

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.30pm

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

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

Apologies – Cllr Fowles, Cllr A.Waite (NSC)	Action & Decisions
<u>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</u> (1) There were 8 residents present as well as parish councillors. (2) Welcome from Cllr Laux & introductions (3) Chair's report – Cllr Laux reported on the last year & a number of issues affecting the village. These included the planning consent granted to Bristol Airport, the threat to the Green Belt and possible implications for the village, the continuing lobbying by the parish council to improve the state of the roads, the loss of the 672 bus service, how a gating order at Hill Road will hopefully deter anti social behaviour there, thanks to Chew Valley FC for listening to neighbours concerns about the use of the football pitches. The way the Parish Council communicates has changed, with the loss of the printed Parish News, but more information via social media & online. He finished by thanking everyone for their work in the village. A written copy of the full report is available on request. (4) The clerk outlined the Parish Council's financial position, which is healthy with adequate reserves. While there was an overspend in the 2023-24 financial year, this was due to the £10,000 contribution to the £20,000 cost of the new playground equipment. (5) There was a discussion about the future of the Village Hall. While the financial position of the hall was good, there will be maintenance works needed over the next 5-10 years, the number of regular ongoing users has dropped and the number of trustees is at the minimum required. The Parish Council have contacted the Charity Commission about becoming the corporate trustee, with a management committee to run day to day activities, bookings etc. It was proposed and agreed by residents at the meeting that this course of action would be a positive step forward. It was also reported that there had been a very successful Earth Day, good attendance with many activities, including a bat walk. It was intended to repeat next year. There was no other business, so the Annual Parish meeting closed	
<u>ORDINARY MEETING</u> <u>Chair's welcome and introduction</u> Cllr Laux welcomed all to the meeting.	
<u>Minutes of April 2024 PC Meeting</u> Proposed Cllr Waite, 2nd Cllr Pearce	
<u>Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch</u> # There have been no reports this month, but the local beat team are invited to meetings. Unfortunately because of shift patterns they were unable to make the APM.	
<u>Public Forum</u> # There has been an enquiry about using a bouncy castle on the grass outside the village hall. It was agreed that with any event it was acceptable as long as it did not go onto the pitches. The enquirer had also asked about public liability insurance. That would be the responsibility of the bouncy castle contractor.	Clerk

# There has been regular tipping near the Wells Road, this has been reported. # The Church have circulated information about a number of events taking place over the summer, including D-Day commemorations in June.																						
<u>Councillors items</u> # Cllr Laux reported that the problems with the website continue, but he is trying to resolve them. # A tree surgeon has looked at the instances of ash die back around the field, a quote has been requested to remove those trees affected. # There has been a request to financially support the cost of floodlights at the Church, particularly in the winter months. There was a discussion about the use of LED lights, which may have a capital cost but will save on running costs. # A number of nesting boxes for swifts are being installed at the church. It was agreed that the PC will fund one. # There are continuing complaints about the state of the roads in the village. These are being reported to NSC & residents are encouraged to report these themselves. # Cllr Waite updated progress with the diversity plan, there has been an initial walk with NSC officers & a future meeting with local residents is being organised. # The village road signs have not been cleaned for some time. Clerk to contact the village orderly to get this done.				Clerk	Clerk	Clerk																
<u>District Councillor Report:</u> Cllr A.Waite has arranged an officer visit to Churchwell cottage, subject to a number of planning concerns, the enforcement case has been re-opened & she will report back.																						
<u>Playground</u> # The clerk has been able to get an affordable quotes for the fencing around the play area. Some more suggestions were made about possible contractors, Clerk to follow up. # There is some ash die back in the trees around the recreation ground, which are overhanging & close to the footballing areas. Clerk to investigate remedial works.				Clerk																		
<u>Village Hall</u> # Following the report and discussion at the Annual Parish it was agreed that the PC would move to become the charitable trustee. Clerk to organise the change in management & responsibility.																						
<u>Finance</u> Monthly report sheets will be available at http://www.dundry.org.uk/parish_council_documents.php (a) The financial report for May 2024 was agreed - (Proposed Cllr Scott 2nd Cllr Waite) (b) Payment of the following cheques was approved: <table><tr><td>100875</td><td>Somerset Playing Fields Association</td><td>Annual subscription</td><td>£15.00</td></tr><tr><td>100876</td><td>R.Moss</td><td>Salary & office expenses – April 2024</td><td>£503.29</td></tr><tr><td>100877</td><td>F.M.Robinson</td><td>Verge cutting – annual 2023/24</td><td>£160.00</td></tr><tr><td>100878</td><td>PCAA</td><td>Annual subscription</td><td>£95.00</td></tr></table>				100875	Somerset Playing Fields Association	Annual subscription	£15.00	100876	R.Moss	Salary & office expenses – April 2024	£503.29	100877	F.M.Robinson	Verge cutting – annual 2023/24	£160.00	100878	PCAA	Annual subscription	£95.00	Clerk		
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<u>Meetings Attended</u> There were no meetings reported this month.																						
<u>Planning:</u> a. Planning Applications received <table><tr><td>24/P/0829/ TEN</td><td>Land At North Hill Farm East Dundry Lane BS41 8NJ</td><td>intention to install Electronic Communications Apparatus</td></tr><tr><td>24/P/0851/ HHPA</td><td>17 Dundry Lane BS41 8JH</td><td>Prior approval request for the erection of a single storey rear extension with a flat roof</td></tr></table>				24/P/0829/ TEN	Land At North Hill Farm East Dundry Lane BS41 8NJ	intention to install Electronic Communications Apparatus	24/P/0851/ HHPA	17 Dundry Lane BS41 8JH	Prior approval request for the erection of a single storey rear extension with a flat roof													
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24/P/0758/ FUH	North Hill Farm East Dundry Lane BS41 8NJ	Proposed alteration and extension of an existing outbuilding/garage			
There were no comments about any of these 3 applications.					
Planning applications that have been registered &/or determined were noted:					
DPC meeting				DPC comment	NSC decision
April 2024	24/P/0606/AGA	Oxleaze Farm Dundry	Prior approval erection new agricultural barn	No comment	Prior approval refused
	24/P/0556/FUH	North Hill Farm BS41 8NJ	Proposed alteration and relocation of vehicular access.	No comment	Approve
	24/P/0385/FUL	Land North Of North Hill Farm East Dundry Lane	Demolition of existing agricultural barn; erection of 1no. residential dwelling.	No comment	Registered
March 2024	24/P/0316/FUH	25 Dundry Lane BS41 8JH	Retrospective application for the creation of a new entranceway	No comment	Approve
Reports Clerks reported on other ongoing issues.					Clerk
Any other business There was no further business, the meeting closed at 20.41pm					
Correspondence received from: a. Weekly newsletters from the Police & Crime Commisioner's Office b. Newsletters from CPRE – circulated c. Newsletters from VANS - circulated					

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

The next full meeting of Dundry Parish Council will be a held on 10th June 2024, which will be the AGM.

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