

DUNSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Village Hall dressing rooms on Tuesday 5th October 2021

Present: Cllrs P French (chairman), K Morris, P Hayes, D Gardner, D Matthews, A Smallridge, C Heard, M Gordon, County Cllr J Brook and the Clerk Lynne Ogden.

1. a) Apologies – District Cllr Purser

b) Declaration of Interest/ Register of Interests: None

2. Minutes of the Council meeting held on September 7th 2021 had been distributed, were approved and were signed.

3. Progress Reports

3.1 Action Points from last meeting- Ongoing actions are: - a) Climbing frame replacements b) Covers for waste bins in Village Green c) Power for Village Green d) tracking conditional planning decisions. **Action Clerk/Cllr Morris**

3.2 Clerk's report – had been sent to all Cllrs, with additions, including a reminder to Councillors to revisit and adhere to the Code of Conduct.

3.3 a) District Cllr Purser sent the following report: A few items from Teignbridge. Newton Abbot Bradley lane to be developed after many years of discussion. Should provide 40% social / affordable housing.

Walking and cycling consultation has closed.

TDC no current fuel issues for refuse vehicles.

Dogs now allowed on beaches

Stoptober, stop smoking campaign now live, see online help to give up smoking.

Flu and covid jabs now available.

72 room Travelodge agreed for Newton Abbot

Platinum Jubilee website open for Queen's jubilee in 2022.

b) County Cllr Brooks reported that: - There has been a huge amount of work carried out towards rectifying the situation in the Children and Young people sector. This has been rated inadequate by OFSTED with the main problems being the lack of Social Workers and Foster Carers.

Covid numbers in schools are not huge and the Vaccine Programme is being rolled out.

The number of apprentices has dropped.

Highways are 33 members of staff short.

Climate change is still being addressed. But meeting targets in the following year, without funding, is going to be difficult. The biggest contribution is going to be how each individual runs their lives.

The Okehampton rail line is near to opening – Connectivity is very important so other rail locations are being looked at. Devon is also revisiting the A303 and M5 issues.

Cllr Brook also took questions from the Council regarding road closures and gritting routes.

3.4 Housing & Infrastructure steering Group - Cllr French reported that the group hadn't met since the last PC meeting but that they had received a report from Hastoe. This was shared with the Council and will be published in the usual manner.

Action Clerk

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 – Cllr Matthews had met with the Farmer/Landowner re the issue with drainage at Thomas Cross. He had been very helpful in agreeing to carry out works which will hopefully address the situation. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to him. The Chairman thanked Cllr Matthews for organising this. The possibility of using some of this land to create a carpark was raised and it was requested to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action Clerk

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

5. Finance 5.1.C/A £6597.79 as at 21/09/2021 BBI/A £1825.53 as at 09/09/2021

Income - £570 from sales of Dunsford Book and £750 grant from Highways for Lengthsman duties.

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 1412**

5.3 HMRC – Q2 tax payment - **£322 chq 1413**

5.4. Vision ICT – Website Hosting + support Sept. 21 – August 22 - £210 chq 1414

5.5 DALC invoice for training not received – put to next agenda

5.6 Elliott Fairs – Lengthsman duties - £125 chq 1415

5.7 Budget 2022-2023 – All Cllrs had been sent the budget and actual figures for last year and the budget and spending, so far, for this year. An initial discussion took place.

5.8. Q2 Reconciliation – This had been circulated to all Cllrs, was approved and signed by the Chairman and RFO.

6. Village Green Report – The Chairman congratulated Cllr Matthews on the birth of his son, Miles. a) Cllr Mathews reported that he had not been able to give the Village Green much attention this month but Cllr Smallridge and the Clerk had visited it and all looked in order, except for the action needed on the Climbing frame and rope walk. The Clerk is in touch with Wicksteed about this and they have stated that the repairs will be covered under the warranty. Cllr Smallridge has dealt with the weeds. Cllr Morris has not been able to speak to the person re the cover for the bins. **Action Clerk/Cllrs Matthews/Morris**

7. Planning: - Applications: **7.1 Teignbridge 21/02078/FUL** Corridge Farm, Dunsford. Lean-to extension to existing agricultural building. **7.2. Teignbridge 21/02187/AGR** – Halstow, Tedburn St Mary – Erection of a general purpose agricultural building . The Council had no objection to either of these applications. **Decisions:** – None

8. Photobook – There are still some copies available. Cllr Hayes will re-advertise .
Action Cllr Hayes

9. Foodbank – This has not been used in the last two months so Cllr French proposed that the fund should be closed and the remaining council money be put back into ordinary Council funds. This was seconded by Cllr Morris Vote: Unanimous

10. Co-option of new Councillor – A discussion on the process took place and the Clerk was asked to contact and send details to those who had shown an interest. **Action Clerk**

11. Telephone Box in the village – The Clerk had been informed that the bulb and shade also needed attention and had contacted BT to request this. This, like the painting, is to be added to the appropriate programme of actions for BT for 2022.

12. Climate Emergency Steering Group – Cllr French has produced a Terms of Reference for this group.(TOR) The clerk has also received an email from a resident volunteering to help. The chair requested that this be acknowledged. **Action Cllr French and Clerk**

13. Lengthsman – Cllr Matthews reported that he had met with E.Fairs and they had discussed the priorities of drains needing attention. These had been addressed and the Lengthsman’s report had been forwarded to all Cllrs.
Action Cllrs Matthews/Smallridge/Gardner and Clerk

14. Domestic Energy Efficiency Workshop – A discussion took place and the Council agreed that it would be good to host a workshop. The date of 25th November was agreed and the Clerk was asked to book the Village Hall and arrange publicising the event along with Cllrs French and Morris. **Action Clerk/Cllrs French and Morris**

15. Training – The Council discussed the training requests from the Clerk for DALC Conference and Responding to Planning Applications. Cllr Morris proposed that the Council should fund these and it was seconded by Cllr Hayes. Vote: Unanimous. **Action Clerk**

16. Matters Brought Forward by the Chairman – a) The Clerk had been informed that the Church had received a Silver Eco Award this year and that a service centred around Climate Change was taking place on Sunday 17th October at 10:30 and everyone is welcome. b) a Cllr had been asked to speak to a resident about the tidiness of their garden. The Council agrees that, as it was private land, it was not the Council business to do this .c) Grass is being dumped on the grass verge. Cllr Hayes will attempt to address this. d) There are still issues of inconsiderate parking and speeding in the Village. e) Re the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

– TDC has launched its website and Cllr Morris said that the Village Gardens will be planted with red, white and blue flowers. **Action Clerk**

17. Date of next meeting Tuesday November 7nd 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 – Devon Diamonds/ Domestic Energy Efficiency Workshop/new funding available
- Devon Climate Emergency newsletter
- Cabinet Office Webinar information
- Dartmoor national Park Byelaws consultation
- Wild About Teignbridge information
- DNPA committee meeting information
- ACT newsletter