

DUNSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Village Hall dressing rooms on Tuesday 1st February 2022

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

Three members of the public attended.

1. a) **Apologies – District Cllr Purser, Cllr H Smith**
b) **Declaration of Interest/ Register of Interests:** None

2. Minutes of the Council meeting held on January 4th 2022 had been distributed, were approved and were signed.

3. Progress Reports

3.1 Action Points from last meeting- Most of the Clerk's actions completed.

Landowner still needs to be contacted re Highways issue and a couple of queries raised in Matters brought forward to be answered.

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

3.3 District Cllr Purser sent the following report: -

Covid rules have changed again with lifting of restrictions although care for your own safety is still advised.

Omicron hospitality and leisure grants for businesses are available and up to £6000 per business. Please apply online.

There are changes coming from BT, albeit 2026 on when the use of copper wire for analogue phones will change. This may well affect those people who have broadband through a copper wire supply, even if only a short length from a cabinet and also businesses who have a mini exchange run through copper wire. I am researching this further and will keep you updated.

Not too late to complete garden birdwatch.

County Cllr Brook reported that: - There are going to be 2.99% increases in the Council tax which will result in a £45 increase for Band D householders. Part of this money is to be ringfenced for Adult Social Services. Highways have a very small increase. The SEN debt situation still exists and children are now to be looked after till the age of 25 years and there is no increase to deal with this.

The Climate Change Scrutiny meeting has taken place and things are slowly being implanted. As things progress there is a real danger of rural areas being left behind with more electric cars and less diesel and petrol vehicles. The majority of workers in rural areas need vehicles to work. It is important that people are kept informed and made aware of the impact it will have on them.

There is still some money left in the locality budget for Parishes to bid for.

3.4 Housing & Infrastructure steering Group – There has been a meeting with Hastoe and a group meeting in the last month. Cllr French updated the Council and he and Cllr Morris answered questions from other Cllrs. The Council was reminded that the

purpose of the Housing & Infrastructure group was to oversee the process rather than push any particular actions forward. This would help ensure that Dunsford can have a say in how things progress. An update will be published on the website and noticeboards.

Action Cllr French/Clerk

3.5 Emergency Planning Steering Group – Cllr Heard reported that a meeting will take place on February 15th.

Action Cllr Heard

3.6 Recreation & Environment Steering Group – It was decided that this group should be put on hold for the present and will be revisited in the future.

Cllr Hayes

3.7 Climate Emergency Steering Group – At the last meeting it was recommended that the name be changed to The Dunsford Climate Initiative and this was accepted by the Council. Cllr Gordon has agreed to redraft Dunsford’s Climate Emergency Statement and link the points with tasks that are measurable. Alison Arnold will help to produce an article for the magazine each month. This will be sent to the Clerk to submit with the Council news.

Cllrs French/Gordon and Alison Arnold

3.8 Reports from other meetings attended by Cllrs –

1. Cllr French attended a meeting with the Local Police. 12 Council reps. Attended and 3 policemen. Our link is John Ross.
2. Cllr Heard went to the Village Hall meeting and reported that the management committee will make a charge of £5 to the Council for the use of power and water to the Village Green once a year to clean the play equipment.
3. Cllr Matthews reported that he had heard from the Landowner at Thomas Cross and that he was still open to negotiation about a place for a carpark.

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

A letter of complaint has been received by the Council. The Clerk has acknowledged receipt and has circulated the letter to all Councillors. It will be dealt with in accordance with the recommended Complaints Procedure.

5. Finance 5.1.C/A £8048.84 as at 21/01/2022 BBI/A £1825.60 as at 10/01/2022

Income – Dunsford Book sale - £15 and DWT contribution to dog bin emptying -£223.65

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 £29.49 Total to Clerk - **£397.49 chq 1427**

5.3. Elliott Fairs – Lengthsman duties (January) - **£125 chq 1428**

5.4. The Clerk presented the Q3 reconciliation and it was signed by the Chairman

5.5 The Council discussed whether to join CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) and it was decided that there was not enough support for now from the Council to go ahead with this.

5.6 Mr C Robin – Remuneration for materials bought to re-site the noticeboard - **£15 chq 1429**

6. Village Green Report –Cllr Matthews reported that the Village Green is not being used much at the moment because of the weather but everything was fine. Nothing to report on the shelters for the bins. The tree pruning has been postponed due to the advice of the first person to give a quote. The other two companies were notified and are willing to be contacted in future. **Action /Cllrs Matthews/Morris**

7. Planning: - Applications 7.1 – Teignbridge 21/02739/CONSLT Pole near to Kelland Copse – Electricity works 7.2 – Teignbridge 22/00059/NPA Westview farm – 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 five dwellings Decisions - None

8. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations (June 2nd – 5th 2022) – This discussion was brought forward and Standing Orders were suspended to allow for discussion. It was decided that a working group would be formed to plan and formalise events but it is hoped that various events will take place on all four days. Cllr Morris will represent the Council and the following members of the public have agreed to be involved – Ilona English, Janet Beech and Susie Ursell. Any other people who would like to be involved are very welcome. The Clerk was asked to make sure information was put in the Parish magazine. **Cllr Morris/Clerk**

9. Policy Review- The Council discussed and agreed the wording for the Voting section of the Standing Orders. Another section will be addressed next meeting. **Action Clerk**

10. Lengthsman – The Clerk read out the lengthsman’s report for January. This will be shared with Highways at the meeting next week. **Action Clerk**

11. Annual Parish Meeting – The Council is exploring whether it would be appropriate to hold this event this year. Currently, a provisional date is an evening in the week beginning April 4th.

12. Training – sessions available from DALC had been made available to all Cllrs. Cllr Smith had made the Clerk aware that she would like to attend some training and the Council approved they would fund this. **Action Clerk**

13. Garden Party Nomination – The Council agreed to put forward John Saunders name, as past chairman, to DALC as their nomination for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

14. Matters Brought Forward by the Chairman – None

15. Date of next meeting Tuesday March 1st 2022 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, and DNPA.
- Email from resident re the TDC Plan and DNP
- Road works - Free Training for Cllrs info from Highways
- Play safety – notification of Play area inspection
- Devon Climate Emergency Newsletter
- Email from resident re noticeboards
- Email from resident re Platinum Jubilee
- Updated info for public bus service
- Devon Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) – various information.