

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 4pm

Following an online discussion on Monday 11th March at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: Councillors Holger Laux (chair), Tim Waite, Jim Scott, Steve McCarthy, Dave Hurford
Clerk: Robin Moss

Apologies – Cllr Fowles, Cllr Pearce, Cllr A.Waite (NSC)	Action & Decisions
<u>Chair's welcome and introduction</u> Cllr Laux welcomed all to the meeting. There was a discussion about returning to face to face meetings & it was agreed that the next meeting in April will be in the village hall.	
<u>Minutes of March 2023 PC Meeting</u> Proposed Cllr Waite, 2 nd Cllr Scott	
<u>Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch</u> # There has been some action taken at the turning circle by the Police, to curb anti-social behaviour. It appears a car has been seized as a result. # The Police have asked about dates to attend PC meetings. They will be asked to attend the May APM in the village hall.	
<u>Public Forum</u> # There has been a complaint about potholes & the general state of the roads coming in & out of the village. There was a discussion about how best to get NSC to do repairs, with continual reporting & reminding being suggested as a good strategy.	
<u>Councillors items</u> # Cllr Laux reported that there have been some problems with the website. The hosting company have been changing software, which is causing some temporary problems # There was a discussion about communicating with the village, as the parish magazine is no longer produced as a hard copy & the Chew Valley gazette is less comprehensive with it's news than in the past. It was suggested that the clerk look to creating an email distribution group for minutes & other information/ newsletters. # There was a discussion about the date of the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that it should be held prior to the May ordinary parish meeting. The Police should be invited to attend & report, also that it would be an opportunity to consult the village about the potential changing governance of the village hall. # Cllr Waite has been examining different precept rates & precept rises in nearby towns & parishes & found that Dundry's budget is low in comparison. It does appear that some towns & parishes, in Somerset & BaNES as well as NSC have been increasing (& in some cases doubling) precepts in response to the financial situation of unitary councils. While the precept for 2024-25 has already been agreed & sent to NSC for inclusion on general council tax bills & so is too late to change it was agreed to begin the discussion about what level the 2025-26 precept should be set, in light of potential increasing responsibilities.	Clerk
<u>District Councillor Report:</u> Cllr A.Waite sends her apologies. She has taken up a planning enforcement issue at Oxleaze, where action by NSC appears to be happening.	
<u>Playground</u> # Clerk has requested a repair quote from Kompan, to get the pendulum swings on the recreation ground repaired.	

Village Hall

Advice has been received from the Charity Commission that the Parish Council becoming the sole trustee, which is positive & advises that this can happen.

Clerk to look at any governing documents, so see if there needs to be wording changes to reflect the potential change from individual to corporate trustees.

This should be an agenda item at the APM, to inform & consult local residents about these potential changes.

Finance

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

- (a) The financial report for March 2024 was agreed - (Proposed Cllr Hurford 2nd Cllr Scott)
- (b) Payment of the following cheques was approved:

100872	R.Moss	February Salary & office expenses	£502.00
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Clerk

Meetings Attended

There will be an "Earth Day" event at the Village Hall on

Planning:

- a. Planning Applications received

24/P/0316/FUH	25 Dundry Lane BS41 8JH	Retrospective application for the creation of a new entranceway
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No objection

There was an update about enforcement on the Churchwell cottage site was discussed. NSC have been asked for an update on progress.

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

DPC meeting				DPC comment	NSC decision
December 2023	23/P/2540/ELE	Spring Lane Dundry Grid Ref: E 357550 N 166213	Repositioning of 2no. wooden poles within 12m of their current location	No comment	No objections
November 2023	23/P/2203/AOC	3 Dundry Lane BS41 8JH	Discharge condition 5 application 23/P/0168/MMA	No comment	Approve
February 2023	22/P/2785/OUT	Greenhills The Steps BS41 8JB	Outline application, erection of 1no. detached dwelling	Objection	Registered

Clerk

Reports

Clerks reported on other ongoing issues.

Clerk

Any other business

There was no further business, the meeting closed at 20.17 pm

Correspondence received from:

- a. Weekly newsletters from the Police & Crime Commissioner's Office
- b. Newsletters from CPRE – circulated
- c. Newsletters from VANS - circulated

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Meeting of Dundry Parish Council meeting held on Weds 13th March at 4pm, Dundry Village Hall

In attendance:

1	Minutes of March Parish Council Meeting - Agreed as a correct record Arrangements for the April meeting agreed, as a face to face meeting in the Village Hall.			Agreed
2	Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch – # There has been some action taken at the turning circle by the Police, to curb anti-social behaviour. It appears a car has been seized as a result. # The Police have asked about dates to attend PC meetings. They will be asked to attend the May APM in the village hall.			Agreed
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6	24/P/0316/FUH 25 Dundry Lane BS41 8JH Retrospective application for the creation of a new entranceway No objection			Agreed
7	The financial report for March was approved Payment of the following cheques was approved: 100872 R.Moss February Salary & office expenses £502.00			Agreed
	The meeting closed at 4.05 pm			

Copies of the full minutes of the meetings of Dundry Parish Council can be found on the village notice boards, on the parish website (www.dundry.org.uk) or obtained from

the Clerk, Mr Robin Moss – Tel: 01761 432224, email: parishclerk@dundry.org.uk

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 8th April 2024.

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda, please notify a councillor or the Clerk by Friday 29th March 2024. You can also raise matters in the Public Forum but, depending on subject matter, full discussion may have to be left to the following meeting.