

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 9th January, 2013 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, Steve McCarthy, Simon Fiddian

District Councillor Hugh Gregor (part time)

2 parishioners were also in attendance for the public forum

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

09/01/2013 1317 - Apologies 1317.1. Apologies had been received from Cllr Pittaway and Claire Dyke (NSC Liaison Officer), PC Trevor Byford and PCSO Pen Gatenby	Actions
09/01/2013 1318 - Chair's Introduction 1318.1. The Chairman welcomed all present to the first meeting of the new year.	
09/01/2013 1319 - Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 1319.1. Declarations of interest 1319.1.1. There were no declarations of interest 1319.2. Requests for dispensation to take part in discussions on matters where councillors have declared an interest: 1319.2.1. All councillors present had a pecuniary interest in discussion of the Precept (as Council Tax payers). Dispensation had been agreed at the previous meeting	
09/01/2013 1320 - Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council 1320.1.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 5 th December 2012 were agreed as a true record. (Proposed Cllr Peters, seconded Cllr Hurford)	
09/01/2013 1321 - Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch 1321.1. Crime Report 1321.1.1. PCSO Pen Gatenby briefly joined the meeting with a list of crime figures since the previous meeting. Crimes in the parish were as follows: • 1 x Theft of a vehicle (keys in ignition) • 1 x Stables broken into (nothing taken) • 1 X Theft from a garden • 1 x Stolen vehicle from isolated property • 1 x Burglary • 1 x Theft from a vehicle (door not locked) Other incidents reported included a vehicle skidding off the road, off- road bikes with no lights in West Dundry and loose horses on the road. There had also been several reports of potholes (not in the police remit – should be reported to NSC) 1321.2. Neighbourhood Watch 1321.2.1. Cllr Peters reported that the police were now issuing quarterly newsletters instead of the Neighbourhood Watch newsletters. Volunteers were needed to distribute them.	
09/01/2013 1322 - Public Forum 1322.1. The owners of the field by Broadoak Hill (see item 1287.1 of minutes of previous meeting) had attended to explain their side of the issue. They had received an enforcement letter from North Somerset Council, but felt that most of the points in the letter were not justified. Councillors explained that they could not make decisions or advise on planning matters and that the owners should ask the enforcement officer for clarification of where he considered that they had contravened planning regulations. Cllr Hurford said that he believed that there had been an access at the top of the field in the past, and information had been received from another parishioner supporting this. 1322.2. Cllr Fiddian said that he had received complaints about litter on the A38. The clerk was asked to contact NSC.	Clerk
09/01/2013 1323 - Report by District Councillor Hugh Gregor 1323.1. Cllr Gregor reported that since the last meeting he had attended the following meetings: • 10th December – North Rural Network (see Item 1310) • 11th December – North Somerset Executive at Weston-super-Mare	

• 13th December - Central Area Planning committee • 17th December – Independent Group of Councillors – to discuss outlook on various policy issues. Cllr Gregor said that North Somerset Council's projected income for 2013 - 2014 was going to be £1.3m worse than hoped for and the funding gap would be £4.8m. The meeting to set the budget would be on 19th February. 1323.2. Councillors asked Councillor Gregor to find out whether the consolidation of council offices had saved money and whether buildings vacated had in fact been sold.											
09/01/2013 1324 - Finance 1324.1. The Financial Report had been circulated before the meeting and was approved (proposed Cllr Fiddian, Seconded Cllr Thomas) 1324.2. The Chair signed the Clerk's time sheet 1324.3. Payment of the following Cheques was approved: <table><tr><td>J Hoskin (Total £</td><td>December salary</td><td>367.50</td><td>General</td><td>Clerk's salary</td></tr><tr><td>100471 407.47)</td><td>Ink cartridges</td><td>39.97</td><td>General</td><td>Office exp</td></tr></table> 1324.4. Precept 1324.4.1. The Precept notification letter had been received from North Somerset Council. This confirmed that the parish would be receiving a grant of £519.34 from North Somerset Council. This grant was the parish's share of a grant from central government intended to make up for a shortfall in council tax caused by a change in the way that people on benefits receive help with their council tax. Receiving the grant meant that the parish would not have to make up the shortfall itself. It was agreed to set the Precept (including the grant) at £9,000, the same as for 2012 – 2013, as discussed at the previous meeting (proposed Councillor Hurford, seconded Cllr Jennings)	J Hoskin (Total £	December salary	367.50	General	Clerk's salary	100471 407.47)	Ink cartridges	39.97	General	Office exp	Clerk
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09/01/2013 1325 - Reports on meetings attended: 1325.1. Chew Medical Practice Patients' Reference Group – 13th December Cllr Jennings had attended this meeting and had circulated information about it to councillors. . She noted how few complaints the practice received considering the number of patients there were and prescriptions issued. Cllr Jennings had also circulated the practice's new draft questionnaire for comment. Cllr Laux said that he found Question 5 about patient experience confusing with too many options.											
09/01/2013 1326 - Report on North Rural Commissioning Network (NRCN) 1326.1. The Clerk reported that after a process of tendering and interviews a provider had been appointed to run the consultation with young people and the Activity Day. Local schools had been approached and were very supportive about holding consultation sessions in school.											
09/01/2013 1327 - Report from Dundry School Governors 1327.1. Cllr Peters reported that Ofsted had visited the school just before Christmas. They had reported favourably on the children's reading and language skills, and that the children were well behaved and felt safe at school. The inspectors also liked the strong links with the local community and the way that reception age children were encouraged to be independent. There were some matters which needed to be addressed but the school was confident that improvements could be made.											
09/01/2013 1328 - Brief Reports/updates 1328.1. Cllr Laux reported that the pre-school had sent a draft agreement about the pre-school garden. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting after councillors had had an opportunity to consider it.											
09/01/2013 1329 - Planning 1329.1. Planning Applications received <table><tr><td>12/P/2191/F</td><td>3 Dundry Lane, Dundry, Bristol, BS41 8JH Erection of a single storey detached garage following demolition of existing garage – <i>no objections</i></td></tr><tr><td>12/P/2250/F</td><td>East Grove, Dundry Lane, Dundry, Bristol, BS41 8JF – Re-surfacing of existing tarmac parking area with block paving, minor regarding and widening of crossover – <i>no objections</i>.</td></tr></table> 1329.2. Applications Approved by NSC - none (noted) 1329.3. Applications Refused by NSC - (noted):	12/P/2191/F	3 Dundry Lane, Dundry, Bristol, BS41 8JH Erection of a single storey detached garage following demolition of existing garage – <i>no objections</i>	12/P/2250/F	East Grove, Dundry Lane, Dundry, Bristol, BS41 8JF – Re-surfacing of existing tarmac parking area with block paving, minor regarding and widening of crossover – <i>no objections</i> .							
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12/P/1973/F 12/P/1974/LB 12/P/1999/F	The Grove, 27 Dundry Lane, Dundry, BS41 8JG Removal of redundant pigsties and extension to existing garaging. 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	
09/01/2013 1330 - Planning Enforcement Issues: 1330.1. NSC enforcement records NSC had circulated a list of enforcement cases and statement of progress on them. The Clerk had yet to check these cases against her records but she was asked to enquire about the situation on Alveare and Bridgwater Farm 1330.2. The large sign on the verge opposite the Aztec Service station had been removed after a complaint to NSC about it obstructing visibility for those exiting from Dundry Lane. 1330.3. Field on Broad Oak Hill – see item 1306.1		Clerk
09/01/2013 1331 - The Clerk's Report on the past month had been circulated before the meeting. The following points were noted/discussed: 1331.1. Vegetation at the corner of Downs Road/Crabtree – Cllr Laux reported that the sign was now visible and that there did not seem to be a problem with general visibility. 1331.2. Overgrown vegetation on Crabtree Lane (outside 31/32) – had been cleared by the village orderly 1331.3. A request had been received for the grit bin which had disappeared from near Rattledown Farm to be replaced. The clerk had established that this was in fact in BANES and, after a request from the clerk to Chew Magna PC, BANES had promised to replace it. 1331.4. The clerk was asked to find out why the post box near the filling station on Bridgwater Road appeared to have been closed.		Clerk
09/01/2013 1332 - The Streets and Open Spaces Report had been circulated before the meeting. The following were noted/discussed: 1332.1. Some road sign repairs and additions had been carried out by NSC. More should follow. 1332.2. The clerk was in discussion with NSC about a discrepancy in road signs on Dundry Lane where an advisory 30 mph sign was closely followed by a 40 mph sign before the corner to which the 30 mph sign referred. 1332.3. Attempts at clearing blocked gullies on the A38 and Dundry Lane had so far failed. This matter had been the subject of much correspondence between members of Dundry PC and NSC. Clerk to prepare a summary of correspondence and remedial action understood to have been undertaken so far to send to NSC. 1332.4. Potholes in Crabtree Close were scheduled to be filled by NSC. 1332.5. The recycling bins at the recreation ground should be installed soon.		Clerk Clerk
09/01/2013 1317 - Dates for: 1317.1. Annual Parish Meeting – set for 6 th March starting at 7p.m. before the regular monthly meeting 1317.2. Dundry Day – not set, to be discussed at next meeting		
09/01/2013 1318 - Correspondence 1318.1. The following items of correspondence were noted: Bristol Airport Your Airport magazine - <i>distributed</i> NSC Copy of response to BANES bus consultation - <i>noted</i> Parishioner Concern about junction of A38 & Dundry Lane – <i>Chair and Clerk to raise at South Bristol Link briefing</i> NSC Invitation to south Bristol link briefing 4 th Jan – <i>over-subscribed, now on 23rd Jan</i> NSC A Neighbourhood Development Plan for Long Ashton Parish (Consultation with adjoining Parish Councils) - <i>noted</i> PCC A & S Consultation on police and crime plan - <i>noted</i> NSC Community resilience update – <i>clerk to find out more about snow warden scheme</i>		Cllr Laux/Clerk Clerk

Parishioner	Information on land at Broadoak Hill – <i>see item 1306.1</i>	
Member of public	Fly tipping – <i>had been forwarded to NSC</i>	
1318.2. List of other correspondence (circulated before the meeting) 1318.2.1. In answer to a query from Cllr Laux the clerk explained that confirmation had been received that parish council precepts would not be capped for 2013-2014.		
09/01/2013 1319 - Items to be noted for discussion at next meeting 1319.1. Agreement with Pre-school about garden		

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.00 pm.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th January, 2013 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 13th February, 2013

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda please notify a councillor or the Clerk by **Wednesday 6th February**. 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.