested in coming to Parish Council meetings, or even in being a councillor, if the meetings were not on the first Wednesday of the month. The Clerk was asked to investigate the availability of the hall on the second Monday of the month as a possible alternative.	Clerk
02/03/2011 898 - Report from District Councillor Hugh Gregor 898.1. Cllr Gregor reported the following: 898.1.1. By law North Somerset Council would make no important decisions from March 23rd until after the elections on May 5th. This is necessary in case decisions influence the chances of particular political groups. 898.1.2. NSC has adopted a policy of cutting out unnecessary meetings as a way of cutting costs. 898.1.3. After the May elections some committees may be amalgamated to save money. For example the South Area and West Area committees may become one committee. 898.1.4. He had attended the budget meeting on February 22nd. A group of which he was a member had submitted an amendment which they considered would have reduced adverse effects on services but had been defeated.	

02/03/2011 899 - Finance 899.1. Councillors noted the Financial Report which had been circulated with the agenda 899.2. The Chairman signed the Clerk's time sheet 899.3. The following payments were approved: From general Parish Council funds 899.3.1. Cheque no 100341 – J Hoskin – Feb wages, stamps, parking 899.3.2. Cheque no 100342 – St Michaels PCC – Grant for Christmas lights 899.3.3. Cheque no 100343 – Dundry Village Hall Trust - £200* - Hall hire & phone line rental *exact figure to be confirmed. Payment approved in principle but not yet made because invoice had not been received as expected. 899.4. The Clerk reported that HMRC had recently issued new guidance on the employment status of Parish Clerks. She had asked HMRC for advice on her particular situation and it appeared that the Parish Council might have to register as an employer. She would investigate further.	Clerk
02/03/2011 900 - Reports on meetings attended: 900.1. Councillors noted and discussed written reports on meetings attended since the previous meeting. 900.1.1. Meeting in Long Ashton on Localism Bill – attended by Cllr Laux, Cllr Thomas & Clerk The bill will not be enacted until late 2011. However, it was agreed to write to North Somerset Council advising them that Dundry PC were considering the possibilities of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. 900.1.2. Meeting on Draft Core Strategy 18th February – Attended by Cllr Laux & Clerk - noted 900.1.3. ALCA NS Group meeting 24th February – attended by Clerk The Clerk drew attention to the concern of some parish councils that changes to the health service were taking place with very little consultation with patients and local groups. It was agreed that it would be useful to find out more and the Clerk was asked to investigate in the first instance what information was available from the Chew Magna surgery. 900.1.4. Village Hall committee 24th February – attended by Cllr Laux Some members of the Village Hall committee had expressed concern at the length of time that the playground build might take and its possible effect on Village Hall bookings. Cllr Jennings said that the Playground Group would respond to any queries when the minutes were circulated.	Cllr Thomas Clerk Clerk
02/03/2011 901 - Playground monthly report - Cllr Jennings 901.1. Cllr Jennings reported that the outcome of the funding application should be known by early April.	
02/03/2011 902 - Parish Plan 902.1. Dundry Day – the hall was provisionally booked for 22nd May. There was some concern about a possibly similar event being run by the school (but open to all) the previous week. Cllr Peters would investigate. 902.2. Hill Top Walk and footpaths – Cllr Peters said that work on the design for car park board was almost complete and looking good. Cllr Jennings reported that she had received some very positive feedback about the work to the stone stile.	Cllr Peters
02/03/2011 903 - Refuse and litter collection 903.1. 'Village Orderly' bin – Cllr Laux and the Clerk had met Fay Powell the NSC Area Officer and discussed possible provision of a bin for collection of 'village orderly' waste – i.e. litter collected. NSC would provide the bin and collect the waste as long as it was in grey sacks issued by them. The bin would be kept locked. Provided the landlord of the Dundry Inn agreed this could be located by the recycling bins already in the pub car park. Once a village orderly was recruited he/she would fill the bin. Arrangements before then would have to be worked out. The Clerk was asked to contact the Dundry Inn and then arrange with NSC for the bin to be provided. 903.2. It was agreed that a litter pick would be desirable soon. Meanwhile the Clerk would ask NSC for a 'Parish gang' to clear the Hill Road turning circle. <i>Cllr Gregor left the meeting</i> 903.3. Playing Field refuse arrangements - in the absence of Cllr Pittaway there was no discussion of this.	Clerk Clerk

02/03/2011 904 - Millennium stone at hairpin bend – report on cost of moving plaque 904.1. Cllr Gay had removed the plaque from the original stone for safe keeping. He had obtained a quotation for fixing it to the new stone but since the price was over £100 it was agreed that once the stone was in place more quotations should be obtained. Cllrs Laux and McCarthy would progress arrangements for replacing the stone. A decision on whether the new stone required cleaning would be made when it was in place.	Cllrs Laux & McCarthy.
02/03/2011 905 - Noticeboard repairs – discuss action required 905.1. Cllr Gay had inspected the boards in the centre of the village and in East Dundry. He thought it would be possible to repair them but that they were both saturated and would need taking down and drying out before it would be possible to establish what work needed doing. After some discussion it was decided that a more long-term solution would be to replace the boards with ones in metal frames. The Clerk suggested it would be an improvement to have a larger board in the centre of the village. Cllr Keast and the Clerk would research this.	Cllr Keast Clerk
02/03/2011 906 - Annual Parish Meeting, 23rd March 906.1. Arrangements for the APM were discussed. The Clerk would send out to village organisations the invitation which she had drafted.	Clerk
02/03/2011 907 - Planning 907.1. Planning Applications received: 907.1.1. 11/P/0259/F 02/03/2011 908 - Spring Barns, Spring Lane, Dundry, BS41 8NT – alterations to outbuildings to create annexed accommodation for use in association with Spring Barns – No objections 908.1. Applications Approved by NSC: None 908.2. Applications Refused by NSC: None	Clerk
02/03/2011 909 - Clerk's Report 909.1. The Clerk's Report on the past month had been circulated with the agenda. She noted in particular – 909.1.1. Broadoak Stables - A letter had been received from NSC planning enforcement department saying that they could find no evidence of commercial operation but that they would be enforcing the landscaping condition. 909.1.2. Speed of traffic on Wells Road – NSC had replied that there were no recorded accidents at this location and that therefore they would not be able to supply signs. Councillors were disappointed with this reply particularly since the police supported some sort of signage to slow traffic. The Clerk was asked to write again asking for a meeting as originally requested.	Clerk
909.2. Meeting with Fay Powell (Area Officer) – 22nd February 909.2.1. The Clerk circulated notes she had made on the 'Outstanding items' list following the meeting she and Cllr Laux had had with the NSC Area officer. Some items had been completed but others had been on the list for a long time. 909.2.2. Councillors discussed the triangle of land at the end of Dundry Lane. This was already attracting litter again. It was agreed to ask a parishioner who had the appropriate skills if he would make some suggestions about how best to landscape it.	Cllr Hurford
909.3. Local Council Elections – May 5th – the Clerk said that as yet she had received no official notification about the elections but reminded councillors of the need to send in nomination papers if they hoped to continue as councillors.	All
02/03/2011 910 - Correspondence requiring action/discussion/noting (not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda) 910.1. NSC 910.2. NSC 910.3. Census coordinator 910.4. NSC Planning Enforcement Results from Parish Liaison and Town and Parish Consultation Reply to letter about Bridgwater Farm Request for help with posters and accommodation for meetings Broadoak stables	

910.5. NSC 910.6. NSC 910.7. National grid 910.8. Comments/queries arising from complete correspondence list (circulated with agenda)	Reply re dangerous bend Wells Road Footpath Diversion Ivy Farm - Notice Community update, Hinkley Point C connection project	
02/03/2011 911 - Items to be noted for discussion at next meeting 911.1. No items were brought up at short notice and noted for discussion at the next meeting.		

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.20 pm.
 Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd March 2011 can be found on the parish website (www.dundry.org.uk) or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs Judith Hoskin – Tel: 0117 9642804, email: dundryclerk@tiscali.co.uk
 Abridged versions are available on the parish noticeboards, in the Parish News and in the Chew Valley Gazette.

The next meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6th April 2011
The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd March 2011