

# DUNSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting held in Village Hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021

**Present:** Cllrs P French (chairman), P Hayes, M Gordon, C Heard, D Gardner, D Matthews and the Clerk Lynne Ogden.

**1. a) Apologies** – District Cllr Purser, Cllrs Morris, Smallridge and Phipps. The Chairman and Clerk had also had a letter of resignation from Cllr Phipps.

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

**2. Minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held on July 6th 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 following **outstanding actions** are still being processed and will be revisited in September. These are: -

- 1) Facebook link for the Recreation & Environment Group to be put on the website
- 2) Liaise with Tony Griffin re Council documents of interest to the Teign Valley History Group
- 3) Clerk to explore online banking for the Council **Action Clerk**

**3.2 Clerk's report** – had been sent to all Cllrs.

**3.3 District Cllr Purser sent the following report:** -

The dog control public places order is on website asking for comments.

The Local plan consultation is nearing the end of 8-week period for comments.

A Better health campaign is being launched to encourage all of us to be healthier.

The National lottery has a village hall grant scheme if you are seeking funds.

**3.4 Housing & Infrastructure steering Group** - Cllr French updated the Council and reported that Architects are being interviewed and it is hoped that some local ones can be included. He read out the latest update to be posted on the website. This was approved by the Council. A discussion took place on the process itself and the sites concerned. Cllr French clarified some points for Cllrs who had not been involved from the very beginning.

**3.5 Emergency Planning Steering Group** – Nothing to report

**3.6 Recreation & Environment Steering Group** – Nothing to report.

**3.7 Devon Communities Together Climate Emergency** – Cllr French had previously circulated information to all the Council. He reported that the presentation by Elliott Fairs was particularly good. It was noted that farmers are about to lose some of the payments they had been receiving. This will be phased over the next five years and a change in approach to farming is needed. It is hoped that councils will work with their farmers to assist with environment grants. The Clerk was asked to

put this on the agenda for September. It was also agreed to review the statements the Council made when it declared a Climate Emergency. **Action Clerk**

**4. Correspondence: - List of correspondence received by email listed overleaf.**

**5. Finance 5.1.C/A £5286.60 as at 19/07/2021 BBI/A £1825.47 as at 09/06/2021**

**Income - £390 from Dunsford Stores (sales of Photo Book)**

**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 £368 + expenses of £30.49 Total to Clerk - £398.49 chq 1408**

**5.3 Dunsford Stores for Food bank - £139.55 chq 1409**

**6. Village Green Report** – a) Cllr Matthews reported that Cllr Morris had officially handed over the monitoring to him and he had been briefed by her. The Clerk had looked at bin enclosures and the Council agreed that it would be better to use a structure more like a log store. This would have an open front but still have the roof to help stop rain going in the bins. Cllr Matthews reported that there was a lot of dead wood in the large tree which needs attention and a reminder that the lamp needed mending. Cllr Gardner said he would organise the mending of the lamp. Quotes will be required for the tree pruning. It was also noted that a metal clasp on the rope climb had come loose. The Clerk will contact Wicksteed. b) A discussion took place about having water and power available in the Green to clean the play equipment. The Council would consider funding the installation if it could use the facility twice a year. An isolator would be required to prevent others using it.

**Proposed: Cllr French Seconded: Cllr Heard Vote: Unanimous** Cllr Heard will take this proposal to the next meeting of the Village Hall management Committee.

**Action Clerk/Cllrs Matthews/Heard**

**7. Planning: - Applications: - None**

**Decisions: – None**

**8. TALC** – The Council had all received the email sent by Robert Wakeling but felt it wasn't a concern to be discussed by this Council.

**9. Photobook** – Cllr Hayes reported that sales had slowed down and she would be marketing it before Christmas. The outstanding balance, presently being funded by the Council, was £866. One more cheque was given to the Clerk.

**Action Cllr Hayes /Clerk**

**10. Foodbank** – There had been no more activity since the last invoice. A small balance remains available for use. Review next month but it may be time to wind down.

**11. Telephone Box in the village** – a discussion took place and it was noted that the box was falling into disrepair. There was still a working phone in it but no one was sure how often it was used. The Clerk was asked to contact BT to clarify the situation.

**12. National Bus Strategy – stakeholder consultation** – The Council discussed and informed the Clerk of its response to be submitted. **Action Clerk**

**13. Matters Brought Forward by the Chairman** – a) There were overgrown bushes by the Old School House bank. Cllr Gordon offered to approach the owners and offer to cut back for them b) A Cllr had received a concern from a resident about the Housing Project – they were worried about an increase in traffic as the Village increased and also about the disappearance of ancient orchards. This was noted by the Councillors on the Housing and Infrastructure Group. c) It was requested that Lengthsman duties and possible funding was put on the next agenda. Meanwhile, Cllr Matthews will follow up the works needed at Thomas Cross with the landowners. d) It was noted that the Parish noticeboard could be a potential hazard for school children walking along the path e) A resident had made a Cllr aware that the rubbish bin in the centre of the village was smelling in the hot weather. f) There had been a successful Defibrillator training session on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Cllr Morris for providing this free of charge. g) The Tour of Great Britain is passing through Dunsford in September. The Clerk will post information on this. h) The Council were made aware of a couple having their wedding reception in the Village Hall wishing to use the Village Green as well. The Council had no objection as long as all litter was removed afterwards. The couple concerned are aware that the green is a public space and may not be totally private.

**14. Date of next meeting Tuesday September 7th 2021** (venue to be confirmed)  
**There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 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
- Email from TALC/Robert Wakeling
- DCC information from Cllr Brook
- Information regarding scams
- Resilience Forum Event information
- Devon Wide Local Climate Emergency Network information plus update
- Appointments to DNPA
- Census Outputs Consultation information
- Peninsula Transport information
- National Bus Strategy consultation
- Working with Councils to close Literacy gaps
- Information from DNPA Enforcement Officer
- Cabinet member report from Cllr Brook
- Email from Robert Wakeling