

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 13th February, 2013 at 7.30pm

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

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux

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

District Councillor Hugh Gregor (part time)

1 parishioner was in attendance for part of the meeting

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

13/02/2013 1336 - Apologies 1336.1. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Thomas, McCarthy and Fiddian, Claire Dyke (NSC Liaison Officer), PC Trevor Byford and PCSO Pen Gatenby	Actions
13/02/2013 1337 - Chair's Introduction 1337.1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.	
13/02/2013 1338 - Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 1338.1. Cllr Gay declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 1350.1 (Dundry Inn planning application) as a near neighbour. 1338.2. Dispensations - Councillors agreed that Cllr Gay could take part in the discussion of the planning application.	
13/02/2013 1339 - Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council 1339.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2013 were agreed as a true record. (Proposed Cllr Gay, seconded Cllr Hurford)	
13/02/2013 1340 - Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch 1340.1. Crime Report PCSO Pen Gatenby had sent a list of crime figures since the previous meeting. Crimes in the parish were as follows: • 8/1/2013 - theft from a motor vehicle (Pub on A38) • 25/1/2013 – theft from motor vehicle – car abandoned in snow – not local keeper • 30/1/2013 – theft of lead flashing – from local public house • 31/1/2013- possession of cannabis – not local person • 2/2/2013 – possession of cannabis - not local person • Other incidents reported included a dead deer in the road (should have been reported to NSC) fly tipping (ditto) various snow-related incidents and a suspicious seller of power tools. 1340.2. PCSO Gatenby had also reported that PC Trevor Byford would be returning to the Response 999 teams and Dundry would be having a new Beat Manager, PC Peter Rooke, as of 18 February 2013. 1340.3. Neighbourhood Watch 1340.3.1. Cllr Peters said that she had nothing to report on the subject of Neighbourhood Watch. She had, however, informed the Chairman that she intended to resign from the Parish Council after the meeting in April because of other commitments. She hoped still to report to Parish Council meetings on the subjects of Neighbourhood Watch and the school. 1340.3.2. Cllr Laux said that he had identified a telegraph pole as a possible location for the spare NW sign but needed to ask the owners of the land the pole was on for their permission.	
13/02/2013 1341 - Public Forum 1341.1. Cllr Keast said that a parishioner had asked her to report the potholes on Wells Road to NSC. The Clerk said that she had already done this and received the reply that 'this (problem) has received various emergency repairs and is on the hot fill list. It has been added to the register for large patching or re surfacing works at this location' 1341.2. Cllr Hurford said that he was considering erecting a small wind turbine on his land. This was as part of a Government scheme for farmers whereby they could erect one, or at most two, wind turbines in strictly defined locations relative to buildings and each other, receive free electricity for their farm purposes and feed any spare capacity into the grid. Apart from being an attractive proposition for the farm this would also solve the problem of how to get electricity to	

holiday accommodation for which he had planning permission. This would otherwise require a transformer mounted on two poles with a small building nearby. Planning permission would be needed for the turbine but not for the transformer. He said that he had seen one of the proposed turbines in action and that even working at full capacity it appeared to be very quiet. Councillors expressed some reservations, mainly concerning the possibility of wind turbines proliferating on the hill and the effect on bats. Cllr Hurford said that under the rules of the scheme it would be very difficult to have large numbers of these turbines close together to create a wind farm.																									
13/02/2013 1342 - Report by District Councillor Hugh Gregor 1342.1. Cllr Gregor reported that since the last meeting he had attended the following meetings: • Jan 11th and 14th – Site inspections in Nailsea on behalf of central planning committee. • Jan 15th Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel, Youth and transport working group. • Jan 15th – full council meeting • Jan 17th Meeting of Central Planning committee • Jan 28th Health Overview scrutiny panel • Feb 15th – Meeting of the NSC Executive.																									
13/02/2013 1343 - Finance 1343.1. The Financial Report had been circulated before the meeting and was approved (proposed Cllr Peters, seconded Cllr Hurford) 1343.2. The Chair signed the Clerk's time sheet 1343.3. Payment of the following Cheques was approved: <table><tr><th>Cheque</th><th>To</th><th>For</th><th>£</th><th>Fund</th><th>Category</th></tr><tr><td>DD</td><td>E,ON</td><td>Street light</td><td>10.40</td><td>General</td><td>E.ON</td></tr><tr><td>100472</td><td>Jody's GS</td><td>Village Orderly (Dec/Jan)</td><td>50.00</td><td>General</td><td>Village orderly</td></tr><tr><td>100473</td><td>J Hoskin</td><td>January salary</td><td>367.50</td><td>General</td><td>Clerk's salary</td></tr></table>	Cheque	To	For	£	Fund	Category	DD	E,ON	Street light	10.40	General	E.ON	100472	Jody's GS	Village Orderly (Dec/Jan)	50.00	General	Village orderly	100473	J Hoskin	January salary	367.50	General	Clerk's salary	
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13/02/2013 1344 - Reports on meetings attended: 1344.1. PCAA – 29th January – Cllr Thomas The minutes of this meeting had been circulated to councillors. Cllr Thomas had also prepared notes highlighting the following points: • The current bank balance is £2,636. No major expenditure anticipated in the near future but money kept in reserve in case consultant reports needed. • There had been a recent planning application for non- material amendments to the approved plans, No change to limit of 10mppa and 33 aircraft stands. • 800,000 passengers from South Wales had flown from Bristol in the previous year. PCAA had sent a letter to the Department for Transport, Liam Fox MP and the Welsh Assembly in support of Cardiff airport and making best use of regional airports. • DfT figures now expect a slowdown in growth of air travel. Figures for Bristol airport now show passenger numbers reaching 9.7mppa by 2030 rather than previous forecast of 10mppa by 2019. 1344.2. Briefing on South Bristol Link – 7th February - Cllr Laux/Clerk 1344.2.1. Update - Cllr Laux and the Clerk had attended a briefing on current progress on the South Bristol link. They were shown detailed drawings of the route as presently proposed, running from a roundabout at the junction with the A370 at Long Ashton to the Cater Road Industrial Estate. Information had been circulated to councillors before the meeting. Cllr Laux highlighted the following points: • The junction with the A38 would now be a 'signalised' roundabout. This had been moved slightly away from the current route of the A38 to accommodate three lime kilns of historic value. • Junctions with Highridge Road and Queen's Road would have 'intelligent' signals. • The programme had slipped a little in the last year and the planning application would probably be submitted in May, followed by a twenty week consultation and determination period. Time had been allowed for a public enquiry. The start was due in November 2014 with the scheme opening in November 2016. • There appeared to be no money in the scheme budget for improvement of junctions on																									

the A38, despite the likelihood that there would be an increase in traffic on this road. It was agreed to write to NSC expressing concern about this.	Clerk
1344.2.2. Consultation on land exchange Highridge. Part of the route crossed Highridge Common. It would take the existing route of Highridge Green and then strike out across country with the loss of some common land. A consultation was currently taking place over 'exchange land' – options for replacing the lost common land with other areas. Councillors expressed a preference for Option 2 (near Oaktree Gardens) There was some concern that both of the alternative locations were in Dundry parish and it was not clear what the legal status of this land would be or who would be responsible for maintenance. The clerk was asked to make enquiries. (Details of the South Bristol Link can be found on www.travelwest.info/sbl)	Clerk
1344.3. Pre-school garden agreement Before the meeting there had been a discussion between Cllrs Laux and Jennings and the pre-school administrator about the agreement for the pre-school garden. Cllr Jennings said that this discussion had revealed a misunderstanding on the part of the pre-school who believed that the area was for the pre-school's exclusive use. An agreement had been reached and a revised version would be sent to Cllr Laux for agreement at the next PC meeting. This version would also say that the pre-school <i>may</i>, in consultation with the Parish Council put up a disclaimer notice, and that they may have one temporary storage unit as currently installed.	
13/02/2013 1345 - Report on North Rural Commissioning Network (NRCN) The Clerk had circulated an update on the North Rural Commissioning Network before the meeting. The network covered the villages of Dundry, Winford, Felton and Regil and had successfully bid for funding from North Somerset Council towards provision of positive activities for young people in the area. Because there had up to now not been any funding from NSC for youth provision in the villages it had been decided to have a period of consultation with young people to find out what youth activities were already available in the area, what if anything stopped young people from taking part, and what young people would like to see happening. A professional play provider had been appointed to take this consultation into schools and to arrange two activity and consultation days – one mini 'taster day' and a day-long activity day.	
13/02/2013 1346 - Report from Dundry School Governors Cllr Peters reported that the recent Ofsted report was on the school website. On 9th January the school had had a 'Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools'. The inspectors had said that 'this is an improving school which has made significant progress since the last inspection ...' and had noted various positive aspects which they had liked. This report is also on the website. There had recently been a follow-up visit from Ofsted who had seen the school as improving. This report would be available shortly. Cllr Peters said that numbers for the next year were encouraging.	
13/02/2013 1347 - Snow clearance – correspondence with NSC re snow ploughs 1347.1. During the recent period of snowy weather Cllr Laux had had a correspondence with NSC Highways Department about provision of snow ploughs for the use of local farmers to help clear the roads that were not on the NSC gritting routes. NSC had said that in the past there had been an arrangement with farmers to clear the roads but this had lapsed when there was a long period without snowy winters and the equipment supplied at the time by the County of Avon was now obsolete. Cllr Hurford said that there had also been some legal difficulties which had discouraged farmers from volunteering to clear the roads. Cllr Gregor said that he thought that because of its hilltop location Dundry might reasonably request some extra assistance with snow clearance from NSC. He would consult the senior officer in the Environment department. <i>Cllr Gregor left the meeting at this point</i>	Cllr Gregor
13/02/2013 1348 - Wells Road by Carpenters Tavern – NSC proposal for 'Pedestrians in road' signs 1348.1. An email had been received from an engineer in NSC highways department who had been asked by residents to consider safety measures for children crossing the road by the Carpenters Tavern. He was suggesting installing 'Pedestrians in Road' signs and also hoping for a contribution towards them from DPC.	

Councillors were divided over this question but by a vote of 4 to 2 it was agreed that the clerk should pursue this with NSC, finding out how much the cost would be and whether they in fact thought that signs would improve matters.	Clerk														
13/02/2013 1349 - Brief Reports/updates - None															
13/02/2013 1350 - Planning 1350.1. Planning Applications received 13/P/0053/F Densford, Bridgwater Road, Dundry, BS41 8JP - Erection of a front porch.(Retrospective) – <i>no objections</i> 13/P/0135/F Dundry Inn, Church Road, Dundry, BS41 8LH - Installation of extraction for catering kitchen (note - this is to allow for noise reduction measures) – <i>Support</i> 1350.2. Applications Approved by NSC - (noted) 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 . 1350.3. Applications Refused by NSC - none (noted): 1350.4. Planning Enforcement Issues: None of immediate concern															
13/02/2013 1351 - The Clerk's Report on the past month had been circulated before the meeting. The following points were noted/discussed: • The grit bin near Rattledown Farm had been replaced by BANES. . • The post box near the filling station on Bridgwater Road had been closed because of vandalism but had now been replaced. • Broadband – Bishopsworth exchange due to be fibre enabled by March 2013. Then we need to wait for boxes on Andruss drive and Broadoak Hill to be upgraded. 01275 numbers will probably benefit from the £94m contract signed with BT by 'Connecting Devon and Somerset' which 'aims to deliver high-speed fibre broadband to around 90 per cent of premises by the end of 2016 and to ensure a minimum of 2Mbps broadband speeds for all'	Clerk														
13/02/2013 1352 - The Streets and Open Spaces Report had been circulated before the meeting. The following were noted/discussed: • The blocked gully outside no 21 Dundry Lane seemed finally to have been cleared. Jetting of gullies had also taken place on the A38 but the gully outside Ghajn Tuffieha had been found to run to a soakaway rather than the main drain. Saturated ground meant that this was not draining away effectively. • Potholes at the end of Crabtree Close had been filled by NSC. Potholes on Wells Road were due for attention. • Several accidents, apparently due to a slippery (but not icy) road surface, had occurred on Broadoak Hill. The Clerk had asked NSC to investigate as a matter of urgency.															
13/02/2013 1353 - Dundry Day 1353.1. There was some discussion of whether Dundry Day should effectively be merged with the NRN activity day as there was no obvious focus for it this year. However, it was decided to keep the two events separate and the Clerk was asked to check the availability of the hall on either 15th or 22nd June.	Clerk														
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commission Big Lottery fund	Awards for All – end of grant report meets requirements- <i>noted</i>	
1354.2. List of other correspondence (circulated before the meeting) – no comments		
13/02/2013 1355 - Items to be noted for discussion at next meeting		
1355.1. The agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting was discussed and agreed.		

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.07 pm.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th February, 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 6th March, 2013

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

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held before the meeting on 6th March, starting at 7.00 p.m