

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October, 2013 at 7.30 pm

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

Chair: Cllr Maggie Keast

In Attendance: Councillors Simon Fiddian, Gordon Murphy, Ralph Gay, Jane Pellowe, Nancy Jennings, Steve McCarthy

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

Also in attendance: District Councillor Hugh Gregor, PC Peter Rooke

No parishioners attended the meeting,

02/10/2013 - 1491 Apologies 1491.1. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Hurford, Laux and Thomas, PCSO Pen Gatenby, Bee Peters (Neighbourhood Watch Representative and Dundry School Governor), and Claire Dyke (NSC Parish Liaison Officer)	Actions
02/10/2013 - 1492 Chair's Introduction 1492.1. In the absence of the Chairman the meeting was chaired by the Vice chair, Cllr Maggie Keast who welcomed all the meeting. 1492.2. Cllr Keast said that she had been asked to mention that at the end of the month Philip Landsdown would have been postman for the village for 30 years. He was well-liked, helpful, particularly to older residents, and a great asset to the village.	Clerk
02/10/2013 - 1493 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 1493.1. Cllr Pellowe declared an interest in Item 1505.4 (13/P/1436/EIA1) because the site was near her home.	
02/10/2013 - 1494 Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council – 4th September 2013 1494.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 4 th September 2013 were agreed as a true record (Proposed Cllr Gay, seconded Cllr Murphy)	
02/10/2013 - 1495 Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch 1495.1. Crime Report: 1495.1.1. PC Rooke reported that there had been only one crime reported in the previous month (possession of cannabis) 1495.1.2. In addition there had been various calls to the police including 2 false 999 calls, a four-car road traffic collision on the A38, 3 ferrets dumped on the side of the road (alive), Badgers sets being dug up, loose horses on the road, people in a field with torches, a drink driver and problems with dirt bikes in Mannings Wood (East Dundry). The beat team had had a meeting with the farmer taking care of the wood regarding this issue and were waiting for a response from the Bristol police regarding Operation Bike (dirt-bike used by Police Officers). 1495.1.3. In answer to a question from Cllr Gay PC Rooke said he was not aware that the previous night a garden wall in the Mead had been considerably damaged by a car which had subsequently driven away. 1495.2. Neighbourhood Watch 1495.2.1. Bee Peters had said that she had nothing to report on Neighbourhood Watch	
02/10/2013 - 1496 Public Forum 1496.1. There were no items for the Public Forum	
02/10/2013 - 1497 Report by District Councillor Hugh Gregor 1497.1. Cllr Gregor reported that he had attended the following: 12 th September – Central Area Planning committee 18 th September – Presentation at Weston-super-Mare concerning waste collection issues. NSC were concerned about an increase in the amount of waste going to landfill which is costing the authority £500,000 per annum. In order to reduce this amount and increase recycling they intended to introduce measures including employing 'waste advisers' to encourage more recycling and increasing the costs to commercial waste carriers. Councillors asked Cllr Gregor to raise concerns that this last measure was likely to increase the amount of fly-tipping which was not only an eyesore but cost the council money to collect. 19 th September – Meeting of Airport Community Fund 23 rd September – Children and Young Persons scrutiny panel	

24 th September – Full Council 27 th – Avon Fire and Rescue Authority																			
1497.2. Cllr Gregor said that at the request of the Clerk he had visited the site on Oxleaze Lane where there was considerable concern among residents about activities taking place, and subsequently discussed this with NSC enforcement officers. 1497.3. Cllr Gregor referred to the proposed local Government boundary changes (see item 1507.1) The Local Government Boundary Commission had proposed that Winford ward should be increased in size by adding Barrow Gurney and Flax Bourton. The intention was that each councillor should look after approximately 4,000 electors. The proposal also included a reduction in the number of councillors from 61 to 51.																			
02/10/2013 - 1498 Finance 1498.1. The Financial Report had been circulated before the meeting and was approved (proposed Cllr Fiddian, seconded Cllr Pellowe) 1498.2. The Chair signed the Clerk's time sheet 1498.3. Payment of the following Cheque was approved: <table><tr><td></td><td>J Hoskin (Total</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>100496</td><td>389.40)</td><td>September Salary</td><td>375.00</td><td>General</td><td>Clerk's salary</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Stamps</td><td>14.40</td><td>General</td><td>Office supplies</td></tr></table> 1498.4. Cllr McCarthy asked about the cost of repairs to damage to the playground fence. Cllr Jennings said that it was not certain what the cost would be but that there was a small amount of money in the playground fund.		J Hoskin (Total					100496	389.40)	September Salary	375.00	General	Clerk's salary			Stamps	14.40	General	Office supplies	
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02/10/2013 - 1499 Website 1499.1. The Clerk had circulated an email from a commercial developer of Parish Council websites which indicated that the cost of converting the Dundry website to their system would be several hundred pounds and involve an additional substantial cost per annum to keep updated. A parishioner had indicated that he would be willing to convert the website to a form in which it could be updated by the Clerk or others without specialist knowledge. There would be some small costs in hosting and in continuing registration of the domain name. Councillors were in agreement that this seemed to be the best solution and Cllr McCarthy agreed to discuss this with him in more detail.	Cllr McCarthy																		
02/10/2013 - 1500 Dundry Athletic FC 1500.1. Proposals for rail round pitch – update The Clerk said that she understood that Dundry AFC had contacted the Village Hall committee and that there was to be a site meeting on Wednesday 9th October at 6 p.m. Cllr Murphy agreed to represent the Parish Council at this meeting. Councillors had the following questions: • Could the rail be on the further pitch? • Does the rail have to be fixed permanently on all sides of the pitch? There was some concern at breaking up the length of the field with the rail. • Councillors would like to know more about the design of the gates • Has Dundry AFC checked that planning permission is not needed for this particular site? (Various condition were imposed when it first became a recreation ground) 1500.2. The Clerk said that Dundry AFC had also contacted the school who were not too concerned about the rail provided they could still access the playing field. 1500.3. Parking The Clerk said that she had received some complaints about football parking from users of the hall. Dundry AFC had previously offered to mark out parking spaces and had offered again when she contacted them about the complaints. They had also offered to marshal the parking if difficulties arose. (The Clerk noted that there was provision for this in the licence agreement) Councillors didn't feel that there was much to be gained by marking out individual parking spaces but that a demarcation line, agreed with the hall committee, would be a good idea. The space next to the playground also needed to be kept for emergency access. The Clerk would contact Dundry AFC. Cllr McCarthy would mention this at the village hall committee meeting the following day.	Cllr Murphy 																		

severely damaged and one of the ones on Highridge Road was damaged so that water leaked in and salt and grit leaked out. It was agreed to replace these two bins.	Clerk
02/10/2013 - 1502 Welcome packs 1502.1. There was discussion on whether the welcome packs given to new residents were an effective way of introducing them to the village. The advantage was that the residents received a welcoming visit from a councillor living nearby but the packs were difficult to keep updated. It was agreed that a card from the parish council (still hand delivered) with information about the village website might be preferable. Cllr Jennings agreed to research options.	Cllr Jennings
02/10/2013 - 1503 Report on North Rural network 1503.1. The Clerk reported that the North Rural Network had offered some small scale activity sessions during the summer holidays. There had been one in each village in the network. Children who had attended had enjoyed themselves and parents had agreed that there was a need for activities locally. It was proposed to continue offering sessions during school holidays with a fireworks themed one in Winford Village Hall on November 1 st (10 – 12 a.m.). There would also be a 'story- telling' day after Christmas, with two sessions aimed at different age groups. (For more information contact info@fwractivities.org.uk) 1503.2. The Clerk said that the process of consultation was continuing with the intention of possibly providing more focused activities in the future. It was also intended to give the network a more formal structure soon. 1503.3. Cllr Gregor (Chair of the network) said that he had had a very positive monitoring meeting with Gail Smith from North Somerset Council on the previous day.	
02/10/2013 - 1504 Brief Reports/updates 1504.1. Cllr Jennings said that the Playground Group had been invited by Community Spaces to bid for funding for another free event centred round the playground. Provisional arrangements had been made for a 'Mediaeval Fun Day' on 20 th October, 12 – 4 p.m. with archery, falconry, jesters, a story teller, and dressing up. Provisional advertising had been sent out and it was hoped to hear soon whether the funding would be available.	
02/10/2013 - 1505 Planning 1505.1. Applications Received – none (noted) 1505.2. Applications Approved by NSC – (noted): 13/P/1382/F Densford, Bridgwater Road, Dundry, BS41 8J Erection of smaller front porch and new bay window to front elevation 1505.3. Applications Refused by NSC – none (noted) 1505.4. Environmental Impact Assessment not required (noted): 13/P/1436/EIA1 Land south east of Highridge Road, north east of Oxleaze Lane, Dundry - Request for a screening opinion as to requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment for a 2MW Solar Farm 1505.5. Other Planning Issues 1505.5.1. Planning enforcement – - The Clerk reported that enforcement action was ongoing for the fields at the end of Oxleaze Lane. She understood that some but not all of the issues appeared to be in the process of being resolved. - It appeared that the caravan at the redundant filling station on the A38 was being used overnight and there were still cars being parked there overnight. The Clerk would report this to NSC. 1505.5.2. Solar farms – the Clerk said she understood that Environmental Impact Assessment would be required to be carried out if a planning application were to be made for the revised Downs Farm Solar Farm. This was because the site included a small SSSI and although it was not intended to install solar panels in this area the effect of building round it would need to be assessed. It was noted that the proposed North Somerset Council Renewable & Low Carbon Energy Supplementary Planning Document had been through a second consultation process and still did not encourage applications for large scale solar PV developments either in the Green Belt or in highly visible locations.	Clerk

02/10/2013 - 1506 Clerk's Reports 1506.1. The Clerk's report on the past month had been circulated before the meeting and was noted. 1506.1.1. Since circulating the report the Clerk had obtained some prices for Christmas trees and found that a fifteen foot tree could be obtained for £64 (+ reclaimable VAT) delivered. Prices of bigger trees increased rapidly and these would need specialist equipment to erect. Councillors thought that a 15ft tree should be adequate and the Clerk was asked to contact the churchwardens. 1506.2. The Streets and Open Spaces Report had been circulated before the meeting and was noted. The Clerk noted the following: 1506.2.1. Resurfacing work was still awaited on Dundry Lane. Safety measures at the Greenditch Farm bend would be carried out at the same time. 1506.2.2. There would be a meeting between NSC, DPC and residents to discuss road safety on Wells Road at the end of October. 1506.2.3. NSC were investigating the case of the 'disappearing bus stop' in front of the building site on Dundry Lane. An alternative location for the bus stop had been suggested by a resident. 1506.2.4. Cllr Fiddian asked the Clerk to take up the question of the gulley running to a soakaway (item R2) on the A38 near Dundry Lane with NSC.		Clerk <
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There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.42 pm.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd October, 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
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The next meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6th November, 2013

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda please notify a councillor or the Clerk by **Wednesday 30th October**. 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.