

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 11th July 2016 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, Steve McCarthy, Nancy Jennings (part time), Jim Scott, Simon Fiddian, Thomas Armitt, Amanda Scott.

Clerk: Judith Hoskin

11/07/2016 - 2043 Apologies had been received from Cllr Maggie Keast	
11/07/2016 - 2044 Chair's welcome and introduction. 2044.1. Cllr Laux welcomed all councillors to the last meeting before the summer break.	
11/07/2016 - 2045 Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda 2045.1. Cllr McCarthy declared an interest in item 2057.1 as his property is near the site of the proposed dwelling and is approached on the same shared access. 2045.2. Cllr Jennings declared an interest in Item 2053 as Chair of the Playground Group.	
11/07/2016 - 2046 Minutes of Previous Meeting 2046.1. The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th June 2016 were agreed as a true record (proposed Cllr Hurford, seconded Cllr Gay)	
11/07/2016 - 2047 Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch 2047.1. PC Faithfull had sent the following crime report for June 2016 ASB – 1, Non dwelling Burglary – 0, Dwelling Burglary – 0, Theft From Motor Vehicle– 1 Criminal Damage – 2, Assault – 1 Theft – 2, Other – (Non Recordable) – 3 Total Incidents reported on REDWOOD BEAT in June – 72 - Percentage equating to Dundry 4% 2047.2. The Clerk said she had nothing to report about Neighbourhood Watch but that the number plates had been stolen from her car in the previous week. She suggested that residents might consider having their number plates mechanically fixed to their cars rather than just fixed with adhesive as hers had been.	
11/07/2016 - 2048 Public Forum 2048.1. Cllr A Scott reported that the grit bin at the end of East Dundry Lane had a significant quantity of water in it, probably because the lid blows open in high winds. It was suggested that weighing the lid down might solve the problem. 2048.2. The Clerk said that a parishioner had informed her that from September the operator for the bus service was to change from Buglers to Abus. 2048.3. The Clerk said that she had had further complaints about the noise of clay pigeon shooting on Littleton Lane and (from a different source) that shooting had been taking place across a public footpath. She had raised this with an NSC Planning Enforcement officer who had investigated this in 2013 and it seemed unlikely that planning enforcement action would be taken. However, he had suggested she or parishioners approach Environmental Protection about the noise and possibly the Public Rights of Way team about shooting over the footpath. 2048.4. The Clerk had also received a complaint about someone carrying a gun on Downs Road. Councillors thought it was likely that this was for legitimate reasons but that if parishioners were concerned about something like this they should contact the police at the time of the incident.	Cllr McCarthy Clerk
11/07/2016 - 2049 District Councillor Report 2049.1. There was no District Councillor report	
11/07/2016 - 2050 Finance 2050.1. The Financial Report for June was approved (proposed Cllr A Scott seconded Cllr McCarthy) 2050.2. The Chair signed the Clerk's time sheet. 2050.3. Payment of the following Cheques was approved:. Salary June/ 100615 J Hoskin July 750.00 General Clerk's Salary 100617 SLCC Subs 2016 103.00 General Fixed bills and subscriptions D/D E.ON Streetlight 12.14 General Fixed bills and subscriptions	 Clerk

11/07/2016 - 2051 Annual Parish Meeting update on issues. 2051.1. Broadband – Cllr Laux said that as yet there was no further news from Truespeed. The Clerk said that, after representations to Dr Liam Fox MP by a parishioner, BT Openreach had promised Dr Fox that the lack of rollout of high speed broadband to Dundry would be investigated by the Openreach High Level Complaints Team. 2051.2. Fly tipping – The Clerk said that she had nothing to report from the Community Response Officer about progress on reducing fly tipping. 2051.3. Road Safety in the village – The Clerk was still waiting for information from NSC about using their mapping system to collate background information about traffic problems. She had received a report from a parishioner that there had been another serious accident involving a cyclist at the bend by Greenditch Farm and that local radio had reported traffic problems caused by an incident at the junction of Upton Lane and Wells Road. 2051.4. Parish recycling scheme – Cllr Armitt and Cllr Jennings had created an online survey as an alternative to the printed forms produced by NSC. It was agreed to advertise this in the next parish news, Chew Valley Gazette, website and Facebook page. The survey can be found at https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9YXBGN7. <i>Cllr Jennings joined the meeting at this point</i> 2051.5. Footpaths – Cllrs J Scott and A Scott had continued to walk some of the footpaths. They had been promised a high definition footpath map by NSC. The Clerk was still hoping to use the NSC mapping system for this project as well.	Cllrs Armitt Jennings Laux Clerk Cllrs A & J Scott, Clerk
11/07/2016 - 2052 Playing Field 2052.1. Sports and Social Club - A date had yet to be finalised for the meeting with the Sports and Social Club but it might possibly take place on 20th July. 2052.2. Registration of the playing field with the Land Registry 2052.3. Veale Wasbrough Vizards had contacted the Clerk about a requisition from the Land Registry. However, it had transpired that the information requested was in fact already available so this requisition would not incur additional legal fees. VWV expected the registration to be completed soon.	Clerk
11/07/2016 - 2053 Playground Handover 2053.1. Cllr Jennings reminded councillors that a condition of funding for the playground had been that the funding application was made, and the playground commissioned, by a group other than the Parish Council, which was why Dundry Playground Group had come into being. The playground would be five years old in November at which point it could be handed over to another group, in this case the Parish Council. Cllr Jennings had asked the funder, Community Spaces, how the handover should be happen and been told that an exchange of letters would be sufficient. She had therefore written formally from the Playground Group to the Parish Council requesting that they take over the playground as confirmed at the meeting in December 2015. At that point the Playground Group would cease to exist and all responsibility for the playground would be transferred to the Parish Council. There should be no cost implications in this financial year as DPC is already paying for insurance and safety inspections. Whether any money should be set aside for maintenance of the playground would be reviewed at the time of setting the budget later in the year. The Clerk was asked to reply with DPC's agreement to taking over the playground. (proposed Cllr Hurford, seconded Cllr Fiddian)	Clerk
11/07/2016 - 2054 Proposal for improvements in management of roadside verges for wildlife 2054.1. At the suggestion of the village orderly Cllr Jennings had circulated to councillors a document called 'The Good Verge Guide' prepared by Plantlife, a charity championing wild plants. This document suggests that verge cutting should, where possible, be left until mid-July in order to allow wild flowers to set seed. They also suggest that herbicide should not be used on verges. These measures would help to improve the flora in the roadside verges with a resultant improvement in habitat for mammals and invertebrates. Councillors agreed that where cutting was not required for safety reasons this approach should be encouraged, both where DPC had taken responsibility for areas of cutting. and among residents where they were responsible for cutting verges. Cllr Jennings was asked to progress this. At some future date discussions could be held with NSC who are responsible for most of the roadside verges.	Cllr Jennings

11/07/2016 - 2055 Meetings Attended 2055.1. NSC Highways week of action - Patching repairs: Post Office Lane, Flax Bourton – 24/06/16 The Clerk had attended this session where road patching was taking place. She said that NSC had recently appointed a new contractor (Skanska) for this type of work and had funding from central government to tackle road repairs. The intention was that where patching had taken place resurfacing would follow – usually after six months to a year to allow the patching to settle. Potholes would no longer be repaired in isolation. 2055.2. Parish Councils Airport Association 28th June 2055.2.1. The Clerk had circulated the draft minutes for this meeting which were noted. 2055.2.2. The PCAA responses to Planning applications 16/P/1440/F, 16/P/1455/F, 16/P/1486/F (for parking) had been discussed at the meeting and a draft circulated afterwards. The Clerk explained that the 5 storey multi-storey car park, which should have been in place when passenger numbers reached 7.3 mppa had not yet been started. With numbers predicted to reach 7.5 mppa at the end of 2016 the airport hoped to bring forward parking on the Green Belt to the south side of the airport in preference to the multi-storey which would be built in a 3 storey version by 2018 with the other 2 storeys being added later. The three applications reflected this change. Councillors supported the PCAA responses which welcomed the building of the multi-story car park but objected to bringing forward of surface car parking on the south side of the airport. 2055.3. Patient Reference Group meeting – Cllr A Scott had circulated the minutes of this meeting which had dealt with: • A possible bid to expand the surgery • Changes to the nursing team • How to improve feedback The next session was scheduled to include training in use of defibrillators. 2055.4. CPRE - villages and towns under siege - communities fight back! – 5th July – Cllr Laux said there had been presentations at this event by the head of strategic planning for South Gloucestershire and by CPRE. It was expected that housing numbers to be included in the Joint Spatial Plan would increase to 100,000. CPRE had explained that there was a conflict of aims between developers and local authorities as the builders were understandably wishing to make profits. They held options on large areas of land but, in order to maintain the price they could obtain, did not necessarily want to exercise them all at once. On the other hand, local authorities are under pressure to deliver sufficient numbers of new homes and are therefore often forced to release building sites they would not normally wish to, such as land located in the Green Belt. In CPRE's opinion the planning system had become a 'housing delivery' system. CPRE were campaigning for a 'neighbourhood right to appeal' in planning decisions. 2055.5. Chew Valley Area Forum 7th July – Cllr Laux had attended this forum, although most parishes there were from BANES. He had learnt that BANES, Bristol and S Glos had voted for the Devolution deal but had negotiated that the 'Metro Mayor' should share responsibility with the council leaders. A consultation on the deal was in progress.	Clerk
11/07/2016 - 2056 Planning 2056.1. Applications Received 16/P/1466/F - Churchwell Cottage, The Steps, Dundry, BS41 8JB - Erection of 1no. dwelling and garage with associated works including drainage and landscaping. (Cllr McCarthy gave councillors some information about the access road to this property but took no part in the discussion) <i>Dundry Parish Council has received detailed representations from neighbours objecting to this application. Having considered the plans councillors would like North Somerset Council to take into account in particular the following points:</i> • <i>The character of the proposed dwelling is not in keeping with the surrounding properties.</i>	Clerk

• Access is via a narrow un-adopted road with a sharp 'hairpin' bend at the top which is difficult to navigate at the best of times. The proposed scheme when completed will add another property to the five already using this access. In addition councillors are concerned about the suitability of this road for construction traffic. • This area of Dundry is subject to a risk of landslip which may be increased during construction. • This is an area of underground springs and water courses. There is no satisfactory indication of how these will be dealt with in order to prevent flooding of properties further down the hill. • There is concern about overlooking and loss of privacy to properties downhill from the proposed dwelling. 2056.2. Applications Approved by NSC – None (noted) 2056.3. Applications Refused by NSC – none (noted) 2056.4. Other Planning Matters 2056.4.1. North Somerset Local Plan pre-commencement document – Councillors asked the Clerk to respond asking for reassurance that the objectives of the Local Plan would provide continuity with the Core Strategy, in particular with regard to the Green Belt. 2056.4.2. Taylor Wimpey proposals – TWH had held exhibitions in the three villages. It was thought that the Dundry meeting had been well attended. Cllr Laux said that there would be a meeting of representatives from the parish councils of the three parishes affected with a senior planning officer from North Somerset Council on the following day in Long Ashton. He and the Clerk would be attending. Cllr Jim Scott volunteered to attend as well. 2056.4.3. Planning Enforcement – the Clerk had circulated the NSC enforcement record which was noted. The enforcement notice for the over-high fence on Winford lane had been upheld by the planning inspectorate.	Clerk Cllr Laux Clerk Cllr J Scott
11/07/2016 - 2057 Clerk's Reports 2057.1. The Clerk apologised for not circulating the Clerk's Report and Streets and Open Spaces Report for the previous month. She noted: • Highridge Road had been patched since the last meeting • Cars no longer appeared to be being sold outside Alveare • She had reported the fallen branch on Dundry Lane • She had reported the potholes on Castle Farm lane and Winford Lane. • Western Power had now completed work on the cable under the playing field.	Clerk
11/07/2016 - 2058 Correspondence NSC Suggestions for South Bristol link name? – <i>no suggestions</i> Parishioner Reports of accidents on Dundry lane and Wells Road – <i>reported to NSC</i> 2058.1. Correspondence list -. Councillors had no further comments on the list of correspondence.	Clerk

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 10.05 p.m.
Copies of the full minutes of the meeting of Dundry Parish Council held on Monday 11th July 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 Monday 12th September

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