

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7th September 2011 at 7.30pm

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

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux

In Attendance: Cllrs David Hurford, Ralph Gay, Steve McCarthy, Maggie Keast, Richard Thomas, Duncan Pittaway, Nancy Jennings.

District Councillor Hugh Gregor (part time)

PCSO Michele Barrett (part time)

Paul Conolly, Principal Transport Planning Officer, North Somerset Council (part time)

6 parishioners were present for the public forum

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

06/07/2011 994 - Apologies	Actions
994.1. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Peters and Fiddian	
06/07/2011 995 - Chair's Introduction	
995.1. Cllr Laux thanked Cllrs Keast and McCarthy for chairing the previous two meetings in his absence. He welcomed the visitors to the meeting.	
06/07/2011 996 - Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda	
996.1. Cllr Jennings declared an interest in item 1016.1 (pre-school container) as her son attends the pre-school	
06/07/2011 997 - Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council – 06/07/2011	
997.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 6 th July were agreed as a true record (proposed Cllr Keast, seconded Cllr Gay)	
06/07/2011 998 - Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch 998.1. Crime report for preceding months – PCSO Barrett reported that since the July meeting there had been: 2 x Criminal damage, 5 x Making off without payment, 3 x Theft ,1 x Theft of a pedal cycle 9 x Cannabis possession, 1 x Fly tipping, 1 x Public health offence (syringes), 1 x Harassment 1 x Theft of a motor vehicle, 2 x Non dwelling burglary, 1 x Dwelling burglary. The burglaries were all from garages. There had been some thefts of metal for scrap but that seemed to have reduced recently. She also reported that from 19 th September ALL non emergency calls to the Police anywhere in the country could be made by dialling 101. The calls would all cost a flat 15p from landlines or mobiles and callers would be put through to the nearest Police Force call handling centre, NOT a national centre. For people living on the border of two Police Forces an automated voice would give the caller the choice of which Force to contact. The new 101 number would run alongside Avon and Somerset's non-emergency number, 08454 567000 until the end of the year from which time there would be a simple choice of 999 for all emergencies, including crimes in progress, or 101 for all non emergency calls to the Police. She understood that there would be a national advertising campaign to publicise this change. <i>PCSO Barrett left the meeting at this point</i> 998.2. Neighbourhood Watch Report – Cllr Peters had told the Clerk that she had nothing of note to report.	
06/07/2011 999 - Invited guest: Paul Conolly, Principal Transport Planning Officer, North Somerset Council. Mr Connolly explained that because of cuts in local authority funding all councils were having to review their supported bus services. Some had cut them completely. In North Somerset many of the bus services are commercially run but not so much in rural areas. The Government had reduced funding for bus services but were increasing the amount of money available for community transport schemes. (Cllr Laux commented that Dundry had proved to be too small to support such a scheme) North Somerset Council would have to make some cuts but was consulting with bus users and parish and town councils before making any decisions. They had received 850 replies to the public consultation. (Comments were made that this consultation had not been long enough or advertised well enough) They would establish costs by a process of tendering in October. Mr Connolly said that the 672 service through Dundry was funded jointly with BANES. At one point there had been four buses but the service was now down to one bus because of previous funding	

cuts. As far as he knew BANES had no plans to withdraw funding and the executive member of the council with responsibility for public transport (Cllr Ap Rees) was known to favour rural services. Parishioners in attendance stressed how important the bus service was to them, and how difficult living in Dundry would be for them if it were cut. Councillors also stressed the importance of the bus service to the village and how important it was generally to encourage travel by public transport. They also pointed out that council tax payers in the village often felt (rightly or wrongly) that most of their money was being spent in Weston-super-Mare rather than on services to outlying villages. (it was agreed later that Cllr Laux would draft a response to the consultation)	Cllr Laux																																										
06/07/2011 1000 - Public Forum 1000.1. In addition to comments on the bus service parishioners raised the following: 1000.1.1. There were complaints about noise coming from activities (particularly the scrap metal crusher) at Downs Farm – both the volume and the duration. Councillors said that they had had discussions with the NSC Planning Enforcement Officer but had not so far had a very satisfactory response. They would continue to try to find some way of improving matters. 1000.1.2. Rubbish had been collecting in the car park because the bins were not being emptied frequently enough. The Clerk to discuss with NSC Area Officer.	All Clerk																																										
06/07/2011 1001 - Finance 1001.1. The Financial Report was approved (proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Hurford) 1001.2. The chair signed the Clerk's time sheet 06/07/2011 1002 - The following payments were approved: <table><tr><th>Cheque</th><th>Paid to</th><th>For</th><th>Payment</th><th>Fund</th><th>Category</th></tr><tr><td>100371</td><td>Mazars</td><td>Audit fee</td><td>144.00</td><td>General</td><td>Audit Fee</td></tr><tr><td>100372</td><td>Steve Tucker</td><td>Maintenance</td><td>120.00</td><td>General</td><td>Village Orderly (Broadoak Crossroads)</td></tr><tr><td>100373</td><td>Getspatial LLP</td><td>Online maps</td><td>12.00</td><td>General</td><td>Office Expenses</td></tr><tr><td>100374</td><td>N.Jennings</td><td>VO CRB check</td><td>55.00</td><td>Playground</td><td>Dundry Day fund</td></tr><tr><td>100375</td><td>J Hoskin</td><td>August wages</td><td>350.00</td><td>General</td><td>Clerk's salary</td></tr><tr><td>100376</td><td>Jody's Garden Services</td><td>Maintenance July/August</td><td>67.50</td><td>General</td><td>Village Orderly (Playground)</td></tr></table> 06/07/2011 1003 - It was agreed to ask the bank to allow the Clerk to have information about the balance of the account and related information and a letter was signed.	Cheque	Paid to	For	Payment	Fund	Category	100371	Mazars	Audit fee	144.00	General	Audit Fee	100372	Steve Tucker	Maintenance	120.00	General	Village Orderly (Broadoak Crossroads)	100373	Getspatial LLP	Online maps	12.00	General	Office Expenses	100374	N.Jennings	VO CRB check	55.00	Playground	Dundry Day fund	100375	J Hoskin	August wages	350.00	General	Clerk's salary	100376	Jody's Garden Services	Maintenance July/August	67.50	General	Village Orderly (Playground)	
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06/07/2011 1004 - Grit bins 1004.1. Cllr McCarthy had prepared a report on the location and condition of the existing grit bins in the parish together with a proposal for winter 2011-2012. It was agreed that no grit bins were in such poor condition that they needed replacing. The budget allowed for four new bins and the criteria for locating these were: • Away from NSC gritting routes and/or • Benefiting as many properties as possible, and/or • Known accident black spots On this basis it was agreed to put new bins in the following locations: • Yanleigh Close • Near the bus stop/end of The Mead • The junction of Downs Road and Crabtree Lane • East Dundry Lane near Rocklea Cllr McCarthy would make proposals for the exact location of each bin and work which might be required to accommodate them, in consultation with residents where relevant, before they were ordered from NSC	Cllr McCarthy/ Clerk																																										
06/07/2011 1005 - Playground 1005.1. Cllr Jennings reported that the next phase of the build would probably start in the next couple of weeks but she was waiting to hear an exact date from the contractor. This meant that construction was only slightly behind the original schedule. The Playground Group had applied for a sustainability grant of just under £3,500 which would fund four free community events during 2012. The village orderly had been mowing the mound and strimming/collecting litter in other areas in the village and the arrangement seemed to be going well so far.																																											
06/07/2011 1006 - Sports and Social club – request to erect dugout 1006.1. The Sports and Social Club had requested permission to erect a dugout on the side of the football pitch nearest the pavilion. They said this was a requirement of the Somerset FA.																																											

They had submitted a drawing of their proposals for councillors to consider. Councillors thought that the drawing was not entirely accurate and that the proposed shelter would be much bigger than shown on the plan. They were also not happy with the design or the proposed location of the dugout which would be extremely conspicuous from the village hall and the road. Since it would face away from the road there was also a danger that it might attract anti-social behaviour. Councillors were keen to support the Sports and Social club but after some discussion it was agreed that a permanent shelter in this location was not an option. However, they would consider a proposal for a moveable shelter that would be stored at the edge of the pitch between matches. The Clerk was asked to write to the Sports and Social Club with this response and to ask for details of the Somerset FA requirements.	Clerk
06/07/2011 1007 - Parish Councils Airport Association 1007.1. Draft Response to Department for Transport 'Developing a sustainable framework for UK aviation' Scoping Document March 2011 (deadline 20th October) Cllr Thomas explained that the government was in the process of producing guidelines for the future of aviation to replace the now out-of-date White Paper. The Scoping Document would set out what should be considered and was currently subject to consultation. The PCAA had produced a response, which had been circulated to councillors before the meeting. The main concerns highlighted in this response were reduction of noise, impact on infrastructure, Climate Change, and the fact that there was no mention of further taxation on aviation – in particular no tax on fuel or VAT. There were also local impacts to consider. Cllr Thomas said that the response reflected the concerns important to Dundry. It was agreed to support the PCAA response. Cllr Thomas would draft a response for the Parish Council to be circulated and agreed at the next meeting. This would look in particular at local issues.	Cllr Thomas/ Clerk
06/07/2011 1008 - North Somerset Council Core Strategy 06/07/2011 1009 - Cllr Thomas reported that the Draft Core Strategy had now been sent to the government for approval. It had been modified as DPC wished with new housing concentrated on Weston-super-Mare rather than on the outskirts of Bristol. There would be a public enquiry at which the PCAA was due to appear. However, there was some concern that new planning guidelines (Draft National Planning Policy Framework - NPPF) were being put in place that would give a presumption favour of planning permission and would do away with previous planning guidance. This meant that there was a possibility that the proposed development at Ashton Park might reappear. However, it also appeared that where a local framework was in place it should take priority. CPRE and the National Trust were launching major objections to the proposed NPPF. Cllr Thomas and Cllr Laux would prepare a report on this for the next meeting.	Cllr Laux/ Cllr Thomas
06/07/2011 1010 - Report from Dundry School Governors 1010.1. Cllr Peters had sent a report on progress of the refurbishment works at the school. She said that the decorating and carpeting of the admin area were a great improvement and the stairs were now much safer. The weatherproofing work was still in progress.	
06/07/2011 1011 - Reports on Meetings Attended: 1011.1. Meeting to discuss South Bristol Link – 14th July. Cllr Laux, Cllr Gregor and the Clerk had attended a meeting with a representative of North Somerset Council who updated them on the current situation on the South Bristol Link. A bid was being put in to the government for this shortly. Notes on this meeting had been distributed and were noted by the meeting. 1011.2. Village Hall Committee Meeting 21st July Cllr McCarthy reported from the village hall committee meeting as follows: 1011.2.1. The pre-school garden was taking shape. Some sort of cover was needed for shade and shelter. The pre-school were looking at options. They would provide evidence of public liability insurance for the garden. There had been some discussion of the container and lack of consultation. 1011.2.2. The pre-school had requested a Yale lock for the front door. 1011.2.3. The village hall committee had taken advice on cross-hatching on the car park on the access to the playing field and concluded that it was not necessary. 1011.2.4. The VHC was happy to have the bins that had been offered by NSC but concerned about having a combination lock on the gates. <i>(Councillors suggested that the VHC should be asked to give the combination lock a trial).</i> 1011.2.5. The VHC was happy with the proposed sites for the additional 'No dogs' signs. 1011.2.6. The inside of the hall would be painted on 1st & 2nd October – everyone was welcome to join in. 1011.2.7. The framed picture of the Hill Top Walk would be hung on the wall of the hall.	Cllr McCarthy

<i>Cllr Gregor joined the meeting at this point</i>	
06/07/2011 1012 - Noticeboards 1012.1. Cllr Keast reported that the two new noticeboards were almost complete and were of excellent quality. However, the price of each had increased to £550 because of the locks. They should be ready by the next meeting. They would need regular maintenance to keep them in good condition. Cllr Gay would store the boards and arrange for fixing.	Cllr Gay
06/07/2011 1013 - Chris Glover memorial cricket match 1013.1. Cllr Keast updated the meeting on the arrangements for the cricket match in memory of Chris Glover which would be held on Sunday 18th September, 2 – 5 p.m.	
06/07/2011 1014 - Report from District Councillor High Gregor 1014.1. Cllr Gregor reported that he had continued to be a member of the Children and Young Persons Scrutiny Panel. There had been two meetings one of which was to discuss possible budget cuts. He was also now a member of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel and on the Working Group for Out of Hours provision for GPs and GP appointment systems. He reported that he was Vice Chairman of the Central Area Planning Committee (Dundry is now in the Central Area after some reorganisation) 1014.2. With reference to the correspondence item about positive activities for children Cllr Gregor said that Gail Smith had been to Winford for a discussion about young people's activities. It is possible a 'hub' might be developed round Long Ashton, Barrow Gurney, Dundry and Winford.	
06/07/2011 1015 - Planning 1015.1. Planning Applications received: 11/P/1315/F Ashton View, Highridge Road, Dundry, BS41 8JU Proposed change of use of workshop into holiday unit.– <i>No objections – comments sent 15th August, now approved</i> 11/P/1403/F The Carpenters Tavern, Upton Lane, Dundry, BS41 8NE - smoking pavilion – <i>no objections.</i> 1015.2. Applications Approved by NSC: 11/P/0911/F Field OS 4755, land off Littleton Lane, Winford, Bristol, BS40 8HF Erection of 6.3m high mast with 1800mm blade diameter wind turbine 11/P/0972/F Winifred Cottage, Oxleaze Lane, Dundry, BS41 8JZ –front conservatory 1015.3. Applications Refused by NSC: 11/P/1112/F Densford House, Bridgwater Road, Dundry, BS41 8JP Erection of two storey and single storey front extension.	Clerk
06/07/2011 1016 - Pre-school container – requirement for planning permission 1016.1. The Clerk had received a letter from the NSC Planning Enforcement Officer confirming that a planning application was required for the pre-school container. She had forwarded this to the new chair of the pre-school and the chair of the village hall committee and the matter was now in hand.	
06/07/2011 1017 - Planning enforcement 1017.1. Councillors felt that the enforcement of planning permission for the pre-school container showed an inconsistency in planning enforcement when other matters round the village were not being properly enforced. They also felt that they were not being kept properly informed of the progress of enforcement proceedings. After some discussion Cllr Gregor volunteered to contact the Planning Enforcement Officer to try to establish the current situation and move matters along. 1017.2. Councillors also felt that their comments were being ignored by NSC planners. They cited in particular comments made on the new (additional) mast for the noise monitor on Littleton Lane where planners had not followed up with the airport a request to investigate having only one mast.	Cllr Gregor
06/07/2011 1018 - Clerk's Report 1018.1. The Clerk's report on past two months had been circulated with the agenda. these items were discussed: CR/178 – Land at the end of Dundry Lane. Cllr Jennings had discussed this with the new village orderly. He had agreed that regular strimming would probably lead to the area returning to grass but had commented that it was quite a large area of ground to trim regularly. CR/185 – Community payback scheme. Cllr McCarthy said he was waiting to hear from the	Cllr

supervisor. He would chase this up.		McCarthy
CR/192 – Cllr Gay had expressed an interest in being a tree warden and had contacted NSC about this.		
CR/197 – Overgrown pavement Crabtree Lane. It was agreed to ask NSC to send a parish gang to deal with this and the area outside the new house on the other side of Crabtree Close, where the grass had become too long to mow. Clerk to discuss with Area officer.		Clerk
06/07/2011 1019 - Correspondence requiring action/discussion/noting (not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda)		
Parishioner	Request to have Ham Lane sign moved – Cllr Laux has passed this on to NSC	Cllr Laux/ Clerk
North Bristol NHS	Consultation on foundation trust	
NSC	Invitation to meeting about future of services – Cllr Laux and Clerk to attend	Cllr Jennings
ALCA	Training dates	
NSC	Positive activities in North Somerset for Children and Young People – invitation to meet – Cllr Jennings	Cllr Gay
NSC	Planning permission needed for pre-school container – see item 1019.1	
NSC	Tree Warden network launch – Cllr Gay to be tree warden	
ALCA	Notice of AGM 13 th October	
06/07/2011 1020 - There were no Comments/queries arising from complete correspondence list (circulated with agenda)		
06/07/2011 1021 - Items to be noted for discussion at next meeting		

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.50 pm.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th September, 2011 can be found on the village noticeboards, on the parish website (www.dundry.org.uk) or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs Judith Hoskin – Tel: 0117 9642804, email: dundryclerk@tiscali.co.uk

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The next meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 5th October 2011