

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 5th March 2014 at 7.30 pm

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

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux

In Attendance: Councillors Ralph Gay, Richard Thomas, David Hurford, Gordon Murphy,

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

Also in attendance: District Councillor Hugh Gregor, Cllr David Robinson (Chair of Wraxall & Failand Parish Council)

05/03/2014 - 1594 Apologies 1594.1. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Jane Pellowe, Steve McCarthy, Nancy Jennings, Simon Fiddian, Maggie Keast	Actions
05/03/2014 - 1595 Chair's Introduction 1595.1. Cllr Laux welcomed all to the meeting.	
05/03/2014 - 1596 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 1596.1. There were no declarations of interest.	
05/03/2014 - 1597 Minutes 1597.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2014 were agreed as a true record (Proposed Cllr Hurford, seconded Cllr Murphy)	
05/03/2014 - 1598 Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch 1598.1. Crime Report: No Crime report had been received 1598.2. Neighbourhood Watch – Bee Peters has indicated that she would like to stand down from being Neighbourhood Watch coordinator.	
05/03/2014 - 1599 Public Forum 1599.1. Cllr Robinson gave a presentation on the Local Government Boundary Commission proposal for wards in the north of the District (this item was moved forward – for details see item1602 below) 1599.2. The Clerk said that she had been contacted by a resident of Ham Lane about the availability of high speed broadband in the village. He had been told by Connecting Devon and Somerset that his property was not part of their scheme because it was down to be covered commercially by BT Openworld. However, there was a possibility that BT Openworld had shelved plans to upgrade his local cabinet for commercial reasons. This would mean that his property (and presumably large parts of Dundry) would not be covered by either scheme. The Clerk said that the BT Openworld website still said that the cabinets would be upgraded by the end of March and it appeared to be impossible to contact BT Openworld direct to find out the true situation. She would continue to investigate. 1599.3. Parishioners had commented that the triangle of grass by the post-box at the end of Crabtree Lane was becoming very muddy because the post collection van parked on it. Various solutions were discussed but in the first instance Cllr Laux would try to speak to the driver. 1599.4. Cllr Murphy remarked that the roads in the village did not seem to have been swept recently. Clerk to report to NSC.	Clerk Cllr Laux Clerk
05/03/2014 - 1600 Report from District Councillor Hugh Gregor 1600.1. Cllr Gregor reported that he had attended the following meetings: Feb 4th – NSC Executive Feb 7th – Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel Feb 7th - Avon Fire and Rescue Authority, Bristol Feb 13th – Central Area Planning committee Feb 18th – Full Council which agreed the budget for next financial year. Cllr Gregor observed that a lot of time and effort had been put into presenting a balanced budget with no need to increase council tax. In general, much effort goes into anticipating and making provisions for future requirements well in advance. Feb 27th – Health Overview Scrutiny Panel Cllr Thomas said that he was concerned that Chew Magna Surgery didn't appear to be able to commission services outside BANES and thought this was something that NSC should address. 1600.2. Cllr Gregor said that In an effort to increase efficiency and reduce printing costs each Councillor had been issued with an iPad with training for those who needed it.	

05/03/2014 - 1601 Finance 1601.1. The Financial Report was approved (proposed Cllr Thomas, seconded Cllr Murphy) 1601.2. The Chair signed the Clerk's time sheet 1601.3. Payment of the following Cheques was approved:						
100519	J Hoskin (£378.5)	February Salary	375.00	General	Clerk's salary	
		Printer paper	3.50	General	Office supplies	
100521	DVHT	Hall hire	50.00	Playground	Med Fun Event	
		Hall hire/half line				
100522	DVHT	rental	253.82	General	Village Hall	
100523	NSC	Grit bins	450.00	General	Winter maintenance	
100524	NSC	Play Area check	72.00	General	Safety check	
100525	Jon Loader	Welcome Cards	45.00	General	Welcome packs	
05/03/2014 - 1602 Local Government Commission proposal for 'Long Ashton' Ward						
1602.1. Cllr Robinson gave a presentation about the Local Government Boundary Commission proposal for wards in the north of the North Somerset District. Their review, carried out every 10 years, was to ensure that the district had the right number of district councillors and that each councillor represented approximately the same number of electors. The overall proposal was to reduce the number of councillors from 61 to 50. This would result in an increase in ward sizes and changes in ward boundaries. Their first proposal (Map A) had involved splitting the parish of Pill and Easton-in-Gordano. The proposal for Winford ward (which includes Dundry) had involved adding Barrow Gurney and Flax Bourton. After representations from the residents of Pill and Easton-in-Gordano the Commissioners had produced a second proposal (Map B). This now involved splitting Wraxall and Failand parish and including Dundry and Winford with Long Ashton in a 2 councillor 'Long Ashton' ward. W & F did not want to be split and the grouping of the rural parishes of Dundry and Winford with Long Ashton seemed likely to disadvantage the smaller parishes. Cllr Robinson asked Dundry PC to reject Plan B and presented some alternatives drawn up by a resident of Long Ashton who had an interest in local government. 1602.2. Cllr Gregor said that Winford Parish Council had already discussed the proposals and come up with the following arguments against being linked with Long Ashton many of which would also apply to Dundry: • No links with Long Ashton • Rural community – different in character from Long Ashton • Closer proximity to the airport and its effects • Small parishes have to be more assertive to gain attention from NSC • Secondary age children most likely to go to school in BANES • GPs also likely to be in BANES • Councillors likely to live in Long Ashton and have less interest in the outlying parishes. 1602.2.1. Councillors agreed that being in a ward with Long Ashton was not likely to be in the best interests of Dundry parish. There was some discussion of what arrangement would be preferable. Barrow Gurney was a similar type of parish to Dundry and Winford but Flax Bourton wished to retain their connection with Backwell and additional numbers would have to be found elsewhere. It was agreed to approach Butcombe to see if they might be interested in joining this group. 1602.2.2. It was agreed to put this matter on the agenda for the APM						Cllr Laux
05/03/2014 - 1603 – Website 1603.1. Cllr Laux reported that he had had a meeting with an NSC IT officer. However, although the officer had been helpful, it was apparent that there was not likely to be a drive to create a standard template for village websites. 1603.2. Cllr Laux said that he was in the process of creating a hall and playing field bookings calendar for the website which could be updated by the hall booking clerk and the Sports and Social Club.						Clerk
05/03/2014 - 1604 – Village Orderly 1604.1. In the absence of Councillor Jennings it was agreed to discuss the village orderly's duties at the next meeting.						

<i>Cllr Gregor left the meeting at this point</i>	
05/03/2014 - 1605 Annual Parish Meeting (20th March) 1605.1. The final agenda for the APM had been agreed at the previous meeting. With regard to the item on CPR training the Clerk reported that she had done some research into Heartstart. Setting up a separate group would involve a considerable commitment of time and volunteers. She would continue to try to find someone who could provide training in CPR.	Clerk
05/03/2014 - 1606 – Dundry Day 1606.1. Councillors agreed that, apart from football-related activities provided by the Sports and Social Club, there was no obvious focus for Dundry Day this year and a lack of volunteers to run it. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the APM.	Clerk
05/03/2014 - 1607 – Meetings attended 1607.1. Cllr Laux reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Village Hall Committee. 1607.1.1. He had reminded the pre-school that the garden agreement had not yet been signed 1607.1.2. There had been no objections to the request from Dundry School to relocate to the sports field in the event of an emergency (see Item 1608)	
05/03/2014 - 1608 Dundry School 1608.1. Councillors agreed the following response to Dundry School's request for permission to relocate to playing field in the case of an emergency: 'Dundry Parish Council agrees to this in principle as an emergency measure, subject to a limited timescale to be agreed in the event of such a temporary re-location being necessary.'	Clerk
05/03/2014 - 1609 Sunday Football League 1609.1. The Sunday Football league had been discussed at the village hall committee meeting. A suggestion had been made that the S & SC should agree the number and dates of the matches with the village hall committee before the start of each season and then submit this proposal to the Parish Council for approval. 1609.2. Some councillors were still concerned that the field was possibly being over-used at the weekend to the detriment of other users and neighbouring residents and that the additional pitch fees generated might not be strictly necessary to cover maintenance costs. The Clerk was asked to ask again for the information about the Sunday League requested at the Extraordinary Meeting on February 5 th .	Clerk
05/03/2014 - 1610 Road Safety 1610.1. The Clerk had been in contact with an officer at NSC who was responsible for installing flashing vehicle operated signs. The village could borrow one for four weeks so that it could be tried on Wells Road and on Dundry Lane, and she had found parishioners prepared to replace and re-charge the batteries. Councillors asked her to go ahead and arrange this. 1610.2. The Clerk had enquired about village name signs. NSC would provide a basic black and white name sign at the entrance to villages on main routes (which would include Wells Road). However, councillors decided not to go ahead with this option at present because of the difficulty of deciding where to locate the sign.	Clerk
05/03/2014 - 1611 Brief Reports/updates 1611.1. Cllr Jennings had circulated the results of the Chew Medical practice patient survey. Cllrs Laux and Thomas would attend the next meeting of the patient reference group.	Cllrs Laux & Thomas
05/03/2014 - 1612 Planning 1612.1. Applications Received 14/P/0331/F Highridge Farm, Oxleaze Lane, Dundry, BS41 8JZ - Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of animal feed and machinery – <i>Dundry Parish Council is concerned about the size of the proposed building in the Green Belt and would query whether it is needed for agricultural purposes.</i>	

1612.2. Applications Approved by NSC – noted 13/P/1602/F Petrol Filling Station Bridgwater Road Dundry BS41 8JW - Retrospective change of use from petrol service station to a temporary hand car wash facility with siting of caravan for staff facilities. 13/P/2415/F Yew Tree Farm. Church Road, Dundry, BS41 8LH – Fitting solar panels on garage roof 1612.3. Applications Refused by NSC – (noted) 14/P/0116/F Land to the south of West Dundry Lane, Dundry, Bristol, BS13 7LN The conversion of a redundant equestrian building to provide a 2 bed holiday unit including the provision of access track and associated landscaping works 1612.4. Other Planning Issues 1612.4.1. Planning Enforcement. The Clerk updated councillors on enforcement measures for the fields on Oxleaze Lane.											
05/03/2014 - 1613 Clerk's Reports 1613.1. The Clerk's Report for the previous month had been circulated before the meeting and was noted 1613.2. The Streets and open spaces report had also been circulated and was noted.											
05/03/2014 - 1614 Correspondence 1614.1. The following items of correspondence were noted/discussed <table border="0"> <tr> <td>NSC</td><td>Parish Digest (note paperless planning applications)</td></tr> <tr> <td>VH booking Clerk</td><td>Wedding 2nd August – <i>no objections to barbecue, marquee etc</i></td></tr> <tr> <td>S & S club</td><td>Withywood United revised fixtures – <i>noted</i></td></tr> <tr> <td>St Michaels's Church</td><td>Notice of open Day 17th May - <i>noted</i></td></tr> <tr> <td>NSC</td><td>Supplementary Planning document on Wind Turbines – <i>to discuss at next meeting</i></td></tr> </table> 1614.2. Correspondence list -. Councillors had no further comments on the list of correspondence.	NSC	Parish Digest (note paperless planning applications)	VH booking Clerk	Wedding 2 nd August – <i>no objections to barbecue, marquee etc</i>	S & S club	Withywood United revised fixtures – <i>noted</i>	St Michaels's Church	Notice of open Day 17 th May - <i>noted</i>	NSC	Supplementary Planning document on Wind Turbines – <i>to discuss at next meeting</i>	
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05/03/2014 - 1615 Items to be noted for discussion at next meeting 1615.1. Village orderly duties were noted for discussion at the next meeting											

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.00 pm.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th March 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

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The next meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 2nd April, 2014

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda please notify a councillor or the Clerk by **Wednesday 26th 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.