

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 8th January 2014 at 7.30 pm

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

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux

In Attendance: Councillors Ralph Gay, Jane Pellowe, Nancy Jennings, Richard Thomas, David Hurford, Maggie Keast.

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

Also in attendance: District Councillor Hugh Gregor, PC Peter Rooke, Lyndsay Newman (village agent)
No parishioners attended the meeting.

08/01/2014 - 1550 Apologies 1550.1. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Simon Fiddian and Gordon Murphy and Claire Dyke (NSC Parish Liaison officer) (Cllr Steve McCarthy sent apologies the following day)	Actions
08/01/2014 - 1551 Chair's Introduction 1551.1. Cllr Laux welcomed all to the first meeting of the New Year.	
08/01/2014 - 1552 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 1552.1. There were no declarations of interest.	
08/01/2014 - 1553 Minutes of the Meeting of Dundry Parish Council – 4th December 2013 1553.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 4 th December 2013 were agreed as a true record (Proposed Cllr Gay, seconded Cllr Pellowe)	
08/01/2014 - 1554 Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch 1554.1. Crime Report: PC Rooke reported as follows on crimes committed in the parish since the previous meeting. Recorded Crimes: 1 st December – Assault on A38 6 th , 7 th & 8 th – Possession of cannabis – Hill Road. Calls to police Reporting of fly tipping – East Dundry Lane, burnt out vehicle – East Dundry Lane, traffic accident, car v cyclist – West Dundry Lane, people arguing in street – Dundry Lane possible drug deal between cars – Dundry Lane, Grit bin moved to middle of road – Hill Road laser light shone at aircraft – possibly from Dundry area, metal road sign in road – Wells Road PC Rooke said that in all it had been a peaceful Christmas period. Police were actively patrolling the A38 over the month of December. Crime was low for the period with no burglaries reported for the month of December 2013, compared to two burglaries in 2012. 1554.2. Neighbourhood Watch - No report had been received.	
08/01/2014 - 1555 Invited Guest – Lyndsay Newman, new Village Agent 1555.1. Ms Newman introduced herself and said that she had been in post for about 6 weeks. The village agent scheme had been operating in BANES for several years but new funding meant that a scheme could be set up in North Somerset. Village agents are employed to help isolated people of all ages in rural areas to find the help and support they need from various sources. Their clients either make contact themselves or are referred by concerned others. Once a referral has been made to the village agent the agent visits the client at home and looks at a range of options for support. Everything is done in confidence. In BANES there had been 715 referrals to other agencies in 2012 – 2013. Ms Newman said that she was presently making contacts in the six parishes she covers and building links with agencies in North Somerset. The Clerk said that details were on the village noticeboards and it was agreed to put them on the website. Cllr Laux thanked Ms Newman for attending the meeting.	
08/01/2014 - 1556 Public Forum 1556.1. Cllr Laux said he had been approached by a parishioner with a suggestion that a village orchard should be set up. Cllr Gay said that he had been involved in setting up orchards in other villages and there was usually no shortage of volunteers. Help would probably be available from the NSC Tree Warden. Cllr Gay would discuss this further with the parishioner.	Cllr Gay

08/01/2014 - 1557 Report from District Councillor Hugh Gregor 1557.1. Cllr Gregor said that at the end of January he would be taking the new Chief Executive of NSC on a tour round his ward. He had invited the chairmen of Winford and Dundry parish councils to join them. 1557.2. Cllr Gregor reported that he had attended the following meetings: 10th December – NSC Executive 12th December - presentation by officers on investment in highways and efficient maintenance. Officers reported that there is a backlog of repairs to roads in North Somerset which would cost £30m in total. Each pothole costs £60 to repair. Expenditure of £5.3 m per annum maintains exactly the same state of repair. The council has spent £3.4m so far in 2013 -4 and the plan is to spend £4.3m in 2014-5 with an additional £200,000 per annum up to 2020. One issue is how to split expenditure between principal roads (90% of journeys) non- principal roads and unclassified lanes and roads. The council's strategy is to prevent further damage to a stretch of road by intervening early, sometimes with a temporary repair. Cllr Thomas said that even permanent repairs did not seem to last very long. He attributed this to a lack of sealing round the edges. Cllr Gregor said that experiments were taking place with 'Velocity Patching'. This process filled potholes with a special mixture which was forced under pressure into the crevices in the potholes creating a strong bond. Levelling was done by cars driving over the finished repair. Although more expensive this system appeared so far to have given good results where used in Winford and Regil.																															
08/01/2014 - 1558 Finance 1558.1. The Financial Report was approved (proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Pellowe) 1558.2. The Chair signed the Clerk's time sheet 1558.3. The Precept was finalised at a total of £9,000.00 (proposed Cllr Hurford, seconded Cllr Thomas). This would consist of the Council Tax Support Grant of £401.24 and the Precept of £8598.79. The 'headline' council tax for a band D property would be £22.89 – a reduction on the previous year of £0.29. 1558.4. Payment of the following Cheques was approved: <table><tr><td></td><td>Frenchay</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>100513</td><td>Forestry</td><td>Christmas Tree</td><td>76.80</td><td>General</td><td>Community</td></tr><tr><td>100514</td><td>J Hoskin</td><td>December Salary</td><td>375.00</td><td>General</td><td>Clerk's salary</td></tr><tr><td>100515</td><td>H Laux</td><td>Web hosting</td><td>71.71</td><td>General</td><td>Community (website)</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></table>		Frenchay					100513	Forestry	Christmas Tree	76.80	General	Community	100514	J Hoskin	December Salary	375.00	General	Clerk's salary	100515	H Laux	Web hosting	71.71	General	Community (website)	DD	E,ON	Electricity	10.40	General	Street light	Clerk
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08/01/2014 - 1559 – Meetings attended 1559.1. Village hall Committee – 5th December. 1559.1.1. Cllr Laux reported that this meeting had been mainly about the new governing document for the village hall 1559.1.2. Cllr Laux said that the hall committee was in need of a new treasurer. 1559.1.3. Councillors asked whether there had been any discussion of the additional Sunday league football fixtures taking place on the sports field. Cllr Laux said that although the Village Hall Committee had been made aware of these they had not appreciated that they were a different league and club from the Saturday matches. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the next meeting when councillors had had a chance to look at the licence agreement with the Sports and Social Club. During this discussion it became apparent that, despite wide consultation, where agreement appeared to have been reached, some councillors and parishioners were still uneasy about the proposal to put a fixed rail round one of the football pitches.	All																														
08/01/2014 - 1560 – Defibrillators 1560.1. Cllr Jennings had previously circulated a report on the use of defibrillators in some airports in the United States (together serving over 100m passengers per annum) over a period of two years. During this time the defibrillators were used 18 times with eleven patients recovering – these having either been treated within five minutes or having also received prompt CPR. The numbers and time-frame suggested that the likelihood of a defibrillator ever needing to be used or, alternatively, being near enough to the patient, in Dundry was low. Councillors were aware that some residents were keen to purchase a defibrillator for the village but felt that further information was needed and it was agreed to discuss the subject again at the next meeting.																															

08/01/2014 - 1561 Road Safety 1561.1. Wells Road – The Clerk reported that she had received an email from NSC with some information about Community Speed watch and on Vehicle Activated (flashing) Signs (VASSs). It would be possible to have a sign on loan but it would need a post to fix it to which meant that even an experiment would almost certainly incur a cost unless there was a convenient post to use. The Clerk had contacted the PCSO responsible for setting up Community Speed Watch groups. He had told her that a coordinator would be required plus at least six volunteers but that training and equipment would be free. In his experience these groups could be very effective and he was not aware of any serious harassment by drivers. (This had been a concern of the residents who had shown an interest) North Somerset Council would be replacing the missing 40mph sign in the new financial year but it seemed unlikely that any other money would be available for speed reduction measures apart possibly from some road markings. Councillors wondered whether a Dundry village sign near the speed limit signs might help. The Clerk was asked to enquire about this and to pursue the VASSs and Community Speedwatch further. 1561.2. Dundry Lane – Dundry Lane had been patched before Christmas and some safety measures (a corner sign near the Greenditch Farm bend and additional or refreshed ‘slow’ markings on the road) installed. In addition the confusing 40mph repeater uphill from Greenditch Farm was presently turned sideways. The Clerk said that at the meeting held in October with NSC engineers it had been suggested that double white lines in the centre of the road at the bend and a fluorescent backing to the ‘slow’ sign uphill might also help and the Clerk was asked to request these.	Clerk Clerk
08/01/2014 - 1562 Website 1562.1. Cllr Laux reported that he had now set up a separate Internet account for the website. He had updated the front page and made a start on ‘content management’ which would mean that pages could be updated by someone with no technical knowledge. Although progress was slow because he had limited time to devote to the project he thought that it would probably not be necessary to pay for professional services in order to keep the site going. 1562.2. A working group was still needed to consider the longer-term view of communications with residents. This didn’t need to be parish councillors and volunteers would be welcome.	
08/01/2014 - 1563 Christmas Tree 1563.1. It was agreed that the Christmas tree had been a disappointment as the lights had not stood out against the floodlights and some other solution would be needed for future years. Councillors thanked Cllrs Hurford and Gay for putting the tree up and taking it down.	
08/01/2014 - 1564 Brief Reports/updates 1564.1. North Rural Network (now called ‘Forward Activities’) story telling event in Regil village hall, 3rd January. The Clerk said that this event had been very successful and enjoyable with a total of 23 children of various ages attending the two sessions. 1564.2. Cllr Laux reported that the Chew Medical Practice Patients’ Survey would be on their website soon. This would give patients an opportunity to comment on services provided by the Practice. Cllr Thomas commented that the Practice did not always seem to be able to refer patients to services outside BANES. Cllr Laux said he would raise this with the Patients’ Group.	Cllr Laux
08/01/2014 - 1565 Planning 1565.1. Applications Received 13/P/2334/F Land off Downs Road, Dundry The erection of a covered reservoir with valve and pump house, access track, fence and landscaping, a new field entrance and modification of highway <i>Dundry Parish Council has no objection to the design, including the substantial landscaping, but does have concerns about the construction process and will be contacting Bristol Water to request a meeting.</i> <i>The Parish Council would like to ensure that there are sufficient safeguards built into the conditions of any planning approval to lessen the impact on the village</i>	Clerk

during construction of this project. (Clerk to contact Bristol Water) 13/P/2415/F Yew Tree Farm. Church Road, Dundry, BS41 8LH – Fitting solar panels on garage roof – <i>no objections</i> 1565.2. Applications Approved by NSC – none (noted) 1565.3. Applications Refused by NSC – none (noted) 1565.4. Other Planning Issues 1565.4.1. The Clerk had circulated an update on various enforcement issues. She showed councillors a drawing from a 'Prior Notification' application had recently been made for a storage building on the field by Broadoak Hill. This was on the NSC website (no 14/P/0019/PDA) 1565.4.2. Solar Farms – The Clerk said that so far there had been no planning applications submitted for the proposed solar farms on Littleton Lane and Highridge Road/Oxleaze lane.	Clerk														
08/01/2014 - 1566 Clerk's Reports 1566.1. The Clerk's Report for the previous month had been circulated and was noted. 1566.1.1. The Clerk said that she had asked North Somerset Council about clearing up after burnt out cars and been told that each incident would have to be reported to them as they were not necessarily aware that there was a problem. (email streetsandopenspaces@n-somerset.gov.uk or call Council Connect on 01934 888802) 1566.2. The Streets and Open Spaces Report for the previous two months had been circulated. 1566.2.1. Apart from items already discussed elsewhere the Clerk noted the following:	Clerk/Cllr Pellowe Clerk Clerk														
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08/01/2014 - 1568 Items to be noted for discussion at next meeting 1568.1. It was agreed to discuss defibrillators and the use of the playing field by the Sports and Social Club on Sundays as well as Saturdays at the next meeting.															

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.32 pm.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th January 2014 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 12th February, 2014

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda please notify a councillor or the Clerk by **Wednesday 5th 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.