

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 11th January 2021 at 7.30 pm

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

In Attendance: Councillors Holger Laux (chair), Jim Scott, Steve McCarthy, Amanda Scott, Tim Waite, David Hurford, Simon Fiddian & a number of members of the public

Clerk: Robin Moss

Apologies – none	
<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> Cllr McCarthy declared an interest in the "Public Forum – Hill Road" item as a local resident	
<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> Agreed as a correct record, proposed Cllr J.Scott , 2 nd Cllr S.Fiddian	
<u>Covid – 19; Community Response</u> It was reported that the Chew Magna surgery staff were shielding until the 18 th January, they would be in touch with patients when they were fully re-open.	
<u>Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch</u> There are regular newsletters from the PCC, as well as a more specific local newsletter from the PCOs. The Parish Council have been asked to comment on the North Somerset Public Space Protection Order (PSPo). Cllr McCarthy has completed this in consultation with all other councillors, Dundry PC is specifically asking that Hill Road & the turning circle be included in the schedule of locations that should be highlighted as requiring attention.	
<u>Public Forum</u> A number of residents from Hill Road & adjoining properties joined the meeting to discuss their problems with anti-social behaviour & possible solutions. A number of points were made: # People from outside Dundry come by car to use the turning circle to congregate, with consequential littering, damage, noise & general anti-social behaviour. In November a local resident asked that fireworks not be let off & was assaulted, which resulted in an injury that required surgery. # Historically this road has had a gate at one end which was kept open most of the time. Over the past few months residents have closed the gate & secured it with a combination lock to deter anti-social use. This has proven to be effective as it lead to fewer nuisance incidents. # This trial run has, however, uncovered and highlighted a number of concerns: # The road to the turning circle is an adopted road, as well as being a byway. Residents need agreement and support from NSC to change any access arrangements. They have already secured support from the police.	

Using a manually operated gate and a padlock is not ideal as getting out of one's car in the dark to operate it may feel unsafe. There was general agreement that an automatic gate or barrier would be the preferred option.

There was discussion about the best location for such a barrier or gate, as otherwise people are still likely to visit, park & walk, if they find a place to leave their car (e.g. in someone's driveway).

Another option that was explored in the past was a topographical change to the junction leading down to "The Steps" and eliminating the need for the turning circle. But it was found to be too expensive due to extensive engineering work required.

There was a discussion about costs & funding. Local residents were looking to form a residents association partly for this purpose, as it was likely to be a combination of self-funding & possible grants.

However, in the first instance they are seeking advice on the legality of their proposed solution and support both from DPC and NSC.

Councillors agreed to support local residents in finding a solution.

DPC offered to facilitate contact with NSC to get the necessary advice and help.

Clerk to provide support to residents on forming a Residents Association.

Clerk to forward information on possible grants.

A resident has been in touch about walkers using the playing field to exercise their dogs. This is inappropriate as it is a sports venue, also it is registered by NSC as a PSPO Dog Order, which prohibits dog walking. People using the field will be reminded of this via written note/ letter to windscreens, also NSC to be contacted about enforcement.

Councillors items

Cllr Waite noted that walkers on the Downs were not socially distancing, particularly in the car park. He has designed a notice to display as a reminder, Councillors welcomed this.

Cllr Laux raised the Dundry PC Facebook page, which was not well used as the 'Dundry Telegraph' is seen by residents as the page to use for information. It was agreed to close the parish FB page.

District Councillor Report:

No report submitted.

Finance

Monthly report sheets will be available at
http://www.dundry.org.uk/parish_council_documents.php

- (a) Proposed budget for 2021-21 & Precept was agreed (proposed Cllr J.Scott, 2nd Cllr S.Fiddian) – to be submitted to NSC as part of their budget process
- (b) The financial report for December was approved - (Proposed Cllr Fiddian, 2nd Cllr J.Scott)
- (c) Clerks time sheet provided to Cllr Laux
- (d) Payment of the following cheques was approved:

Clerk

100780	R.Moss	Salary & office expenses	£421.65
100781	Dundry Village Hall	Meetings & phone rental	£435.60

Meetings Attended

No meetings were attended during the holiday period.

Playing Fields

CVFC have provided a schedule of practice sessions & matches will be posted online as well as in the noticeboards.

Planning Applications Received –

20/P/2800/TPO	5 Beechcroft Dundry Bristol BS41 8LE	T1 - Beech - lift to 3m and thin by 20%, T2 - Beech, lift to 3.8m and thin by 20%, T3 Sycamore - lift by 3.4m and thin by 20%
20/P/3086/FUH	Cirrus 5 Andrus Drive Dundry Bristol BS41 8LJ	Proposed roof extension over existing garages and erection of a single storey front extension
20/P/3231/AGA	Land Off Winford Lane, Dundry	Proposed agricultural building for the storage of hay and machinery

Cllrs had no comments to make on the applications.

Planning applications that have been registered &/or determined were noted:

DPC meeting				DPC comment	NSC decision	
October 2020	20/P/2123/FUH	68 Dundry Lane Dundry BS41 8JG	Proposed first-floor side extension and Juliet balcony	No comment	Awaiting decision	
November 2020	20/P/2313/FUL	The Old Barn Upton Lane BS41 8NS	Variation of condition change cladding material	No comment	Approve	
	20/P/2424/HHPA	3 Dundry Lane Dundry BS41 8JH	Prior approval request single storey rear extension	Objection	Prior approval – refuse	
December 2020	20/P/2869/FUH	Bridge View Ham Lane BS41 8JA	Demolition of existing orangery, erection of side extension	Objection	Registered	
	20/P/2948/FUH	Church View Hill Road BS41 8JD	erection residential annexe	No comment	Registered	
	20/P/2803/FUL	Eds Barn West Dundry Lane	change of use of land from agriculture to	No comment	Registered	

		BS41 8LL	residential					
	20/P/2498/FUL	Colliters Brook Farm Bridgwater Road BS41 8JS	Proposed addition of single storey extension	No comment	Registered			
A report was provided by NSC of current enforcement actions being taken. It was noted that one had 'action pending' with a case open date of April 2017, also that a number of cases are currently suspended due to Covid, but have been open cases for a number of years. Clerk to write to NSC to voice councillors concerns about the lack of enforcement action. Cllr Laux has responded on behalf of DPC to the planning appeal by Bristol Airport, following their application for expansion being turned down.							Clerk	
<u>Reports</u> The Clerks report of actions from the last meeting was circulated & discussed.								
<u>Any other business</u> There was no further business, the meeting closed at 21.26 pm								
<u>Correspondence received from:</u> a. Somerset Bereavement Support Service b. News & Views from the VCSE Sector - November 2020 c. CPRE - Connecting with the countryside during lockdown 2.0 d. CPRE - What future do you want for this area e. Bristol Airport - Autumn 2020 - Local Community Newsletter f. West of England Spatial Development Strategy engagement g. NSC - Consultation for the proposed expansion of Ravenswood Special School h. West of England Placemaking Charter – Community Summit i. News From Carnegie UK Trust November 2020 j. NSC - Town & Parish Digest - November 2020 k. BHIB - Prepare for Snow & Ice this Winter - Free Checklist for Councils l. NSC - Supporting families affected by dementia in North Somerset m. Wessex Flood Warden Winter Preparedness Newsletter - December 2020 n. NSC - Draft Libraries Strategy o. NSC - PSPO Consultation p. A&S Police - December 2020 Newsletter q. Somerset Playing Fields' Association								

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 21.26 pm

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Abridged versions are available in the Parish News and in the Chew Valley Gazette.

The next full meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th February 2021

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda, please notify a councillor or the Clerk by Friday **29th January 2021**. 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.