

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4th April, 2012 at 7.30pm

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

Chair: Cllr Maggie Keast

In Attendance: Cllrs David Hurford, Nancy Jennings, Ralph Gay, Richard Thomas (*part time*), Duncan Pittaway (*part time*), Simon Fiddian

District Councillor Hugh Gregor

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

04/04/2012 1142 Chair 1142.1. In the absence of Cllr Holger Laux the meeting was chaired by the Vice- Chair, Cllr Maggie Keast	Actions
04/04/2012 1143 Apologies 1143.1. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Laux, McCarthy and Peters, and from PC Trevor Byford and PCSO Michele Barrett	
04/04/2012 1144 Chair's Introduction 1144.1. Cllr Keast welcomed all present	
04/04/2012 1145 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 1145.1. There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda	
04/04/2012 1146 Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council – 07/03/2012 1146.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 7 th March 2012 were agreed to be a true record (proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Gay).	
04/04/2012 1147 Crime Report/Neighbourhood Watch 1147.1. No representatives of the Police were present but PCSO Barrett had reported to the Clerk the following crime numbers for the previous month: 2 x Possession of cannabis 2 x Possession of Class A substance 1 x Fraud by false representation 1 x Common assault and battery. 1147.2. Neighbourhood Watch Report – Cllr Peters had reported that all the police newsletters had been distributed.	
04/04/2012 1148 Public Forum 1148.1. The Clerk reported that a parishioner had complained to the Parish Council about the timing of the church bell-ringing practice as the noise of the bells kept their young children awake. Councillors did not feel that this came within the remit of the Parish Council and the Clerk was asked to forward the complaint to the PCC. <i>Cllr Pittaway joined the meeting at this point</i> 1148.2. Cllr Peters had reported to the Clerk that parents from the school had started to clear the ground on the Glebe land. The children would be designing a quiet space and garden plan to submit to the PCC. 1148.3. Cllr Gay reported that he had investigated with the NSC tree officer the concern raised by a parishioner about pruning of trees on Dundry Lane (see Correspondence at meeting 07/03/2012) The tree officer was satisfied with the way the trees had been left. The Clerk was asked to report back to the parishioner.	Clerk Clerk
04/04/2012 1149 Report from District Councillor Hugh Gregor 1149.1. Cllr Gregor reported that in the previous month he had attended the following meetings: Friday 9th March – A meeting concerning the crisis in the youth service and the need to restructure it using parish councils and existing local groups. Protests have persuaded NSC to reconsider the severity of the cuts. Thursday 20th March – NSC executive. Thursday 29th March – Children and Young Persons Scrutiny Panel. Meetings of the Central Area Planning Committee have been cancelled recently for lack of business.	
04/04/2012 1150 Finance 1150.1. The Financial Report was approved (proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Hurford). 1150.2. The Chair signed the Clerk's time sheet	

1150.3. Payment of the following Cheques was approved:						
Cheque	Paid to	For	Payment	Fund	Category	
100419	ALCA	Subscription	168.52	General	ALCA	
100420	J Hoskin	March Salary	350.00	General	Clerk's salary	
100421	Jody's Garden Services	Village orderly	71.00	General	Village Orderly	
04/04/2012 1151 Dundry Day 1151.1. Cllr Jennings reported that arrangements for Dundry day were progressing well. The event would run from 12 – 4 with setting up from 11 a.m. The Playground Group would be providing a bouncy castle, healthy refreshments and seed planting and flower pot decorating. Among other activities and attractions would be the police bike ramp, refreshments, a spring walk organised by Friends of Dundry School (FODS) and a plant stall. Cllr Peters had asked for contributions to this. The next meeting to discuss the day would be at 1 Mendip Villas, Crabtree Lane, on 3 rd May at 8 p.m.						
04/04/2012 1152 Jubilee Beacon lighting – June 4th. 1152.1. The Clerk had registered the Dundry beacon with the organisers. PCSO Barrett had confirmed that she and PC Byford would almost certainly be able to attend. It was not known exactly when the beacon would be lit although this would be between 10 and 10.30 p.m. The Clerk was asked to draft an advert for the Parish news.						Clerk
04/04/2012 1153 North Somerset Council Sites and Policies Development Plan – Invitation to Meeting 25th April 1153.1. Cllr Thomas explained that the NSC Core Strategy had now been ratified by the Secretary of State with some modifications. The strategy was expected to be adopted by the Council on 10 th April. The plan allowed for 14,000 new homes in the area by 2026, mostly in the Weston-super-Mare area. The Green Belt and the character of open countryside would be protected with 'strategic gaps' to ensure separation between settlements. The gap between Dundry and Bristol was not at present listed as one of these, although the list is not definitive and it should be possible to have this added. Dundry would be an 'Infill village' with only small-scale development allowed - mainly infill and subdivision of larger properties. 1153.2. The next stage would be preparation of the Sites and Policies Development Plan which would contain more detail. NSC had invited parishes to a preliminary meeting on 25 th April to discuss this and canvas views. NSC would then prepare a Draft Document for consultation on the early summer. After discussion it was agreed to circulate for agreement before the meeting a list of matters DPC would like to see included. It was suggested that the list should include: • A 'Strategic Gap' to be allowed for between Dundry and Bristol • Measures for mitigating the effect of increased traffic on the A38 resulting from expansion of the airport and construction of the South Bristol Link. • Possible involvement of the Parish Council in decisions on materials to be used in developments • Stress the importance of retaining the school. Cllr Keast and the Clerk would attend the meeting.						Cllr Thomas Cllr Keast Clerk
04/04/2012 1154 Planning 1154.1. Planning Applications received: 12/P/0415/F Dun Dreagh, The Steps, Dundry, BS41 8JB Erection of a two storey side extension following demolition of existing single storey side extension and creation of dormer window to south elevation and extended dormer to the north elevation - <i>No objections</i> 12/P/0416/F North View, 29 Dundry Lane, Dundry, BS41 8JG Erection of a boundary wall following removal of hedge - <i>Object to the removal of the hedge as proposed in the above application. If consent is given for removal of the hedge Councillors are further concerned that the proposed material for construction of the wall is inappropriate for its location, particularly in such close proximity to a listed building.</i> 1154.2. Applications Approved by NSC: 12/P/0126/TPO The Old Vicarage, Church Road Dundry, BS41 8LH 1 x sycamore - fell 1154.3. Applications Refused by NSC: None						Clerk

1154.4. Planning Enforcement Issues 1154.4.1. There was some discussion of work taking place to create a roadway behind Castle Farm. North Somerset Council Planning Enforcement Officers had been informed. The landowner had assured the Enforcement Officer that the roadway was for agricultural use only – to make traversing the steep slope safer for agricultural vehicles. 1154.4.2. It was noted that no formal response had been received from North Somerset Council about any of the planning enforcement matters which had recently been referred to them. It was agreed to write to the NSC Delivery and Enforcement Service Manager regarding this. <i>Cllr Thomas left the meeting at this point</i>	Clerk																		
04/04/2012 1155 Meetings attended: 1155.1. Parish Councils Airport Association – 3rd April. No councillors had been available to attend but the Clerk had been present in her capacity as Secretary of the Association. Minutes would be circulated but she noted some matters which had been discussed: • The Inspector, in his report on the Core Strategy, did not see the need for the airport to expand into Green Belt land before 2026. • The Government Consultation on a Sustainable Framework for UK Aviation would not now be issued until the summer.																			
04/04/2012 1156 Clerk's Report 1156.1. The Clerk presented her report. She hoped to arrange a meeting with the new Area Officer shortly to try to resolve some of the outstanding items. 1156.2. There was some discussion of the Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk was asked to advertise this and to invite representatives of village organisations to attend.	Clerk																		
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04/04/2012 1159 Items to be noted for discussion at next meeting 1159.1. The following items were noted for discussion at the next meeting: • Responsibilities for litter clearance on the playing field • DPC PowerPoint presentation for Dundry Day																			

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.30 pm.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 4th April, 2012 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
Abridged versions are available in the Parish News and in the Chew Valley Gazette.

The next meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd May, 2012

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda please notify a councillor or the Clerk by **Wednesday 25th April**. You can also raise matters in the Public Forum but, depending on what they are, full discussion may have to be left to the following meeting.