

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th March, 2013 at 8.45 pm (after Annual Parish Meeting)

(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, Simon Fiddian, Steve McCarthy

District Councillor Hugh Gregor (part time)

Claire Dyke (NSC Parishes Liaison Officer) (part time)

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

06/03/2013 1356 - Apologies 1356.1. Apologies had been received from Cllr Thomas	Actions
06/03/2013 1357 - Chair's Introduction 1357.1. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.	
06/03/2013 1358 - Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 1358.1. There were no declarations of Interest.	
06/03/2013 1359 - Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council – 13th February 2013 1359.1. Cllr Hurford said that there was a mistake in item 1341.2. Only one wind turbine could be erected per farm under the Government scheme. It was therefore agreed to omit the words 'or at most two' from this minute. 1359.2. Apart from the above the minutes of the meeting held on 13 th February 2013 were agreed as a true record (Proposed Cllr Hurford, seconded Cllr Gay)	
06/03/2013 1360 - Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch 1360.1. Crime Report PCSO Pen Gatenby had brought a list of crime figures since the previous monthly meeting to the APM. Crimes in the parish were as follows: 19/02/2013 – Theft from hotel on A38 24/02/2013 – Cannabis possession – not local person 25/02/2013 – fraud at garage on A38 Other calls to the police included one domestic dispute and five traffic accidents. There was also a 999 call (no one there), a report of fly tipping, a suspicious woman knocking on doors, someone found a weapon and there was a report of loose horses. 1360.2. Neighbourhood Watch 1360.2.1. Cllr Laux said that the NHW sign could not be mounted on a SWEB pole and an alternative was needed. He asked Cllr Hurford to see if the original post could be straightened using a tractor.	Cllr Laux Cllr Hurford
06/03/2013 1361 - Public Forum 1361.1. Cllr Laux said that he had again been approached by a parishioner on the subject of having a Christmas tree in the churchyard. He had discussed the matter with the Vicar who had said that the PCC would be very happy to have a tree in the churchyard but did not have the resources to provide it themselves. There was also some difficulty with the electrical supply from the church. It was agreed to put this matter on the agenda for the next meeting.	
06/03/2013 1362 - Report by District Councillor Hugh Gregor 1362.1. Cllr Gregor said that since the previous meeting he had attended the following meetings: - February 19th – Full Council meeting. Opposition parties combined to present an alternative budget which was rejected. He had also spoken up about the new commissioning networks for youth activities and their financial concerns beyond September 2013. - February 28th – Health Overview and Scrutiny panel. Pointed out that many patients in his ward attended medical practices not in North Somerset.	
06/03/2013 1363 - Finance 1363.1. The Financial Report had been circulated before the meeting and was approved (proposed Cllr Gay, seconded Jennings)	

1363.2. The Chair signed the Clerk's time sheet 1363.3. Payment of the following Cheques was approved: <table><tr><td>100474</td><td>Dundry Village Hall</td><td>Hall hire / phone rental</td><td>223.40</td><td>General</td><td>Village Hall</td></tr><tr><td>100475</td><td>J Hoskin (Total 374.70)</td><td>February salary</td><td>367.50</td><td>General</td><td>Clerk's salary</td></tr></table>	100474	Dundry Village Hall	Hall hire / phone rental	223.40	General	Village Hall	100475	J Hoskin (Total 374.70)	February salary	367.50	General	Clerk's salary	
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1363.4. The village hall committee had proposed to put together several donations to improve the sound system in the hall and had asked if the Parish Council would approve this as a use for the promised grant of £100. Councillors agreed this (proposed Cllr Hurford, seconded Cllr Fiddian)													
06/03/2013 1364 - Reports on meetings attended: 1364.1. Village Hall committee – 21st February 2013 – Cllr Laux. The minutes of this meeting had been circulated to councillors and were noted 1364.2. NSC Sites and Policies Plan – 28th February – Cllrs Keast and Thomas Cllr Keast said that this had been a useful and informative meeting and reassurance had been given that the Green Belt would be sufficient to protect the village from encroachment by Bristol. Councillors agreed the following response to the forthcoming consultation: • Infill housing: support. • Conversion and reuse of existing redundant farm buildings: support but suggest a preference for full residential permission, not holiday lets, as this would add permanent strength to our community whereas holiday lets would not. • Confirmation that Green Belt status gives adequate protection from encroachment from Bristol. • Extensions to existing businesses: Serious concern that these policies should not allow extensions or intensification of businesses that already cause problems to the local community.	Clerk												
06/03/2013 1365 - Pre-school garden agreement 1365.1. Councillor Laux read out a new version of the pre-school garden agreement which councillors approved. It was agreed that the village hall committee could add some points of their own and that the agreement would then be signed by all parties. <i>Cllr Gregor left the meeting at this point</i>													
06/03/2013 1366 - Dundry Day. 1366.1. Cllr Laux had raised with DADS (Dundry Amateur Dramatic Society) the possibility of focusing Dundry day round a workshop led by them. DADS were keen on the idea and it was agreed that Cllr Laux would ask them which date would suit them <i>Claire Dyke left the meeting at this point</i>	Cllr Laux												
06/03/2013 1367 - Road Safety proposals from North Somerset council 1367.1. Broadoak Hill - Safety on Broadoak Hill had been discussed in the Public Forum part of the APM as two residents had attended for that purpose. The residents said that accidents had increased in number since January 2012, although the reason was not immediately apparent. North Somerset council were proposing various remedial measures including improved signage, replacing cats' eyes, cutting back vegetation etc. After some discussion the meeting agreed to ask North Somerset Council to investigate the camber and road surface as the meeting felt that the accidents were not all the result of excess speed and driver error. 1367.2. Wells Road by Carpenters Tavern – 'Pedestrians in road' signs This proposal had been discussed at the previous meeting and the Clerk had been asked to find out whether NSC thought that signs would achieve the desired effect of slowing traffic and how much contribution they would be seeking from the parish council. The response had been that the signs would at least warn drivers of the hazard of children crossing the road. The total cost would be about £600 – the amount of contribution would be up to DPC. Councillors were of the opinion that excess speed and heavy traffic at certain times of day were a problem along the whole stretch of Wells Road from the NSC boundary at Elton Farm to the bottom of Broadoak Hill. It was agreed that rather than deal with locations individually it would be preferable to address these problems together and the Clerk was asked to respond to NSC accordingly.	Clerk 												

1367.3. Dundry Lane near Greenditch Farm corner. Despite attempts at slowing the traffic on Dundry Lane there had been further accidents at the Greenditch Farm corner. NSC were proposing to install an additional 'bend' sign and to move the 40mph repeater sign which it was thought was encouraging drivers to speed up rather than slow down. Councillors were in agreement with this proposal. They would also like consideration to be given to more or larger chevron signs as recommended by PCSO Gatenby during discussions at the APM. Clerk to respond to NSC	Clerk
06/03/2013 1368 - Brief Reports/updates - None	
06/03/2013 1369 - Planning 1369.1. Planning Applications received 13/P/0250/F Alveare, Bridgwater Road, Dundry, BS41 8JP Erection of a single storey family annexe and independent garage <i>Dundry Parish Council strongly objects to this application on the grounds that it represents over- development of an already congested site. The proposed building appears to be a totally separate dwelling with its own garage and would lie well in front of the building line of the original property on the plot.</i> 1369.2. Applications Approved by NSC – none (noted) 1369.3. Applications Refused by NSC - (noted): 13/P/0053/F Densford, Bridgwater Road, Dundry, BS41 8JP - Erection of a front porch.(Retrospective) 1369.4. Planning Enforcement Issues: 1369.5. An update on enforcement matters had been received from NSC.	
06/03/2013 1370 - The Clerk's Report on the past month had been circulated before the meeting and was noted.	Clerk
06/03/2013 1371 - The Streets and Open Spaces Report had been circulated before the meeting. The following were noted/discussed: 1371.1. The gully outside 21 Dundry Lane had been jetted and appeared to be running freely. 1371.2. Gullies on Oxleaze lane had not yet been cleared. 1371.3. The Clerk had emailed the Area officer again about litter on the A38 and Broadoak Hill	
06/03/2013 1372 - Correspondence 1372.1. The following items of correspondence were noted: 1372.2. BANES Changes to evening 672 service from Bristol <i>Councillors were very concerned that BANES were not intending to maintain this service in its present form.</i> 1372.3. List of other correspondence (circulated before the meeting) – no comments	
06/03/2013 1373 - Items to be noted for discussion at next meeting 1373.1. Christmas Tree	

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.02 pm.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th March, 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 3rd April, 2013

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