

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5th December, 2012 at 7.30pm

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

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux

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

District Councillor Hugh Gregor, Claire Dyke (NSC Parish Liaison Officer)

3 parishioners were also in attendance

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

05/12/2012 1282 - Apologies	Actions
1282.1. Apologies had been received from Cllrs McCarthy and Fiddian	
05/12/2012 1283 - Chair's Introduction	
1283.1. The Chairman welcomed all present to the last meeting of the year.	
05/12/2012 1284 - Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda	
1284.1. Declarations of interest	
1284.1.1. Cllr Jennings declared a non-pecuniary interest in 1296.1 (Planning application 12/P/1999/F) as tenant of the field.	
1284.2. Requests for dispensation to take part in discussions on matters where councillors have declared an interest:	
1284.2.1. All councillors present had a pecuniary interest in discussion of the Precept (as Council Tax payers). It was agreed that the discussion could take place (Proposed Cllr Jennings, seconded Cllr Keast)	
1284.2.2. Cllr Jennings was given leave to take part in the discussion about Item 1296.1	
05/12/2012 1285 - Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council	
1285.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 7 th November 2012 were agreed as a true record. (Proposed Cllr Hurford, seconded Cllr Keast)	
05/12/2012 1286 - Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch	
1286.1. No police were present at the meeting but afterwards PCSO Pen Gatenby sent the following crime figures.	
• 1 x Theft of motor vehicles • 1 x Attempt Burglary from a dwelling • 1 x Possession of cannabis • 1 x Bilking - Theft of petrol from a petrol station	
1286.2. There had been a request from a parishioner to replace the damaged Neighbourhood Watch sign on Crabtree Lane. Cllr Jennings reported that the task was not as simple as it had seemed at first because the support for the sign was broken. Cllr Laux would assess the problem and try to find an alternative location for the sign if necessary.	Cllr Laux
05/12/2012 1287 - Public Forum	
1287.1. A parishioner expressed concern about work taking place in a field next to Broadoak Hill. Woodland had been cleared, several insubstantial buildings had been erected for animal shelters, a large container had been placed in the field and the owner appeared to be making a new access at the top of the field. The parishioner had made representations to the NSC planning enforcement department but had not received any feedback.	
The Clerk was asked to contact the NSC Enforcement Manager as a matter of urgency.	Clerk
1287.2. A parishioner reported that Oak Cottage on Oxleaze Lane had narrowly missed being flooded because the gullies on the lane were blocked. The Clerk was asked to report this to NSC and to write a general letter about lack of maintenance of gullies resulting in flooding in several places in the village.	Clerk
1287.3. Cllr Peters reported that there was an anomaly in road signage near Nutgrove Cottage on Dundry Lane where the 30 mph sign which had been installed to reduce speeds at the corner at Greenditch Farm was closely followed by a contradictory 40mph sign. The Clerk to report to NSC.	Clerk
1287.4. There had been a large amount of fly tipping at the Hill Road turning circle. This had been reported to NSC by a parishioner.	

1287.5. Cllr Keast reported that for several months there had been a problem with emptying of wheelie-bins at the bottom of Spring Lane, East Dundry. After many complaints the rubbish had been collected the previous week. Cllr Keast would monitor the situation.	Cllr Keast				
1287.6. Residents had reported potholes appearing at the end of Crabtree Close. Clerk to report to NSC	Clerk				
1287.7. A resident had complained about overgrown vegetation and cars parked on the pavement outside nos 31 and 32 Crabtree Close. Because no 31 is empty it was agreed to ask the village orderly to cut back the vegetation. The Clerk would contact the police about the cars.	Cllr Jennings Clerk				
05/12/2012 1288 - Report by District Councillor Hugh Gregor					
1288.1. Cllr Gregor reported that since the last meeting he had attended the following:					
• 5th November – Briefing at the Town Hall about the council's budget plans. • 8th November – Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel Central planning Committee (as Vice-Chair) • 10th November – training on 'Safeguarding Children' (on behalf of the North Rural Commissioning Network) • 13th November – presentation by National Grid on the Hinkley Point C Connection Project and route of new power lines. • 14th November – presentation on new Planning policies. Was reassured by NSC officers that the Green Belt remains NSC's 'Gold Standard'. • 27th November – Children and Young People's Youth Transport Working Group.					
05/12/2012 1289 - BANES Consultation on Supported Bus services - 672 service 6.10 p.m. bus from Bristol					
1289.1. The Clerk reported that a parish councillor from Chew Magna had telephoned to alert Dundry PC to the fact that BANES were consulting on whether to withdraw funding from various supported bus services including the 6.10 pm 672 bus from Bristol to Blagdon. Councillors were very concerned at this news and asked the Clerk to respond to the consultation stressing how important the bus service is to the village, particularly to those residents who do not drive.	Clerk				
05/12/2012 1290 - Chew Medical Practice Patients' Reference Group – Meeting 13th December					
1290.1. Cllr Jennings said that she would be attending this meeting and asked councillors if they wished to raise any matters. The following topics were agreed for her to raise if the opportunity arose:					
• Is the surgery aware of any differences in the backup services provided for patients leaving hospital depending on whether they live in North Somerset or BANES? • Patients often complain about lack of continuity of doctor when they are being treated over a period of time and the difficulty of making an appointment with the doctor of their choice within a reasonable time. • There was concern about the new commissioning bodies and the time that doctors will spend away from patient care while setting them up.					
05/12/2012 1291 - Finance					
1291.1. The Financial Report had been circulated before the meeting and was approved (proposed Cllr Thomas, Seconded Cllr Gay)					
<i>Cllr Gregor left the meeting at this point</i>					
1291.2. The Chair signed the Clerk's time sheet					
1291.3. Payment of the following Cheques was approved:					
100468	Morden Masonry	Wall repair hairpin bend	125.00	General	Asset Maint.
	J Hoskin (Total	November salary	367.50	General	Clerk's salary
100469	374.70)	Stamps	7.20	General	Office exp
100470	Jody's garden serv.	Village Orderly (Oct/Nov)	512.50	General	Asset Maint
1291.4. The finance working group had met on 26th November to do preliminary work on the budget for 2013 - 2014. Their proposals had been circulated to councillors before the meeting. The main points were that the fixed costs would be lower next year mainly because of reductions in insurance premiums and audit fees. However, the finance group suggested transferring the saving to the asset management budget as expenditure on the village orderly had been higher than anticipated leaving little for other contingencies that might arise. The Precept would remain the same (£9,000). The budgeted reserve would be £3,469.00.					
The proposals were agreed in principle (proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Peters) but final					

setting of the Precept was postponed until the January meeting because of uncertainty resulting from new rules on calculation of Council Tax.

Cllr Thomas thanked the working group for their clear and easy-to-read proposals.

05/12/2012 1292 - Reports on meetings attended:

1292.1. Cllr Laux had attended a meeting of the Village Hall Committee on 22nd November. He had reported by email to councillors. He noted in particular:

1292.1.1. He was in touch with the new pre-school administrator about insurance and an agreement for the pre-school garden. She would raise the subject at the next pre-school meeting.

1292.1.2. There had been some discussion of Christmas lights in the churchyard which Cllr Laux had continued with Rev Sandra Lovern. Cllrs noted that the existing tree in the churchyard had now been decorated with lights towards which the Parish Council had made a contribution.

1292.1.3. Ms Lovern had asked for a represent of the parish council to read a lesson at the Carol Service on 10th December. Cllr Peters agreed to do this.

05/12/2012 1293 - Report on North Rural Commissioning Network (NRCN)

1293.1. The Clerk reported that four providers of children and young people's activities had been shortlisted and interviewed for the consultation and activity day project. A meeting would be held shortly to evaluate these.

The Activity Day was still planned for April 14th 2013 – venue to be decided.

05/12/2012 1294 - Report from Dundry School Governors

1294.1. Cllr Peters reported that the school hopes to erect a sign to the school at the bottom of Dundry Lane

1294.2. There had been a community lunch that day to say thank you to members of the community who support the school.

1294.3. The school urgently needs an SMSA (school meals supervisory assistant) for an hour each day.

05/12/2012 1295 - Brief Reports/updates

1295.1. There were no brief reports/updates

05/12/2012 1296 - Planning

1296.1. Planning Applications received

12/P/1973/F	The Grove, 27 Dundry Lane, Dundry, BS41 8JG Removal of redundant
12/P/1974/LB	pigsties and extension to existing garaging – <i>No objection</i>
12/P/1999/F	Land to the south of West Dundry Lane, Dundry Conversion of a redundant
	equestrian building into a holiday let including the provision of access track
	and associated landscaping works
	<i>OBJECT - The building is in the Green Belt and was built relatively recently to</i>
	<i>provide stabling. The building is still in use and we understand that there is still</i>
	<i>a demand for stabling in the area. It therefore cannot be described as</i>
	<i>redundant</i>

1296.2. Applications Approved by NSC (noted)

12/P/1718/F	11 Yanleigh Close, Dundry, BS13 8AQ Erection of a single storey rear
	extension and a loft conversion with rear balcony and dormer
12/P/1732/PDT	Arqiva Transmitting Station, Land north of North Hill Farm, East Dundry Lane,
	Dundry, BS41 8NJ - Prior notification for erection of a 3m high rigid mesh
	fence and 5no rigid mesh gates (4 double and 1 single) to the north-west
	elevation of transmitting station

1296.3. Applications Refused by NSC - none (noted):

1296.4. Application withdrawn by applicant (noted)

12/P/1797/F	West Grove, Dundry Lane, Dundry, BS41 8JF Demolition of garage and
12/P/1798/LB	erection of two storey side extension with alteration of entrance door to
	window and formation of new rear door from window opening on east
	elevation

05/12/2012 1297 - Planning Enforcement Issues:

1297.1. Field on Broad Oak Hill – see item 1287.1

1297.2. Densford, Bridgwater Road - NSC had confirmed that they had requested that a planning application be submitted for unauthorised work on a porch at the front of the building. Enforcement action would be taken if this had not been received by 30th November.

1297.3. Car wash at 'Flight service station', Bridgwater Road – Portacabin being used overnight

– has been reported to NSC.

05/12/2012 1298 - The Clerk's Report on the past month had been circulated before the meeting. The following points were noted/discussed:

1298.1. Clerk still making enquiries about Clay pigeon shooting on Littleton Lane

05/12/2012 1299 - The Streets and Open Spaces Report had been circulated before the meeting. The following points were noted/discussed:

1299.1. Road sign repairs and additions should be carried out by NSC soon – probably in the New Year.

1299.2. Attempts at clearing blocked gullies on the A38 and Dundry Lane had so far failed.

1299.3. NSC had promised to provide and empty some recycling bins at the recreation ground.

Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were noted:

NSC Road closure notice Yanley Lane (Early December)

NSC Sites and Policies development Plan Document & supplementary planning documents – prior notice of consultation

Age UK Invitation to attend Senior Community Link Meeting - 18 December 2012 2.30pm

There were no comments on the list of other correspondence (circulated before the meeting)

05/12/2012 1300 - Items to be noted for discussion at next meeting

1300.1. No items were noted for discussion at the next meeting.

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

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th December, 2012 can be found on the village notice boards, on the parish website (www.dundry.org.uk) or obtained from the Clerk, Mrs Judith Hoskin – Tel: 0117 9642804, email: parishclerk@dundry.org.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 9th January, 2012

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda please notify a councillor or the Clerk by **Wednesday 2nd January**. 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.