

Dundry Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 4pm

Following an online discussion on Monday 11th December at 8.30pm

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

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

Apologies – Cllrs Hurford, Pearce, Cllr A.Waite (NSC)	Action & Decisions
<u>Chair's welcome and introduction</u> Cllr Laux welcomed all to the meeting.	
<u>Declarations of Interest by Councillors in items on the Agenda</u> none	
<u>Minutes of November 2023 PC Meeting</u> Proposed Cllr Waite, 2 nd Cllr Scott	
<u>Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch</u> # Residents of Hill Road have complained to NSC about the lack of action in installing promised signs, to deter anti-social users. Clerk to write to NSC in support.	
<u>Public Forum</u> # Concerns have been expressed about the road surface at the top of Dundry Lane. While this is scheduled for repair, warning signage should be in place for drivers. Clerk to write to NSC.	
<u>Councillors items</u> # There were no specific items raised.	
<u>Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006</u> Cllr Waite suggested a framework for this work, as a plan to encourage diversity should be in place by Jan 2024 Dundry Community Biodiversity Plan January 2024 Planning and engagement Engaging your communities' skills and knowledge. Survey & map local habitats and areas of environmental interest. Developing your plans Policies, action plans and practical projects for biodiversity. Resources available and funding opportunities. Delivery, implementation and practical tips Delivering your project and monitoring the results. Practical tips on managing land for biodiversity It was suggested that where the parish council had responsibility for grass & verge cutting frequency should be minimised, but taking into account safety. Residents should be encouraged to take a similar view.	
<u>Village Hall</u> # Clerk is meeting Lee Moore from the Village Hall trustees early in the new year, to discuss the issues & process. # The Clerk has contacted the Charity Commission about the Parish Council becoming the sole corporate trustee, asking for advice on potential issues & guidance on the process.	

District Councillor Report:

Cllr A.Waite gave her apologies. There was a discussion about the draft Local Plan and draft Corporate Plan that are now online and open for consultation. It was agreed that these items should be included in the January agenda.

Playground Fencing

Quotes have been sought for a number of local businesses for a new fence around the playground, one has been provided (£3710+VAT) & other site visits are being organised. The clerk is seeking other quotes & should ensure that where possible, existing gates & posts should be retained.

Finance

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

(a) The financial report for December 2023 was agreed - (Proposed Cllr xxx 2nd Cllr xxx)

(b) The draft budget for 2024-25 was discussed & will be confirmed at the January meeting.

(c) Payment of the following cheques was approved:

100868	R.Moss	November Salary & office expenses	£480.00
100867	Holger Laux	Reimbursement - padlocks	£26.38

Clerk**Meetings Attended**

There was a report from Cllr Waite concerning a footpath forum, held in November. While the content was interesting Cllr Waite did express concern that while NSC had promised support in the past, no actions had been taken about complaints as a result.

Planning:

a. Planning Applications received

23/P/2540/ELE	Spring Lane Dundry Grid Ref: E 357550 N 166213	Repositioning of 2no. wooden poles within 12m of their current location
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No comment was made.

Planning application 23/P/0029 FUH – Oxleaze – has been referred to appeal. It was agreed that the Parish's objections should be confirmed.

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

DPC meeting				DPC comment	NSC decision
November 2023	23/P/2203/AOC	3 Dundry Lane BS41 8JH	Discharge condition 5 application 23/P/0168/MMA	No comment	Registered
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:

A replacement noticeboard for outside the Church is being purchased.

Clerk**Any other business**

There was no further business, the meeting closed at 21.24 pm

Correspondence received from:

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

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In attendance: Cllrs Laux, Hurford & Clerk

1	Minutes of November Parish Council Meeting - Agreed as a correct record Arrangements for the January meeting agreed, as an online meeting with confirmatory meeting to follow.			Agreed								
2	Crime Report and Neighbourhood Watch – # Residents of Hill Road have complained to NSC about the lack of action in installing promised signs, to deter anti-social users. Clerk to write to NSC in support.			Agreed								
3	Public Forum & Councillor items – # Concerns have been expressed about the road surface at the top of Dundry Lane. While this is scheduled for repair, warning signage should be in place for drivers. Clerk to write to NSC. # It was agreed that a biodiversity plan for the village should be adopted, encouraging less frequent grass cutting & hedge trimming.			Agreed								
4	No Comment made			Agreed								
5	Planning – Application 23/P/0029 FUH – Oxleaze – has been referred to appeal. It was agreed that the Parish’s objections should be confirmed.											
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7	The financial report for December was approved The draft budget for 2024-25 was noted Payment of the following cheques was approved: <table><tr><td>100866</td><td>R.Moss</td><td>October Salary & office expenses</td><td>£480.00</td></tr><tr><td>100867</td><td>Holger Laux</td><td>Reimbursement - padlocks</td><td>£26.38</td></tr></table>			100866	R.Moss	October Salary & office expenses	£480.00	100867	Holger Laux	Reimbursement - padlocks	£26.38	Agreed
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	The meeting closed at xxxx 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 a discussion held online on Monday 8th January 2024 with a confirmation meeting held on 9th January 2024.

If parishioners would like something to be included on the agenda, please notify a councillor or the Clerk by Friday 29th December 2023. 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.