

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 13th April 2015 at 7.30 pm

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

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux

In Attendance: Councillors David Hurford, Ralph Gay, Simon Fiddian, Nancy Jennings and Gordon Murphy

Also in attendance: 1 parishioner, Nick Wilton, candidate for election as Councillor for Winford ward.

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

13/04/2015 - 1806 Apologies had been received from Cllrs Jane Pellowe, Richard Thomas, Maggie Keast and Steve McCarty, and from District Councillor Hugh Gregor.	Actions																								
13/04/2015 - 1807 Cllr Laux welcomed everyone to the last meeting before the election.																									
13/04/2015 - 1808 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 1808.1. There were no declarations of interest																									
13/04/2015 - 1809 Minutes of Previous Meeting 1809.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 9 th March 2015 were agreed as a true record (proposed Cllr Fiddian, seconded Cllr Murphy)																									
13/04/2015 - 1810 Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch 1810.1. No Crime Report had been received 1810.2. The Clerk said she had nothing to report about Neighbourhood Watch 1810.3. An email had been received from Long Ashton Parish Council saying that they proposed to take over the police skate ramps which had originally been bought by Long Ashton Parish Council, Dundry Parish Council and the police charity. The police no longer had the resources to bring these to events. Long Ashton PC wished to know if Dundry PC had any objection. Councillors said they had no objection subject to satisfactory resolution of any insurance and maintenance requirements. The Clerk was asked to reply.	Clerk																								
13/04/2015 - 1811 Public Forum 1811.1. Nick Wilton introduced himself as Conservative candidate for election as District Councillor to the Winford Ward. He said he was aware of the 'purdah' rules about endorsing candidates for particular parties but would like advice on how best to introduce himself to the electorate in Dundry. Councillors said that there was no reason why Mr Wilton should not hold a meeting at his own expense in Dundry but that for fairness, and in order for the event to be advertised on parish noticeboards and the website, the only other candidate, Hugh Gregor, should be invited to participate. <i>Cllr Hurford joined the meeting at this point</i> 1811.2. The Clerk said that a parishioner had asked her whether another 'No dogs' sign could be installed on the playing field. Cllr Laux said that he had one available and would try to find a conspicuous place to fix it. There was general discussion about dog fouling in the village particularly on the grass outside Beechcroft. The Clerk was asked to find the original dog control order for the playing field. 1811.3. An email had been received from Bristol Water about extended working hours on Thursday 16 th April.	Clerk Clerk																								
13/04/2015 - 1812 Finance 1812.1. The Financial Reports for the end of the financial year 2014-2015 and for April were approved (proposed Cllr Hurford, seconded Cllr Fiddian) 1812.2. The Chair signed the Clerk's time sheet 1812.3. Payment of the following Cheques was approved: <table><tr><td>100560</td><td>DVHT</td><td>Hall rental 2014-5</td><td>262.13</td><td>General</td><td>Fixed bills and subscriptions</td></tr><tr><td>100561</td><td>J Hoskin</td><td>printer cartridges, etc</td><td>47.90</td><td>General</td><td>Office expenses</td></tr><tr><td>100562</td><td>J Hoskin</td><td>March Salary</td><td>375.00</td><td>General</td><td>Clerk's Salary</td></tr><tr><td>100563</td><td>ALCA</td><td>Subscription 2015 - 2016</td><td>138.92</td><td>General</td><td>Fixed bills and subscriptions</td></tr></table>	100560	DVHT	Hall rental 2014-5	262.13	General	Fixed bills and subscriptions	100561	J Hoskin	printer cartridges, etc	47.90	General	Office expenses	100562	J Hoskin	March Salary	375.00	General	Clerk's Salary	100563	ALCA	Subscription 2015 - 2016	138.92	General	Fixed bills and subscriptions	Clerk
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13/04/2015 - 1813 Complaint from parishioner about lack of support over various items 1813.1. A parishioner had written to complain that she was not receiving sufficient support from the Parish Council in her attempts to make improvements in the village. Her email and councillors' responses are summarised as follows: 1813.1.1. Request to the bus company to re-route the 672 bus round Crabtree Lane so that																									

parishioners did not have to walk along Downs Road to get to the bus. – <i>Councillors thought that the bus company would not consider a request from just one user and suggested that a petition from several users might be more effective. However, it was thought that there might be a problem with the bus having to reverse with passengers on board if it met another vehicle in the narrow part of Crabtree Lane.</i> 1813.1.2. Parking on pavements and in the turning circle in Crabtree Close – <i>The Clerk was asked to take this up with the PCSO. However, it was pointed out that some of the properties in Crabtree Close have no off-road parking at all.</i> 1813.1.3. Problems with litter – <i>If an area was particularly affected by litter it should be reported to Councillor Jennings who would instruct the village orderly.</i> 1813.1.4. Problems of hedges overgrowing the pavement – <i>in the first instance the parish council could approach the landowner. If this didn't work NSC could be asked to intervene.</i> Cllr Laux would respond.	Cllr Laux
13/04/2015 - 1814 Streets and Open Spaces 1814.1. Broadoak Hill. A letter had been sent to Councillor Nigel Ashton about the lack of progress on Broadoak Hill. The Clerk said she had not yet received a direct response from Councillor Ashton (but was not necessarily expecting one as the DPC letter had asked for a response by 20th April) but had seen copies of responses from various officers to various recipients all of which appeared to be nearly identical and gave no dates for commencement or completion of repair works. However, she thought that the traffic lights were working better now that they were on a timer. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the next meeting. 1814.2. Speed limit A38 – response from NSC - In response to DPC's request for the 40mph speed limit on the A38 to be extended at least as far as Dundry Lane NSC now proposed reducing the limit to 50 mph from the junction with the South Bristol Link to Dundry Lane. Councillors appreciated the fact that a reduction in speed limits was being considered but were of the opinion that apart from still being too high the mixture of limits from the outskirts of Bristol to the Airport would be confusing for drivers and difficult to police. The Clerk was asked to respond with these comments. 1814.3. Adopt a kiosk – response from BT. The Clerk had asked BT whether it was possible for the Parish to 'adopt' the phone kiosk outside the Dundry Inn since it was on land belonging to the pub. BT had replied that permission would be needed from the landowner. There was some discussion of the desirability of adopting this kiosk since this would involve ongoing maintenance costs. However, there were some parishioners who were keen to take it over so the Clerk was asked to find out whether the landowner would be in agreement.	Clerk Clerk
13/04/2015 - 1815 High Speed Broadband update 1815.1. Cllr Laux reported that a working group had formed to investigate the options for high speed broadband in the parish. A meeting had been held with BT Openreach where it had become apparent that although upgrading of Cabinet 48 on Broadoak Hill was still on BT's list it was not at all imminent. To upgrade it sooner BT would ask for a contribution of £38,000. However, until BT formally said that they did not intend to upgrade the cabinet no funding would be available from Connecting Devon and Somerset. An online survey in the parish had so far attracted 69 replies. Cllr Laux summarised the findings. It had been apparent that broadband speeds were generally very slow. While some parishioners did not wish to pay very much towards improving broadband in the parish others were prepared to contribute significant sums. The working group had been looking at alternative options and would present their findings at the APM.	
13/04/2015 - 1816 Sports and Social Club - Request to consider having fixed dugouts. 1816.1. The Sports and Social Club had asked for permission to erect permanent dugouts by the pitch as they were having trouble with the movable dugouts being blown over by the wind. Councillors were unanimously against this. They asked the Clerk to respond to the Sports and Social Club and to ask them to remove the removable rails over the summer. She was also asked to request their accounts for the Annual Parish Meeting. 1816.2. It was agreed that at the Parish Council Annual Meeting a working group should be set up to liaise with the Sports and Social Club and resolve some outstanding issues.	Clerk

13/04/2015 - 1817 – Possible involvement in: 1817.1. Frack Free Chew Valley - Information originating from Frack Free Chew Valley had been received about possible exploration for coal bed methane in the Chew Valley and the surrounding areas, including Dundry. It was decided that further investigation was required into this before possibly inviting Frack Free Chew Valley to a meeting. 1817.2. 'Dundry View' Neighbourhood Arts Project - An email had been received from an artist proposing an art installation on Dundry Hill as part of the Bristol Green Capital Celebrations. The aim of the project was to make Bristol more aware of Dundry Hill and the beautiful views available from the slopes and at the same time raise and address environmental issues affecting the area such as fly tipping and litter. It was agreed to invite this artist to the APM.	Clerk Clerk
13/04/2015 - 1818 Brief Reports and updates 1818.1. There were no brief reports and updates.	
13/04/2015 - 1819 Future Meetings and Events 1819.1. The Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th April was agreed. It would include a discussion of possible options for high speed broadband. (Also see item 1817.2 above) 1819.2. The date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was moved to 18th April as Cllr Laux would not be available for the original date. 1819.3. Suggested dates for the Heartstart session were discussed. Councillors expressed a preference for 26th May. 1819.4. Forward Activities – future plans. The Clerk said that Forward Activities had arranged to hold a 'Hedgerow Safari' at Hill House Farm on Wednesday 27th May. There would also be a series of activity sessions during the summer holidays, including a bike day held on the Dundry Playing field on 27th July.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
13/04/2015 - 1820 Planning 1820.1. Applications Received – 15/P/0515/ CUPA Dutch Barn at Watercress Farm, Upton Lane, Dundry, BS41 8NS Prior approval for change of use from agricultural building and land to a single dwelling within use class C3 plus associated operational development comprising of works to convert dutch barn into a dwelling with corrugated cladding, doors and windows and replace corrugated roofing sheets - <i>noted</i> 15/P/0603/ O 15 Crabtree Close, Dundry, BS41 8LW - Outline application for the erection of detached dwelling following demolition of annexe and detached garage with details of access and layout to be decided and all other details reserved for subsequent approval – <i>Dundry Parish Council objects to this proposal which does not follow the general building line and, despite parking spaces being included on the plan, may well exacerbate an already existing parking problem in Crabtree Close.</i> 1820.2. Applications Approved by NSC – none (noted) 1820.3. Applications Refused by NSC – none (noted)	Clerk
13/04/2015 - 1821 – Other Planning Matters 1821.1. A response had been received to the DPC letter (date 23rd February) about NSC's handling of Bristol Water's application for the covered reservoir. Although this reply still did not really address DPC's concerns councillors felt that nothing would be gained by pursuing the matter further. 1821.2. Planning Enforcement 1821.2.1. A response to DPC's letter of complaint about planning enforcement at Downs Farm had been received from NSC. Research was ongoing into the history of this site but the Clerk had been assured that enforcement action would be taken on current issues of concern to residents. 1821.2.2. Enforcement action had been taken on importation of material and reshaping of land at Oxleaze Farm. This was currently the subject of an appeal. 1821.2.3. Possible airport parking at the Aztec1 service station had been reported to NSC.	
13/04/2015 - 1822 Clerk's Reports 1822.1. The Clerk's Report and Streets and Open Spaces Report for the previous month had been circulated before the meeting and were noted. 1822.2. The Clerk said that the vehicle activated sign had now been moved from Wells Road to	

Dundry Lane. It was still being triggered in this location by vehicles exceeding the 40mph speed limit although not at the rate it had been on Wells Road.	
13/04/2015 - 1823 Correspondence NSC Letter from Councillor Nigel Ashton about NSC Core strategy – noted (<i>NSC has written to the Secretary of State formally requesting that he intervenes in the decision made by the planning inspector in his recent report into the re-examination of the North Somerset Core Strategy which concluded that the numbers of new houses that should be built in North Somerset must increase from the council's original recommended number of 14,000 by almost 50 per cent to 20,985.</i>) 1823.1. Correspondence list -. Councillors had no further comments on the list of correspondence.	
13/04/2015 - 1824 Items to be noted for discussion at next meeting 1824.1. No items were noted for discussion at next meeting	

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.23 p.m.

Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Monday 13th April 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 Monday 18th May (note change of date)
This will be the Annual Meeting of the Council

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda please notify a councillor or the Clerk by **Monday 11th May**. 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.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 27th April in Dundry Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.