

DUNSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Village Hall dressing rooms on Tuesday 7th September 2021

Present: Cllrs P French (chairman), K Morris, P Hayes, D Gardner, D Matthews, A Smallridge and the Clerk Lynne Ogden.

1. a) Apologies – District Cllr Purser, Cllrs M Gordon, C Heard.

b) Declaration of Interest/ Register of Interests: None

2. Minutes of the ordinary Council meeting held on August 3rd 2021 had been distributed, were approved and were signed.

3. Progress Reports

3.1 Action Points from last meeting- a) The Clerk hopes to meet with Tony Griffin soon re documents for the Teign Valley History group. All other points are either, completed, ongoing or on the agenda. **Action Clerk**

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

3.3 District Cllr Purser sent the following report: -

The Teignbridge 7-point recovery plan has been agreed by O and S committee and will go next to the Executive. These 7 projects cover training support for business, transport hubs, recycling campaign, suppliers to Tdc, review of best 2020 process, improved engagement with the community and voluntary sector and a combined data analysis pilot.

Local cycling and walking infrastructure plan is now out for consultation.

As you will be aware there is a shortage of HGV drivers which is impacting on refuse collection and there may be delays. Currently some 10 vacancies so if anyone knows an HGV driver looking for a job send them to Tdc.

Finally covid rates still high so please take all sensible precautions.

3.4 Housing & Infrastructure steering Group - Cllr French reported that there had been no meeting in the last month as they were waiting from an update from Hastoe.

3.5 Emergency Planning Steering Group – Nothing to report

3.6 Recreation & Environment Steering Group – Nothing to report.

3.7 Reports from other meetings attended by Cllrs - None

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

5. Finance 5.1.C/A £5506.11 as at 17/08/2021 BBI/A £1825.51 as at 09/08/2021

Income - £830 from sales of Photo Book. £318.70 from Devon Wildlife Trust as contribution to emptying of Steps Bridge dog bin

The Council resolved to pay the following invoices: -

5.2. Clerk's Salary – 5 weeks x 10 hours a week - Gross pay £575

Net pay to Clerk £460 + expenses of £30.49 Total to Clerk - **£490.49 chq 1410**

5.3 Village Hall MC for room hire - £56 chq 1411

6. Village Green Report – a) Cllr Matthews reported that a temporary repair had been done to the lower net of the rope walk and Cllr Gardner had mended the lamp. The edges of the Green need strimming or spraying as they are covered in nettles. b) We are still waiting for quotes for the bin covers and another person was suggested who may be able to help. Cllr Morris will speak to him. c) Outstanding tasks update; - We are still waiting to hear back from Wicksteed about parts for the play area. The Clerk will chase this up; Power for the outside will be discussed at the Village Hall MC meeting on 14/09/2021 so will be on the Parish Council agenda for October; Tree pruning needs to be organised.

Action Clerk/Cllrs Matthews/Heard/Morris

7. Planning: -7.1 Applications: - Teignbridge – 21/01922/NPA – Ford Cottage Dunsford – Application for Prior Approval under Part 3 Class Q (a) and (b) and paragraph W of the GDPO for change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling. The Council discussed this and decided not to do a site visit but a proposal to keep it as ancillary to the main dwelling was put. Vote 3 for 2 against and 1 abstention. **7.2 Decisions: – None**

The Council generally discussed the conversions of barns to dwellings as there had been several in Dunsford in the recent years. The Council hopes not to see as many in the future.

8. Photobook – Cllr Hayes reported that there are still some copies left although the majority have been sold. **Action Cllr Hayes**

9. Foodbank – No one has used this in the last month.

10. Local Farming Community – Cllr French attended a Devon Communities Together meeting on Climate change. He explained that they were told that Farmer's payments were being phased out and, in the future, they would have to demonstrate that they were helping the environment to get a payment and that Councils may be able to help with ideas, signposting to local Environmental groups etc. Cllr French suggests this becomes part of the remit of the new Climate Change Committee (see item 12).

11. Telephone Box in the village – The Clerk reported that she has been in touch with BT and this has been added this to their 2022 painting programme.

12. Climate Emergency Statement – The Councillors had all been sent the original declaration made with some articles on suggestions for a way forward. A discussion was had after reviewing the Dunsford Carbon figures via the ACT (Action on Climate in Teignbridge) website, subsequently, it was proposed that a committee for Climate Emergency Action was needed. Proposed: Cllr French. Seconded: Cllr Hayes. Vote Unanimous. Cllr French will lead and prepare its Terms of Reference. It will be put on the agenda for October. It is hoped that Members of the public will also be involved. The Clerk was instructed to advertise this fact in the Parish magazine. **Action Cllr French and Clerk**

13. Lengthsman – Cllr Matthews reported that E. Fairs is willing to continue this year at the same rate and hours as last year. The grant received from Devon County Council will contribute to funding this. Various tasks were discussed. Cllr Matthews will continue to liaise with the Lengthsman each month to organise tasks to be undertaken. The Clerk will liaise with the tenant farmer to confirm that work can continue on the edge of his land. The Chairman thanked Cllr Matthews and others who contribute to enable this work to happen.

Action Cllrs Matthews/Smallridge/Gardner and Clerk

14. Matters Brought Forward by the Chairman – a) Highways – a report that the hedge near the right hand turn to the valley road is overgrown, making it difficult to see oncoming traffic. b) The clerk has been notified by Teignbridge that no election was requested and the Council can now advertise to co-opt a new Cllr. The closing date will be October 29th to allow it to be posted in the Parish magazine. c) Cllr Morris requested that if anyone who could help with tending the flowerbeds, it would be appreciated. d) Cllr Hayes will not be carrying out the footpath check this year as we are still waiting for last years’ tasks to be completed. e) Cllr Hayes informed the Council that Mary Tavy have organised a Community Compost scheme and it might be good to consider this for Dunsford. f) The Clerk will cancel the Zoom subscription for next year as the Council are meeting in person again. The account will finish at the beginning of November but could be activated again if the situation changes. g) It was noted that the Rural skip will be missed.

Action Clerk

15. Date of next meeting Tuesday October 5th 2021 in the Village Hall dressing rooms
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
- Devon Community Trust information
- Citizens Advice Information
- Community Action map
- DNP Authority meeting