

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday , 6th November 2013 at 7.30 pm

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

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux

In Attendance: Councillors Simon Fiddian, Gordon Murphy, Ralph Gay, Jane Pellowe, Nancy Jennings, Steve McCarthy, Richard Thomas, David Hurford.

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

Also in attendance: District Councillor Hugh Gregor,
2 parishioners attended the meeting for the public forum

06/11/2013 - 1509 Apologies 1509.1. Apologies had been received from Cllr Keast, PCSO Pen Gatenby, PC Peter Rooke, and Claire Dyke (NSC Parish Liaison Officer)	Actions
06/11/2013 - 1510 Chair's Introduction 1510.1. Cllr Laux welcomed all to the meeting. He thanked Cllr Keast for chairing the previous meeting in his absence	
06/11/2013 - 1511 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 1511.1. There were no declarations of interest.	
06/11/2013 - 1512 Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council – 2nd October 2013 1512.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2013 were agreed as a true record (Proposed Cllr Gay, seconded Cllr Fiddian)	
06/11/2013 - 1513 Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch 1513.1. Crime Report: 1513.1.1. PCSO Gatenby had sent a list of crimes committed in the parish since the previous meeting. Recorded Crimes were: 3 x Possession of cannabis 1 x Burglary at a stable yard 3 x Making off without payment 1 x Fly-tipping but actually Neighbour dispute 1 x Section 4 public order – aggressive driver to horse rider 1 x Civil trespass that escalated to threats of violence 1 x Theft from a motor vehicle 1 x Theft of a small trailer from a front yard Calls to police / incidents included: Mannings Wood/farmers land – scrambler bikes, 4 abandoned 999 calls, Dundry Primary school alarm ringing, Suspicious males in a car, Civil dispute, Spooked horse threw rider, Bad driving, RTC Dundry Lane, call from fire brigade – burnt out car, Males in the garden. 1513.2. Neighbourhood Watch 1513.2.1. There was no Neighbourhood Watch report.	
06/11/2013 - 1514 Public Forum 1514.1. A parishioner said that she had been in discussion with various parties about the possibility of re-routing the 672 bus round Crabtree Lane so that it would not be necessary for residents of Crabtree Lane and Crabtree Close to walk along Downs Road to catch the bus. However, the bus company had decided that the route was too narrow and the corners too tight. 1514.2. The owner of the fields on Oxleaze Lane had attended the meeting to explain his plans for them. Three councillors had also visited the fields earlier in the day. He showed councillors photographs of work he had done on the site and plans of what he proposed to do. The owner said that the intention was to have a small farm on the site. He already had goats there and hoped to build a goat milking parlour on the site of an old barn near the entrance. He also proposed to build a barn for which he believed he had permission (originally granted as permitted development to the owner of Willow Farm, Strawberry Lane, from whom he had bought the land). He had registered with the Environment Agency to import clean builders' rubble to make tracks. He thought he was now nearly at the limit of 5,000 tonnes allowed by this. He had quarried stone on site to use on the barn and filled the resulting hole with clay, some of which was waste from his quarry and some imported. He thought that he had probably extracted	

around 2,000 tonnes of material including clay. He was presently re-shaping the ground for the barn but the NSC enforcement officer had recently imposed a temporary stop notice which meant that at present no more material could be imported or moved around on the site. Councillors said that there had been considerable concern among residents about activity on the site, particularly the number of large lorries importing material. The Parish Council had a duty to residents to ask North Somerset council to investigate where there was a possibility that there had been a contravention of planning regulations. Councillors thanked the owner for his presentation and he left the meeting. Although reassured as to the general intentions for the site councillors felt they were not yet in a position to give a clear response to parishioners' concerns about planning and asked the Clerk to write to the NSC enforcement officer requesting detailed clarification of what permissions had been granted or applied for on the site and what was permitted development.	Clerk																																																																								
06/11/2013 - 1515 Report by District Councillor Hugh Gregor 1515.1. Cllr Gregor said that the South Bristol Link Application would be considered by the Central Area Planning committee the following day and asked councillors what aspects they would like taken into consideration. 1515.1.1. Junction of Dundry lane and A38 - Cllr Gregor had discussed DPC's concerns about the junction of Dundry Lane and the A38 with the planning officer dealing with the application and had been told that NSC proposed monitoring incidents at this junction. Councillors were concerned that this would only delay taking action on a junction that was already dangerous without the extra traffic likely to be generated by the South Bristol Link and did not appear to be making a direct connection with the planning application. They would like to see details of proposals for monitoring including specific tasks and a timeline. Meanwhile Councillor Fiddian would start recording incidents. He reported that there had been a collision at the junction at the beginning of the week. Councillors also made the point that if this junction became more dangerous drivers would instead use Highridge Road and Broadoak Hill which would put extra pressure on these roads. 1515.1.2. Highridge Common – Cllr Gregor said that the 'exchange land' had to be at least as accessible and at least equivalent to the original common in various ways. It was intended to replace the existing turf on the exchange land with turf from the common 1515.1.3. A38 Roundabout – This would be a signalised roundabout. Cllr Gregor quoted some predictions for capacity up to 2031 1515.1.4. Greenbelt Development – Councillors referred Councillor Gregor to the comments by DRAG (Dundry Residents Action Group) who were concerned that the SBL would encourage development in the Green belt and questioned the need for the road at all. Cllr Gregor said that he had been assured that this was not the intention but would raise the point. Councillor Thomas raised the possibility that NSC would be required to provide more houses as a result of the Judicial review of the housing numbers in the Core Strategy. This might also increase pressure to build within the 'boundary' created by the South Bristol Link.	Cllr Gregor																																																																								
06/11/2013 - 1516 Finance 1516.1. The Financial Report had been circulated before the meeting and was approved (proposed Cllr Pellowe , seconded Cllr Murphy) 1516.2. The finance working group would meet later in the month (W/B 25/11) to discuss the budget. Councillors were asked to send them any suggestions for budget items before then. 1516.3. The Chair signed the Clerk's time sheet 1516.4. Payment of the following Cheques was approved: <table><tr><td>100497</td><td>Michael Loader</td><td>Storytelling</td><td>200.00</td><td>Playground</td><td>Mediaeval Fun Event</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Circus</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>100498</td><td>Malabaristas</td><td>Jesters</td><td>612.00</td><td>Playground</td><td>Mediaeval Fun Event</td></tr><tr><td>100499</td><td>Nancy Jennings</td><td>Fancy dress</td><td>274.70</td><td>Playground</td><td>Mediaeval Fun Event</td></tr><tr><td>100500</td><td>GVSC</td><td>Archery</td><td>200.00</td><td>Playground</td><td>Mediaeval Fun Event</td></tr><tr><td>100501</td><td>Banwell falconry</td><td>Falconry display</td><td>250.00</td><td>Playground</td><td>Mediaeval Fun Event</td></tr><tr><td>100502</td><td>Pizza Adorare</td><td>Pizzas</td><td>225.00</td><td>Playground</td><td>Mediaeval Fun Event</td></tr><tr><td>100503</td><td>Nancy Jennings</td><td>Refreshments</td><td>136.37</td><td>Playground</td><td>Mediaeval Fun Event</td></tr><tr><td>DD</td><td>E,ON</td><td>Electricity</td><td>10.40</td><td>General</td><td>Street light</td></tr><tr><td>100504</td><td>NSC</td><td>Wasps' nest ,</td><td>60.00</td><td>General</td><td>Asset Maintenance</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>J Hoskin</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>100505</td><td>(421.62)</td><td>October salary</td><td>375.00</td><td>General</td><td>Clerk's salary</td></tr></table>	100497	Michael Loader	Storytelling	200.00	Playground	Mediaeval Fun Event		Circus					100498	Malabaristas	Jesters	612.00	Playground	Mediaeval Fun Event	100499	Nancy Jennings	Fancy dress	274.70	Playground	Mediaeval Fun Event	100500	GVSC	Archery	200.00	Playground	Mediaeval Fun Event	100501	Banwell falconry	Falconry display	250.00	Playground	Mediaeval Fun Event	100502	Pizza Adorare	Pizzas	225.00	Playground	Mediaeval Fun Event	100503	Nancy Jennings	Refreshments	136.37	Playground	Mediaeval Fun Event	DD	E,ON	Electricity	10.40	General	Street light	100504	NSC	Wasps' nest ,	60.00	General	Asset Maintenance		J Hoskin					100505	(421.62)	October salary	375.00	General	Clerk's salary	
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100506	Phil Britton St Michael's	Print cartridges V H noticeboard	46.62 320.00	Playground General	Mediaeval Fun Event Repairs to N/boards	Clerk
100507	PCC	F/light & P News	225.00	General	Floodlight & P News	
100508	Jody's GS	V O (Sept/Oct)	40.00	General	Village orderly (rest)	
1516.5. The PCC had requested an increase in the payment for the floodlighting of the tower. Councillors agreed in principle but In order to establish how much the increase should be the Clerk was asked to find out by what percentage the church's electricity bill had increased since the sum of £75 was agreed.						
06/11/2013 - 1517 Reports on meetings Attended 1517.1. Village Hall Committee – 3rd October – Cllr McCarthy had attended this meeting and reported that, apart from a brief discussion of the proposed rail round the football pitch in advance of the meeting the following day, nothing of particular relevance to the Parish Council had been discussed.						
06/11/2013 - 1518 Road Safety 1518.1. Wells Road – A meeting had been held between two NSC traffic engineers, Cllr Laux, the Clerk and a resident. The NSC representatives agreed that something needed to be done to slow the traffic in both directions but after some discussion it was decided that the previously proposed 'gate' solution and its accompanying need to change the speed limit zone at considerable expense was not necessarily the best solution and that improving the existing signage, particularly that painted on the road, would be more effective. Proposals are awaited. NSC also promised to find information on flashing warning signs, both fixed and moveable, but did not think there were currently funds in the NSC budget to pay for these, although the council did own some flashing signs to share between parishes. They were also hoping to invite representatives from the South Gloucestershire Community Speedwatch organisation to talk to interested residents in North Somerset. 1518.2. Dundry Lane - The meeting then transferred to the Greenditch Farm bend on Dundry Lane. Works to improve signage on the downhill approach were already due to take place soon but it was agreed that more visible signs were also needed in the uphill direction to slow traffic down so that it doesn't cross the road at the corner forcing oncoming traffic on to the pavement. The same comments as above were made about flashing signs and Community Speedwatch.						
06/11/2013 - 1519 Website 1519.1. The Clerk understood that work had started on the new website but might take a while to complete. In view of the fact that the previous web editor wished to relinquish the task it was agreed that responsibility for the domain name and hosting should be passed to the Parish Council as soon as possible. This might mean that it would not be possible to update it quite as regularly for a while.						Clerk
06/11/2013 - 1520 Christmas Tree - Clerk 1520.1. The Clerk said she had provisionally ordered a Christmas tree to be put in the Churchyard. Councillors agreed that this year this should be paid for by the Parish Council and asked the Clerk to confirm the order. The tree would be delivered during the week beginning 9th December. Cllrs Gay and Hurford would arrange for installation.						Clerk Cllrs Gay & Hurford
06/11/2013 - 1521 Dundry Athletic FC 1521.1. A meeting had been held to discuss Dundry AFC's proposals for a rail round one of their pitches. Cllr Murphy had attended this meeting and reported that in answer to the Parish Council's questions: • The rail had to be round the pitch nearest the clubhouse • There would be two permanent openings in the rail to allow access for emergency vehicles and for mowing. During matches the opening nearer the clubhouse would be closed by the portable dugout and the far opening roped off. • Dundry AFC had checked planning requirements for this site and been told that because the rail was less than 2m high it did not need planning permission.						

Dundry AFC had marked out the line of the rail on the pitch and advertised in the parish news so that residents had an opportunity to comment.	
06/11/2013 - 1522 Grit bins 1522.1. It was agreed to order an additional grit bin to be put on Castle Farm Lane near Hill House Farm.	Clerk
06/11/2013 - 1523 Snow Warden Scheme 1523.1. Cllr Pellowe had made enquires about the North Somerset Council Snow Warden scheme. NSC would provide training and equipment for volunteers prepared to take responsibility for coordinating snow clearance in their area and helping vulnerable residents who might have particular difficulty in snowy conditions. Councillors were not sure that there was a specific need for this scheme in Dundry, or whether it was feasible in such a spread out village, but would support any parishioner who wished to volunteer.	
06/11/2013 - 1524 Proposal to purchase additional litter pickers for use of residents 1524.1. – Cllr Pellowe proposed to revive the scheme whereby each area of the village had a volunteer who kept some litter pickers available for residents' use. She was trying to locate the litter pickers bought previously but proposed also to purchase additional ones at a cost of about £20 - 25 each. Councillors agreed in principle to the purchase of four more if there were not already sufficient numbers. Cllrs Murphy and Fiddian agreed to hold litter pickers for Crabtree Close and the A 38 area.	Cllr Pellowe
06/11/2013 - 1525 Brief Reports/updates 1525.1. Councillor Jennings reported that the Playground Group 'Mediaeval Fun Event' on 20 th October had been a great success.	
06/11/2013 - 1526 Planning 1526.1. Applications Received – none (to note) 1526.2. Applications Approved by NSC – (To note): 13/P/1508/F Land off West Dundry Lane, Erection of an agricultural building to house sheep. 13/P/1510/F Land off West Dundry Lane, Erection of an agricultural building to house sheep. 1526.3. Applications Refused by NSC – none (To note) 1526.4. Environmental Impact Assessment required (to note): 13/P/1317/EIA1 Land at Downs Farm, Littleton Lane, Dundry, BS41 8LR Screening opinion as to whether a full Environmental Impact Assessment is required to be submitted with a planning application for a solar PV development. 1526.5. Planning enforcement 1526.5.1. The Clerk reported that NSC had served a Breach of Condition notice for removal of the high timber fence at 2a(3) Crabtree Close. The owner had 6 months to comply. 1526.5.2. Cars were being parked overnight at the 'Aztec Service station – Clerk to report to NSC 1526.5.3. Cars for sale being parked on verge outside Alveare, blocking visibility – Clerk to report to NSC	Clerk
06/11/2013 - 1527 Clerk's Reports 1527.1.1. The Clerk's Report for the previous month had been circulated and was noted. 1527.1.2. The Streets and open Spaces Report for the previous month had been circulated and was noted. 1527.1.3. Cllr Fiddian reported that the A38 had again flooded in several places in the recent wet weather. He would contact NSC. 1527.1.4. It was noted that repairs were currently taking place on Winford Lane. 1527.1.5. The Clerk was asked to report the poor condition of painted 'slow' signs on the A38 near the junction with Dundry Lane.	Cllr Fiddian Clerk
06/11/2013 - 1528 Correspondence 1528.1. The following items of correspondence were noted/discussed NALC Revised Model Standing orders – <i>to review against DPC standing orders.</i> ALCA Invite to AGM - <i>noted</i> NSC Mobile library Dates – <i>have been put on noticeboards and website. Cllr Pellowe</i>	Clerk & 'General' Working Group

NSC	<i>to send to Parish news</i>	Cllr Pellowe
Parishioner	North Somerset Council Draft Residential Design Guide - Section 2 Consultation – <i>RT has reviewed, no need for further comment.</i>	Clerk
NSC	Request for formal letter from DPC about clearing up after burnt out cars.- <i>Clerk to write</i>	Cllr Laux
NSC	Earthlight mapping Terms and conditions – <i>to be signed by Clerk and Chair</i>	Clerk
1528.2. Correspondence list -. Councillors said that they would like to see the newsletters from the Rural Services Network.		
06/11/2013 - 1529 Items to be noted for discussion at next meeting		
1529.1. It was agreed to discuss proposals for a 'welcome' card for new residents at the next meeting.		Cllr Jennings

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.10 pm.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th November, 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 4th December, 2013

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