

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th June, 2012 at 7.30pm

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

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux

In Attendance: Cllrs David Hurford (part time), Nancy Jennings (part time), Ralph Gay, Simon Fiddian. Bee Peters, Maggie Keast, Steve McCarthy

District Cllr Hugh Gregor

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

06/06/2012 1182 - Apologies 1182.1. No apologies had been received	Actions
06/06/2012 1183 - Chair's Introduction 1183.1. The Chair welcomed all present	
06/06/2012 1184 - Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 1184.1. Cllr Peters declared an interest in item 1203.1 (23 Dundry Lane) 1184.2. Cllr Hurford had previously declared to the Clerk an interest in Item 1203.1 (Castle Farm)	
06/06/2012 1185 - Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council – 02/05/2012 - The minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd May 2012 were agreed as a true record (Proposed Cllr Gay, seconded Cllr Peters)	
06/06/2012 1186 - Crime Report 1186.1. No representatives of the police were present but afterwards PCSO Barrett sent the following crime figures for the previous month: • 1 X Burglary • 1 x Theft from motor vehicle • 1 x Criminal damage to a motor vehicle • 1 x Making off without payment (Bilking) • 1 x Non dwelling burglary. Thefts from vehicles have spiked across the North Somerset district, particularly in Long Ashton, Clevedon, Nailsea and Portishead.	
06/06/2012 1187 - Neighbourhood Watch Report 1187.1. Cllr Peters said she had nothing to report on Neighbourhood Watch. She was pleased that PC Byford and PCSO Barrett had been able to come to the Beacon event.	
06/06/2012 1188 - Public Forum – 1188.1. No members of the public were present and no items had been raised with councillors. 1188.2. Cllr Peters said that flooding had been bad on Dundry Lane because of blocked gullies. (matter to be raised with Area Officer)	Clerk/Cllr Laux
06/06/2012 1189 - Village Orderly Report 1189.1. Cllr Jennings reported that she felt that the village orderly was doing a good job. She had had some requests from parishioners for him to undertake various tasks. 1189.2. Cllr Jennings said that the next playground event (July 8 th) involved making individually designed clay tiles which would eventually be fixed round the playground fence. She asked if the village orderly could help with this. Cllr Gay volunteered to help and after some discussion it was agreed that the village orderly could be asked to help if another volunteer could not be found. 1189.3. The final playground event (September 30 th) would include a bench making workshop and tree planting. Funding for trees and equipment had been promised by Community Spaces but a decision needed to be made about species, number and size of trees and Cllr Jennings said she would like to ask the village orderly for advice and to help supervise the planting on the day. After some discussion it was decided that Cllrs Jennings, Gay and Peters should discuss this further, finding out what was available and would be suitable, and put forward a proposal for the next meeting. Cllr Jennings would also consult the Sports and Social Club and the Village Hall Committee It was agreed that the completed bench could be put at the far end of the playing field.	Cllrs Jennings/ Gay Cllrs Jennings/ Gay/ Peters

<i>Cllr Hurford joined the meeting at this point</i>						
06/06/2012 1190 - Report on Awards for All application 1190.1. Cllr Jennings said that she was hopeful of a positive response from Awards for All. It was agreed that if the grant was forthcoming she could go ahead and instruct the supplier. <i>Cllr Jennings left the meeting at this point</i>						Cllr Jennings
06/06/2012 1191 - Report by District Councillor Hugh Gregor Cllr Gregor reported that he had attended the following meetings: 1191.1. May 4 th – A presentation by NSC officers about changes being brought in by Government on funding of state schools. 1191.2. May 8 th – the Annual meeting of NSC at which there had been a briefing on a visit by the Boundary Commission to review ward boundaries with the intention of making the number of people represented by each District Councillor approximately the same. They would also review anomalies in parish boundaries. Cllr Gregor asked if there were any aspects of the Dundry parish boundary which councillors wished him to raise with the commissioners. In particular he mentioned: • <i>Should the name of the ward be changed to Winford and Dundry?</i> Councillors agreed that this would be a good idea. • <i>Given that the Commission generally tried to ensure that boundaries ran along natural breaks such as road or rivers should the A38 be the boundary of Dundry Parish thus putting properties on the side of the road away from the village in Long Ashton or Barrow Gurney?</i> Councillors thought that the residents of these properties considered themselves to be in Dundry and that the properties were a fair way from these other villages. • <i>Were there other boundaries which needed review?</i> Councillors thought that it might be worth reviewing the boundaries with BANES in East Dundry and Bristol at Highridge, particularly given the changes which would be made by the South Bristol Link. However, they emphasised that residents should be consulted before any changes were made. The Clerk was asked to draft for circulation and agreement a list of suggestions on boundaries which might benefit from being reviewed. 1191.3. May 14 th – Children and Young People's School Organisation Working Group. 1191.4. May 17 th – C&YP Working Group on Youth Activities. 1191.5. Various meetings on the North Rural Commissioning Network for Positive Activities for Children and Young People. These were also attended by the Clerk who explained that the intention was to apply for funding from the NSC Innovation Fund for funding for two activity days (probably one in Dundry and one in Felton) during the summer to try to canvas young people's opinions about what activities they would like to see in the area. The application would include a request for funding for the events being run by professionals in play/youth activities. Further funding would be requested to commission professionals to build on the information gathered including sourcing further funding. A great deal of help had been received from Gail Smith from CYP services at NSC.						Clerk
06/06/2012 1192 - Finance 1192.1. The Financial Report had been circulated before the meeting and was approved. (Proposed Cllr Fiddian seconded Cllr Keast). 1192.2. The Chair signed the Clerk's time sheet						
1192.3. Payment of the following cheques was approved:						
Cheque	Paid to	For	£	Fund	Category	Clerk
	Broker Network				Insurance (inc	
100427	Ltd	Insurance	532.86	General	playground)	
100428	Info Commissioner	Data protection	35.00	General	Data protection	
100429	CPRE	Subscription	29.00	General	CPRE	
100430	J Hoskin (Total 378.20)	May salary	367.50	General	Clerk's salary	
		Stamps & paper	10.70	General	Office supplies	
100431	Somerset P F A	Subscription	10.00	General	Somerset P F A	
100432	PCAA	Subscription	50.00	General	PCAA	

100343	H Laux	Refreshments APM	5.68	General	APM refreshments	
1192.4. The Annual Return had been circulated before the meeting. The Clerk explained that she had changed the method of reporting asset values to try to reflect more accurately the actual value rather than the purchase value which in many cases was negligible because items had originally been funded by NSC. The return was approved by the meeting (proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Hurford)						
1192.5. The Clerk reported that she had taken out insurance with Came and Company, who specialise in Parish Council insurance. They had been prepared to provide a joint insurance for the Parish Council and the Playground group resulting in considerable savings over the previous year. This budget saving was welcomed by the council as it would allow the freed-up funds to be allocated elsewhere						
06/06/2012 1193 - Report on Events held 1193.1. Dundry Day – this had been very successful. The weather had been good and it had been a family event. Councillors thanked the Playground Group for organising the event. Ideas were needed for next year. 1193.2. Jubilee Beacon – this had also been a success with about 200 people attending to watch the beacon being lit. Thanks were due to Cllr Hurford and his family for their hospitality and organisation.						
06/06/2012 1194 - Missing Grit Bin - Upton Lane 1194.1. Cllr McCarthy reported that the grit bin at the top of the hill by Rattledown Farm had gone missing. After some discussion it was agreed to wait to see if the bin turned up as it may have been moved temporarily						
06/06/2012 1195 - Little Down Wood 1195.1. Cllr Gay reported that he and Cllr Hurford had met a representative of the Woodland Trust at Little Down Wood to discuss some concerns about hedges by Dundry Lane and the condition of some of the gates. The representative of the Woodland Trust had been very helpful and had promised to take action. Cllr Gay said that he thought that the wood was underused. He also wondered if a stretch of barbed wire fence near the wood could be replaced with a hedge. He would give it some thought and come up with some proposals.						Cllr Gay.
06/06/2012 1196 - South Bristol Link 1196.1. Cllrs Laux and Thomas had attended one of the consultation presentations on the South Bristol Link. The deadline for responding to the consultation was 29th June. Cllr Laux had prepared a draft response which was discussed. Councillors expressed reservations about the general usefulness of the link which now seemed to be concentrating on the Bus Rapid Transit. They felt that this would not result in a reduction in traffic going into Bristol and that the people most likely to use the bus route were already well served by buses, while residents further away would still not be able to use it because of the difficulty of getting to a bus stop. However, the Link would definitely be going ahead and the consultation was now on details of routing etc. so it was important to try to ensure that adverse effects were reduced as much as possible. There was particular concern about increased traffic on the A38 and the effect on exiting from Dundry Lane and about the junctions at Queen's Road (controlled by traffic lights) and Highridge Road (no control). There was also concern about loss of common land on Highridge common and whether land would be purchased as compensation. Cllr Laux would update his response and circulate it for agreement.						Cllr Laux
06/06/2012 1197 - Report on meetings attended 1197.1. Village Hall Committee – Cllr Laux had attended this. There were no major issues relevant to the Parish Council. He would forward the minutes when he received them 1197.2. Various Meetings on NS North Rural Commissioning Network - Clerk (See item 1191.5 above)						
06/06/2012 1198 - Brief Reports/updates (not requiring discussion) 06/06/2012 1199 - Dundry School report – Cllr Peters reported that a group of older children would be going to the Houses of parliament on Monday 11th June 06/06/2012 1200 - On the Friday before half term an Olympic torch bearer had brought her torch in for the children to see. Her personal number had been 007. 06/06/2012 1201 - Repair to playing field wall – Councillors thanked Cllr Gay for repairing the coping to the wall near the Sports and Social Club car park.						

06/06/2012 1202 - Planning 1202.1. Planning Applications received: 12/P/0748/LB - Castle Farm, Castle Farm Lane, Dundry, BS41 8LU - Alterations to main roof to install insulation and insert 2no rooflights to rear elevation, replace existing windows with timber double-glazed single panelled windows, re- install 3 blocked windows on east elevation and 1 blocked window to north elevation, install a bathroom to first floor and a bio-mass boiler and accumulator tank in the attached outbuilding – <i>no objection</i> 12/P/0799/F - 23 Dundry Lane, Dundry, Bristol, BS41 8JL - Rear single storey extension – <i>no objection</i> 1202.2. Applications Approved by NSC: 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. 12/P/0416/F -North View, 29 Dundry Lane, Dundry, BS41 8JG Erection of a boundary wall/ removal of hedge. 1202.3. Applications Refused by NSC: None 1202.4. Application withdrawn by applicant	Clerk Clerk						
06/06/2012 1203 - 12/P/0553/F -4 Broadoak Cottages, Wells Road, Dundry, BS41 8NE - Erection of rear extension. 1203.1. Planning Enforcement Issues 1203.1.1. Erection of Extension to the front of Densford, Bridgwater Road. A letter had been received from the NSC Planning enforcement department saying that they did not plan to take formal enforcement action on this matter, even though it should have been subject to a planning application. After some discussion the Clerk was asked to draft a letter to include the following points: • Councillors were concerned that the decision had been made not to pursue the matter, • If a full application had been made would it have been approved? • They were not entirely in agreement that the extension did no 'demonstrable harm' • Because there had been no planning application the Parish Council had not been given an opportunity to comment. 1203.1.2. Meeting about Downs Farm – The Clerk was asked to arrange a date for this meeting.	Clerk Clerk						
06/06/2012 1204 - Clerk's Report 1204.1. The Clerk's Report on past month had been circulated with the agenda. Many of the items would be discussed at the meeting with the new Area Officer. 1204.2. The Clerk and Cllr Laux would be meeting the new Area Officer on 12th June. The Clerk had circulated a list of items to raise at the meeting for councillors' comments. Councillors asked for the following to be added: • Pothole near the Royal British Legion • Potholes on the Wells Road • Sunken gullies on Dundry Lane. Causes a loud noise as heavy lorries travel over them • Overgrown vegetation on the A38 at the end of Dundry Lane (both sides) restricting visibility even though this is meant to be a 'visibility improvement area' and needs to be cut back to the fence for safety. • Cllr Hurford noted that the sign to Castle Farm Lane had been installed so should be taken off the list. 1204.3. The Clerk was asked to contact PC Byford about cars for sale parked outside Alveare and restricting visibility for vehicles exiting from the garage.	Clerk Clerk						
06/06/2012 1205 - Correspondence requiring action/discussion/noting (not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda)							
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NSC	Notice of imminent bus stop improvement A38 - <i>noted</i>	Clerk
VANS	Integration of NHS services in NSC – invite to meeting 20 th June 2 p.m. – <i>noted</i> .	
BANES	Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations DPD – consultation - <i>noted</i>	
NSC	Temp road closure for pre surface dressing patching Upton Lane – <i>noted</i>	
NSC	Notice of meeting with Boundary Commission – 5 th July 2012 - <i>noted</i>	
NSC	Leaflets on connecting Devon and Somerset Broadband. <i>The Clerk had asked for pdf versions of this leaflet and asked whether 0117 numbers would be included but as yet had had no response.</i>	
CPRE	Notice of AGM 23 rd June 2012 - <i>noted</i>	
1205.1. There were no comments or queries arising from complete correspondence list (circulated with agenda)		
06/06/2012 1206 - Items to be noted for discussion at next meeting:		
1206.1. Neighbourhood Plan.		

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.21 pm.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th June, 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: parishclerk@dundry.org.uk
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The next meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4th July, 2012

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda please notify a councillor or the Clerk by **Wednesday 27th June**. 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.