

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 8th June 2020 at 7.30 pm

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

In Attendance: Councillors Holger Laux (chair), Jim Scott, Steve McCarthy, Simon Fiddian, Tim Waite, David Hurford, Amanda Scott

Clerk: Robin Moss

Apologies – none. It was noted that there are 3 vacancies, which cannot be filled under the current restrictions.	
<u>Chair's welcome and introduction</u> Cllr Laux welcomed all to the meeting, which is being held online in the current coronavirus crisis.	
<u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda</u> None.	
<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> 'Gate' not 'fencing' was corrected in Public Forum section. Minutes were agreed proposed Cllr Fiddian, 2nd Cllr J.Scott.	
<u>Covid – 19; Community Response</u> Cllr Waite reported that there were no reports of anyone having been ill with the virus in the village. Cllr Laux reported that the telephone line was quiet & that the 3 months free period had ended. It was agreed not to pay to extend the service, but to see if the number could be 'ported' so that any future calls would be picked up. There was a general discussion in which it was noted that the Dundry pub shop appeared to be doing well, selling good quality locally produced goods. Lots of people were out walking & the car park was frequently about 2/3 full. It was worrying that the North Somerset figures were rising.	
<u>Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch</u> There was a discussion about Hill Road, & how local residents were discussing options, including asking that the road be declassified so it could be 'closed' to all but residents. The Parish Council had unsuccessfully tried to push for various solutions in the past but supports the initiative. The Police have been visiting the turning circle, which was welcomed.	
<u>Public Forum</u> A resident who has reported issues with Broad Oak Hill previously, asking for traffic speed restrictions – "FYI there was another RTA on May 24th in the evening. The road was closed. According to the officer at the bottom of the road someone had flipped their car over. I would like to put a proposal together for them to reduce the speed limit to 20mph on the section with lots of blind bends looking at logistics of the road." Request to be made to NSC. There has been correspondence about a planning application for Somerleaze, Hill Road, Dundry BS418JD. The clerk explained that North Somerset Council was the planning authority & that Councillor Gregor was the appropriate councillor to contact. There was a general discussion about how difficult it was to get an appropriate response from North Somerset planning department to any questions & queries. It was agreed that the clerk should contact	Clerk

neighbouring parishes in the first instance to ask if their experience was similar.				Clerk
The Parish Council had been included into a discussion between Dundry pre-school & the Village Hall about re-opening the hall. It appears that the pre-school will be opening this week & that they will be the only users of the hall until September.				
A resident emailed “I am somewhat concerned about a large area of land in the field towards Crabtree Lane which is being excavated and the top soil removed. I have not been notified of any planning application for building or extending the scrapyard. Do you have any information regarding this matter as I think it requires some investigation before it is too late.” It was noted that removing topsoil in itself does not require planning consent, but that the situation would be monitored.				
<u>Councillors items</u>				
There was a discussion about the rubbish bin that used to be on Crabtree Lane. It had been removed as it was being used to dump general rubbish & was spilling over the road. It was agreed that it would be reinstated for a 2 week trial period, with Cllr A.Scott volunteering to empty it.				
The parish had been contacted by a local business, who have converted a horse box into a café & bar. They were enquiring about being able to trade in the car park & field near the village hall. It was pointed out to them that they would probably need a TENS licence from NSC. Also that they should organise this in conjunction with & the agreement of the Village Hall and/or CVFC, so that it would complement rather than clash with events they were running, particularly if they were providing food & drink as part of their fundraising. They should always organise in conjunction with the Village Hall or the Football Club, not on their own initiative.				Clerk
Cllr Fiddian reported that a thorn bush was growing around & obscuring sight of the Dundry sign on Bridgewater road. The Clerk will contact NSC to ask for it to be cutback.				
Cllr A.Scott asked about trees that were being felled, cleared & burned on Oxleaze Lane. Clerk to enquire with NSC.				
<u>District Councillor Report:</u> None received				
<u>Finance</u> . The financial report for May was approved (Proposed Cllr J.Scott, 2nd Cllr D.Hurford) Monthly report sheets will be available at http://www.dundry.org.uk/parish_council_documents.php Payment of the following cheques was approved:				
100759	R.Moss	Salary & office	£456.80	

		expenses	
100760	H.Laux	Reimbursement: Zoom licence	£14.39

Playing Fields – lease & licence

It was reported that the documentation was now complete, & has been shared with CVFC. Signing & witnessing was being organised within the restrictions of social distancing. There is a statutory declaration to be signed & witnessed by a solicitor.

Planning Applications Received –

20/P/1013/FUL	4 Broad Oak Cottages BS41 8NE	Change of use of redundant agricultural building (cow shed) to residential dwelling	See notes below:
20/P/1144/AGA	Upton Farm, Upton Lane, BS41 8NS	Prior Notification for the proposed steel portal framed building	No comments
20/P/1124/AGA	Land To East Of Dundry Lane - Grid Ref: E 355121 N 167651	Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed agricultural building	Do not agree with construction on this agricultural land, which is in the green belt. Any applications in this land bank are likely to be inappropriate.

Councillors discussed 20/P/1013/FUL. They noted that a pre-determination had been discussed at the March meeting & that “Councillors had concerns about the access to the site, that it appears to have been used for storage rather than agricultural use & whether the buildings & foundations were suitable for conversion. They asked that NSC reject the application.” Their views had not changed since then, they were also concerned that ‘due process’ has not been followed with this current application.

Rights of Way improvement plan Consultation (NS Council) - There was a discussion about how Dundry responds to this consultation, deadline 1st September 2020. Cllr A.Scott will lead on this matter, talking to other councillors & will report back to a future meeting. It was also noted that the footpath over the Downs still was gated & that an electric fence has now been installed. NSC have been informed.

Planning applications that have been determined were noted:

DPC meeting				DPC comment	NSC decision
Dec 2019	19/P/2778/FUH	The Old Barn BS41 8NS	Single storey side and rear extension	No comment	Approved
March 2020	20/P/0303/FUH	Barns At Valley View Farm	Demolition of existing agricultural barns and erection of residential dwelling	No comment	Rejected

	20/P/0383/FUH	2 Yanleigh Close Bristol BS13 8AQ	Demolish existing car ports, re-build as double garage with porch extension	No comment	Approved
	20/P/0464/CQA	Barn West Of 4 Broad Oak Cottages	Prior Approval for the change of use residential dwelling	Reject	Prior approval - refuse
April 2020	20/P/0828/FUH	Somerleaze Hill Road BS41 8JD	Erection of a single-storey side extension	No comment	Registered
	20/P/0709/FUH	Eds Barn BS41 8LL	Alteration of parking arrangements	No comment	Registered
	19/P/2960/CQA	Barn At Bonsai Gardens BS41 8JY	Prior approval for change of use from agricultural building	No comment	Prior approval - refuse
	20/P/0475/MMA	Town And Country Lodge BS13 8AH	Minor material amendment	No comment	Registered
	20/P/0660/FUH	Rose Cottage BS41 8LU	Demolish existing conservatory	No comment	Awaiting decision

Reports

The Clerks report of actions from the last meeting was circulated & discussed. The footpath sign has still not been repaired, clerk to contact NSC again.

Cllr Waite had attended a Village Hall ctte meeting. The pre-school will be installing some fencing around the play area, to assist with social distancing.

Clerk**Any other business**

There was no further business, the meeting closed at 21.26 pm

Correspondence received from:

- a. North Somerset Council stakeholder update
- b. VANS - Covid -19 safeguarding / scam awareness
- c. North Somerset Cycle Forum – proposals
- d. VOSCUR session for Community Support Groups and Mutual Aids
- e. NSC - Re-opening of recycling centres (COVID-19)
- f. North Somerset Dementia Friends 3,000 Challenge
- g. NSC - Update on car parking for volunteers
- h. VANS - Volunteer stories - Volunteers Week 1-7 June 2020
- i. NSC - North Somerset Together thank you video on social media
- j. ALCA - Re-opening Village and Community Halls Step 2 – Opening for Pre-Schools
- k. VANS / VOSCUR free online training session - Essentials for Community Volunteering Groups
- l. A&S Police - Redwood Newsletter
- m. Coronavirus update from North Somerset Council
- n. Neighbourhood Watch - AVON and SOMERSET WATCH NEWS AND UPDATES
- o. Active Places - Newsletter June 2020
- p. VANS - #VolunteersAroundNorthSomerset

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 21.26 p.m.

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The next full meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th July 2020

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda, please notify a councillor or the Clerk by Friday **3rd July 2020**. 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.