

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

held on Monday 12th June 2023 at 7.00pm

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

Chair: Cllr Holger Laux

In Attendance: 20 parishioners

Cllrs Waite, Hurford, McCarthy, Fowles, Pearce, Scott,

Clerk: Robin Moss

1 Apologies.

Apologies from Cllr A. Waite (NSC)

2 Introductions

Cllr Laux introduced the councillors present.

3 Chairman's Report.

Cllr Laux reported on the previous year:

Roads in the village are in very poor condition, which is regularly reported to North Somerset Council (NSC)

Flytipping & waste management remains a problem. Fortunately the closure of the Backwell recycling centre was stopped, thanks to pressure from a number of parish councils.

The parish council continues to comment on planning applications in the village.

The campaign against the airport expansion has had some disappointing setbacks in the last year, with the appeal & subsequent judicial review going against the campaign by local residents, with other planning applications in the pipeline, but the campaigning by the PCAA continues.

The playground will be having an upgrade shortly, following a successful funding bid to NSC.

Cllr Laux thanked councillors, particularly Amanda Scott who has stood down & he welcomed Andy Pearce to the Parish Council. He also thanked local residents for their contributions, suggestions & input.

4 Financial Report and Precept Requirements.

The clerk reported on the financial situation, the precept requirement for the 2023-24 year & the budget return for 2022-23. The Parish Council is in a satisfactory financial position, but will be spending money in the short term for the playground refurbishment.

5 Playing fields

There was a full discussion about the current use of the playing fields, in particular Chew Valley Juniors football club, who train & play matches on the field. CVFC explained how their main match day was on a Sunday but that they trained during the week as well. They had taken a number of measures to improve parking, also to limit disruption to adjoining neighbours & are happy to listen to suggestions from residents. There were differing views on use of the field. It was emphasised that use of the field is open to all & that some of the anti-social issues are not to do with CVFC or local residents, but occasional users from outside the village, particularly some of the bad language that could be heard & rubbish left behind.

6 Village Hall

There was a discussion about the future for the Village Hall:

The financial position of the hall is good, but the level of participation has dropped considerably, from about 14 groups in the 1980s & 1990s, to 4 currently. There will probably be the need for approx. £100K of spending on the building over the next 10 years.

It was suggested that the Parish Council should take over the strategic running of the building, with a committee to run the hall on a day to day basis. A committee of parish councillors & local residents was set up to discuss options for the future.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.55 pm.

Copies of the minutes of the Dundry Annual Parish Meeting can be found on the parish website (www.dundry.org.uk) or obtained from the Clerk, Mr Robin Moss – Tel: 01761 432224, email: parishclerk@dundry.org.uk