

DUNSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Village Hall dressing rooms on Tuesday 2nd November 2021

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

1. a) Apologies – Cllr Hayes, District Cllr Purser and County Cllr Brooks

b) Declaration of Interest/ Register of Interests: None

2. Minutes of the Council meeting held on October 5th 2021 had been distributed, were approved and were signed.

3. Progress Reports

3.1 Action Points from last meeting- All completed except those within the agenda.

3.2 Clerk's report – and meeting with Highways had been sent to all Cllrs.

3.3 a) District Cllr Purser sent the following report: With covid levels still high I do not think it right to travel to up to 8 parish meetings a month at present so please accept my apologies.

Again not a lot to report in respect of the Teign valley and Teignbridge.

Obviously issues with Devon County failing to keep drains clear with no regular maintenance.

Consultation about to start re potential renewable energy sites in Teignbridge re solar and wind. Please see website if you wish to comment.

Good news on empty homes, the number has been reduced from 735 in 2009 down to a current 305.

Changes on the executive with Andrew MacGregor going and as yet no replacement.

3.4 Housing & Infrastructure steering Group - Cllr French reported that they have met with Hastoe and discussed criteria for payment. A discussion took place and there was some concern over a possible method of payment. Cllr French will report this back to Hastoe. He also said that the owner of site 5 is willing to talk if the present site being considered falls through. The question was asked why cannot all sites be considered at the same time. The answer is that there is a cost incurred for each site investigated in what is a fairly complex process. It was suggested that a time frame does need to be considered. The good news is that Mary Ridgeway, from Teignbridge, who was considering leaving has now decided to stay. She is very experienced in these matters and is an asset to the Group. At the last meeting of the Housing and Infrastructure Group, a lot of people were ill so it was not possible to have a quorate meeting. Cllr Hayes shared the update with the other person present and then the meeting was closed. Cllr French read the update to the Council for their approval. It was agreed to publish this.

3.5 Emergency Planning Steering Group – This group has been put on hold till the New Year due to the ill health of the lead Cllr.

3.6 Recreation & Environment Steering Group – It is hoped that this will begin in the new Year. **Cllr Hayes**

3.7 Climate Emergency Steering Group – The draft Terms of reference had been sent to all Councillors. Cllr Gordon proposed that these be approved and it was seconded by Cllr Heard. Vote: Unanimous. Cllrs Gordon, Matthews and Morris volunteered to be part of the Group with Cllr French. One member of public has shown an interest in joining so far. **Cllr French**

3.8 Reports from other meetings attended by Cllrs – Cllr Heard had a brief meeting with Ilona English re the decoration of the Village Hall.

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

a) With reference to the email from Devon Communities Together, it was agreed that Cllr Morris should put an entry of Dunsford Stores forward for a bauble on their charity Christmas tree. She will also speak to the Church to see if they would like to enter one. The Clerk thanked her for agreeing to do this. **Action Cllr Morris**

b) Liz Robin had informed the Council about the options open to them regarding the renewal, or otherwise, of the defibrillators. Cllr Smallridge proposed to continue with the current contract with Heartbeat. This was seconded by Cllr French. Vote: Unanimous. The use of paediatric pads was also discussed and the Council agreed that advice on this should be sought from Heartbeat and followed appropriately.

5. Finance 5.1.C/A £10782.25 as at 21/10/2021 BBI/A £1825.53 as at 09/09/2021
Income – 2nd half of precept

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 £39.48 Total to Clerk - **£407.48 chq 1416**

5.3 DALC – AGM and Responding to planning training - £76 chq 1417

5.4. Elliott Fairs – Lengthsman duties (October) - £125 chq 1418

5.5 Defibrillator payment deferred to December

5.6 Budget 2022-2023 – Further discussion took place.

6. Village Green Report – Cllr Matthews reported that in his inspection everything looked fine apart from the following a) some weeds have started to grow back b) one of the catches on the gate is coming off. The Clerk reported that Wicksteeds should be carrying out the maintenance to the climbing frame and rope walkway in the near future. Cllr Morris is still waiting to hear back from the person who may be able to help with covers for the bins. Power to the outside in the Village Green still needs to be addressed with the Village Hall Management Committee. **Action Clerk/Cllrs Matthews/Morris/Heard**

7. Planning: - Applications: - 7.1 DNPA 0580/21 – Clifford Barton, Drewsteignton – Installation of a wood fired stove in existing disused ground floor fireplace with new stainless-steel flue protruding through the roof. **7.2 Teignbridge 21/02255/AGR** – Corridge Farm, Dunsford – Polytunnel for general agricultural storage – Request for Prior approval – Teignbridge stated that insufficient information has been provided. **Decisions: - 7.3 – DNPA 0301/21** – Felspar, Dunsford – Replace glass conservatory roof with slate roof – Grant of conditional planning permission. **7.4 DNPA 03002/21** – Felspar, Dunsford -Replace glass conservatory roof with slate roof and replace internal window with door – Grant of Listed Building Consent. **7.5 Teignbridge 21/02187 AGR – Halstow, Tedburn St Mary** – Erection of general-purpose agricultural building – Prior Approval not required.

8. Photobook – There are some copies left. All councillors were asked to spread the word for a final push to sales before Christmas. **Action Cllr Hayes/All Cllrs**

9. Devon Communities Together AGM – no Cllrs are able to attend. **Clerk to send apologies.**

10. Co-option of new Councillor – All Cllrs had received the letters of application. A vote was taken and the decision that Hayley Smith will be offered the post. **Action Clerk**

11. Lengthsman – A report had been received of work done in November. Cllr Matthews reported that there was subsidence next to Green Bridge which had been cordoned off. The Clerk will ask Highways about this. Cllr Matthews requested to join the Clerk when she meets with Highways next. **Action Cllrs Matthews/Smallridge/Gardner and Clerk**

12. Domestic Energy Efficiency Workshop – This event has been advertised. Volunteers were requested and Cllrs Gordon and Morris offered. It was decided to keep things simple and not offer refreshments on this occasion. **Action Clerk/Cllrs French, Morris and Gordon**

13. Noticeboard - A further discussion took place about the Board being a hazard. Two suggestions were made 1) Move the boards 2) Put something in place that would cover the pointed edge of the board (a rounded post or something similar). The hazard warning tape that was put in place as a temporary measure was removed by an unknown person, twice. The Council were disappointed that this had happened but it was decided not to replace it as it was a waste of the Clerk's time. **Action Cllrs Matthews/Gardner and the Clerk**

14. Consideration of a car Park in the Village – This was discussed and Cllr French updated new Cllrs with what had been requested and vetoed by Dartmoor National Park in the past. The majority of the Council were happy to explore this again and the Clerk was asked to add it to a letter being sent to the Landowner. **Action Clerk**

15. Matters Brought Forward by the Chairman – a) Cllr Smallridge asked for permission to purchase some more Gallup spray b) Speed is still an issue. A child ran out of school, in front of a car. Luckily no one was hurt. **Action Clerk**

**16. Date of next meeting Tuesday December 7th 2021 in the Village Hall dressing rooms
There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45 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 Digests
- DALC newsletters
- Continued Corona Virus Updates from Devon County Council, DALC, Devon Community Trust, DNPA
- Climate and Emergency TOR from Cllr French
- District Cllr Purser's report
- Website enquiry
- Applications for Cllr vacancy (to be circulated on Monday 1st November)