

# DUNSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting held in Village Green on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021

**Present:** Cllrs A Smallridge (chairman) P Hayes, H Phipps, M Gordon, Cllr Gardner and the Clerk Lynne Ogden.

In the absence of both the regular Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Councillors present voted **Cllr Andrew Smallridge as Chairman for the meeting**. Proposed: Cllr Hayes  
Seconded: Cllr Phipps Vote: Unanimous

**1. a) Apologies –** Cllrs P French, K Morris, C Heard, D Matthews, District Cllr Purser and County Cllr J Brook

**b) Declaration of Interest/ Register of Interests:** None

**2. Minutes of the Annual Council meeting and ordinary Council meeting held on May 4th 2021** had been distributed, were approved and were signed.

### **3. Progress Reports**

**3.1 Action Points from last meeting-** The majority of action points had been addressed or put on the agenda. The **outstanding actions** to be revisited in July are: -

- 1) Facebook link for the Recreation & Environment Group to be put on the website
- 2) Report back from Wicksteed regarding the rusty screws on the play equipment.
- 3) Plaque for bench in Village Green
- 4) Liaise with Tony Griffin re Council documents of interest to the Teign Valley History Group
- 5) Clerk to explore online banking for the Council

**Action Clerk**

**3.2 Clerk's report –** had been sent to all Cllrs. In addition, the Clerk updated the Council on a discussion re footpaths with Pete Rich DNP Warden.

**3.3 Reports from Steering Groups to be heard at the next meeting**

**3.4 County Cllr Brook reported that: -**

The council had its first full meeting on the 27th of May. Jeff Trail from Exmouth division was elected chairman for the ensuing year. I reported the all of the highway issues you had brought to my attention. Ines Pfister is the new highway engineer for our division.

**District Cllr Purser reported that: -**

Local plan now out for consultation please see website. Jobs plan has been developed. Major road improvements between Newton Abbot and A38 now approved with funding.

Annual council meeting held and Colin Parker new chair and Lorraine Evans Vice chair.

Welcome back fund now available - see website for details and any other grants. £344k grant funding for Tdc South Hams and West Devon to continue work on the rough sleepers initiative.

81 Moor Otters now around the area.

Teignmouth railway station 175 years old this week.

Please take a weekly or twice weekly lateral flow test easy to do and free.

**4. Correspondence:** - List of correspondence received by email listed overleaf. Plus, a late addition of an email from a resident concerning campers mistakenly arriving at his property. The Clerk will follow this up with the Campsite concerned.

**5. Finance 5.1.C/A £6062.79 as at 23/04/2021 BBI/A £1825.43 as at 09/04/2021**

**The Council resolved to pay the following invoices: -**

**5.2.** Clerk's Salary – 4 weeks x 10 hours a week - Gross pay £460

Net pay to Clerk £460 + expenses of £40.69 **Total to Clerk - £408.69 chq 1398**

**5.3** HMRC – Q1 tax payment - £299 chq 1399

**5.4** Graham Dicker for Village Green Maintenance (Feb/March) - £180 chq 1400

**5.5 Norris & Fisher Council Insurance - £349.07 chq 1401**

**5.6** Community Heartbeat – additional road signs - **£26.40 chq 1402**

**6. Village Green Report** – a) The Risk Assessment for outside areas had been circulated. The Council approved this. Proposed: Cllr Smallridge Seconded: Cllr Phipps Vote: Unanimous. However, the following points were noted 1) One of the bins is not fixed 2) A suggestion was that a sign informing users where to report a problem should be installed 3) Although there is a monthly report done at the meetings, perhaps this should be backed up by a completed form of some kind. Points 2 and 3 to be discussed at the next meeting.

b) The Council discussed the problem of children climbing the fence into other people's property. It was agreed to note down all thoughts and discuss more fully at the next meeting. (Whilst the Council were meeting a group of children climbed over the fence from Brimblecombes into the Village Green.) Two main thoughts were suggested 1) Place a sign saying Please do not climb on this fence 2) Use anti climb paint on the top of the fence and put a sign up saying it is there. Both have their disadvantages and further discussion is needed. Another avenue is being explored by Cllr Morris who is going to speak to the Head Teacher of the school.

**Action Clerk/Cllr Morris**

**7. Planning: Applications: 7.1. Teignbridge – 21/01035/HOU - Reedy Meadow Nursery, Dunsford – Raise roof and single storey extension. Decisions – 7.2 DNPA 0102/21 - Hayes, Dunsford - Erection of single storey side extension and timber cladding - Grant of conditional Planning permission 7.3** There was no new information for the Clerk to feedback from concerns that are ongoing. **7.4 Teignbridge – 21/00652/FUL - Land South of Pale gate –Agriculture storage barn - Grant of conditional Planning Condition**

**8. Council meetings update** – At this time, it is still uncertain what the Government guidance will be, other than the Council meetings must take place in person. Therefore, venues will be decided nearer the individual meetings.

**9. Photobook** – Cllr Hayes reported that there had been an initial surge in sales but things had calmed down a bit now. The Clerk reported that £1500 had been repaid into the Council Account from sales in the Dunsford Stores but no money from other sources. Cllr Hayes said there were several individuals who were selling copies and these would need to organise their monies to be paid in to the Clerk.

**Action Cllr Hayes /Clerk**

**10. Foodbank** – Cllr Heard had sent in the following report: -

The food bank update is that 2 families have been using it, one on a regular basis, the other just needed a one-off helping hand. Cllr Morris says there is a little left in the kitty, but not sure how much. She will confirm at the next meeting. It may be worth discussing whether or not we wish to appeal for monetary donations in order for the facility to continue into the future. This could be perhaps be put on the next agenda to discuss, if there's time?

**Action Cllrs Heard and Morris**

**11. Matters Brought Forward by the Chairman** – a) Reedy Hill and Boyland Lane were noted as Highways issues and these will be reported in the June meeting with the Highways representative. b) The Three Parish meeting will take place on June 17<sup>th</sup> and there was a general agreement that it would be good for the Parishes to work together more often. c) It was noted that there was still an issue of speeding cars and also the problem of cars blocking the road to drop children off at school.

**12. Date of next meeting Tuesday July 6th 2021 (Venue to be confirmed)**

**There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.41 pm**

**Signed as a true record..... Cllr P French (Chairman)**

**Date .....**

**Email circulation during the past month**

- Planning applications and decisions from DNPA and Teignbridge
- Rural Services Network Bulletin plus Funding Digest
- DALC newsletters
- Continued Corona Virus Updates from Devon County Council, DALC, Devon Community Trust, DNPA
- Press release on Census 2021
- Info. on Devon Climate Assembly
- Insurance Renewal Invitation Letter
- Various emails regarding Children trespassing in woods north of Court (Cawte) Field
- DCC Parish and Town Council Highways newsletter (Spring)
- PSGA update
- Email from Parishioner regarding blocked path between Steps Bridge and Thomas Cleave