

DUNSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Village Hall dressing rooms on Tuesday July 2nd 2024

Present: Cllrs P French (Chairman), K Morris, T Anderson, H Smith, A Arnold, R Squire, C Heard, P Lewis, District Cllr A Swain, County Cllr J Brook and the Clerk Lynne Ogden
0 members of the Public attended.

1. a) Apologies – Cllr Matthews and District Cllr Purser

b) Declaration of Interest/ Register of Interests: None

2. Minutes of the Council meeting held on June 4th 2024 had been distributed, were approved and signed.

3. Progress Reports

3.1 Action Points from last meeting- All actions completed

3.2 Clerk's report – had been sent to all Cllrs. There was no Highways meeting this month.

3.3 a) District Cllr Swain did not have anything to report as it was the period of Pre-election. **b) County Cllr Brook** reported that Devon had had an overspend of about £160 million on SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability). The Government has contributed £95 million which has helped but there is still a long waiting list for young people to be seen and numbers are increasing which will jeopardise the budget. He then asked the Council if they would support him giving an amount of his locality budget to Acorn, as it is a group that supports people in the whole area. Cllr French proposed that the Council support this; Cllr Morris seconded the proposal; VOTE: Unanimous

3.4 Housing Working Group – June report

The Housing working group met online 18/06/24 to discuss the latest developments. Key points note:

- Site 1 (located by Thomas Cross) has had a Planning in Principle granted, though it is worth noting that it is a grant of planning only in principle and based on high-level criteria - fully worked up details would need to be submitted by the developer and approved via the planning process to become a successful project.
- Site1 at Thomas Cross is not favoured by the parish and the HWG continue to be committed to providing affordable homes in the right location for the village and thus the position is to remain focused on delivering at Site 6.
- The recent grant of PIP at Site 1 does now present a commercial risk to the housing developer for the preferred site 6 and thus in the short term is to reduce it level of engagement until such a time the future on site 1 becomes clear. They remain committed to supporting the HWG and its position however, no further action can be taken until Site 1 full application has been submitted and determined.

A full summary of the situation was posted at Dunsford Show and can be found on the website.

An email has been received from the Agent of Site 1 and the landowner approached a Cllr at the Dunsford Show. This was discussed by the Council and it was agreed to contact them, offering to facilitate a public meeting where they could meet and speak to residents of the Village. **Action Clerk/Cllr French**

3.5 Dunsford Emergency Response Team (DERT) – Nothing to report **Action Cllr Smith**

3.6 The Dunsford Climate Initiative (DCI) – Nothing to report **Action Cllr Squire**

3.7 Reports from other meetings attended by Dunsford Cllrs - None

4. Correspondence: - List of correspondence received by email listed overleaf, including the following to be discussed a) Letter from the Chairman of Moretonhampstead PC re 20s Plenty campaign – The Council instructed the Clerk to reply saying they had considered this in the past and were interested in working with them b) Oldridge timber harvesting – this is unlikely to affect the Parish. The Clerk will check with Forestry England

5. Finance – Annual Governance and Accountability (AGAR)

5a) Q1 Reconciliation was presented to the Council, approved and signed by the Chairman and RFO

For information: - Period for the Exercise of Public Rights: – Monday 10th June to Friday 19th

Finance - Ordinary

5.1 C/A - £11,408.34 as at 20/05/2024 BBI/A - £1,852.49 as at 11/05/24

The Council resolved to pay the following invoices: -

5.2 Clerk's Salary – 4 weeks x 10 hours a week Gross pay £549.20

Net pay to Clerk £439.40 + expenses £32.49 = £471.89

Plus £40 owing to Clerk from error in invoice 24/05 Total to pay **£511.89 chq 1557**

5.3 Barry Green - Lengthsman's tasks for June - £125 chq 1558

5.4 HMRC – Q1 PAYE - £356.80 chq 1559

5.5 Information Commissioner's Office subs - £40 chq 1560

5.6 Devon Communities Together subs - £50 chq 1561

5.7 Society of Local Council Clerks subs - £144 chq 1562

5.8 Room hire for April/May - £59.50 chq 1563

5.9 Gazebo hire for Dunsford Show - £25 chq 1564

5.91 Dunsford PTFA for stall at Dunsford Show - £25 chq 1565

6. Village Green a) Monthly Report – a) No safety issues found on monthly inspection. Cllr Arnold had emptied and cleaned the bins. Recycling is still not being done properly.
b) Replacement benches – A discussion took place about the designs for them. Cllr Matthews will discuss with the contractor. **Action Cllr Matthews /Clerk**

7. Planning: - Applications: 7.1 DNPA – 24/0035 – Lewishill, Dunsford EX6 7AA- Works to trees

Decisions: 7.2 DNPA – 0168/24 – Dunsmead House, Brownings Mead, EX67JJ - Convert garage into residential accommodation for ancillary use – Grant of conditional planning permission.

7.3 Teignbridge District Council – 24/00811/NPA – Westview Farm – Application for Prior Approval under Part 3 Class Q (a) and (b) paragraph W of the GPDO for change of use of three agricultural buildings to three dwelling houses – **Grant of Request for Prior Approval**

7.4 DNPA – 0169/24 – Langapark, Dunsford, EX67HE – Confirmation that planning permission ref: 0700/01 is still extant.

8. Lengthsman – Tasks requested for July – Finishing the strimming and clearing on the raised path. b) clearing vegetation around all signs in the Village **Action Clerk**

9. Three Parish Meeting – Likely to be postponed due to other Councils not being able to attend **Action Clerk**

10. Dunsford Show – Cllrs Smith, Morris and Squire represented the Council. The hired gazebo was successful. A competition of “How well do you know your Parish” (where residents had to recognise places from photos) was won by Meg and Kit Surrey. Well done! Cllr Smith reported that it was a lovely community event and congratulated the PTFA for their hard work. There was a discussion about whether or not the Council should pay to be there; Cllrs Arnold and Smith will follow this up. **Action Cllr Smith/Arnold**

11. Training – Full Council - Code of Conduct. A reminder that this will take place on 9th July, 7:0 to 9:30 in the Village Main Hall. Refreshments will be provided by the **Clerk/Cllr Arnold**

12. Skip Hire – This was raised as the Annual skip, provided by Devon County Council (but stopped due to lack of funding), was very well used by Dunsford. After a lengthy discussion, the Council decided that there would be issues around monitoring the skip. (TDC used to provide people to monitor/sort the old skip). The Council asked the Clerk to approach TDC to see if it might be a service that they could provide and Dunsford Council pay for. **Action Clerk**

13. Street lighting/dark sky communities – The Council had invited Ruth Stevens to speak. She is a member of the DCI group and is very passionate about this subject. The main points she made are: - Dark skies don't mean dark streets; it is better for wildlife; it saves money; An area in Wales had a 6 - year campaign and have finally got dark sky status. Other areas

are investigating this as well. She is prepared to do more research and will share this with the Dunsford Climate Initiative, who will report to the full Council. Cllr Brook will find out what the Dartmoor National Park policy is with regard to Dark Skies. The Council are keen to support this and agreed it should be taken forward through the Dunsford Climate Initiative group and maybe contact other local parish councils. **Action DCI/Cllr Brook**

14. Transferring to a Gov.uk domain – The Clerk informed the Council of recent advice about this. It is not mandatory but is now being considered as best practice. The Clerk will find out more information and costs of doing this. **Action Clerk**

15. Matters brought forward by the Chairman (for. information only /possible addition to next month’s agenda including: - a) Any pressing **Highways issues** for Clerk to pass on to Highways’ contact – pothole – by Brimblecombes; road in Brownings Mead b) Suspended for this meeting- policy reviews c) Residents had reported vehicles parking close to the junction of B3212 and Briton Street. The Clerk advised that this is not a Highways matter and that individuals should report it to the local police, if they are worried. A Cllr will give them the information to do this.

13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6th August 2024 at 7:45 pm in the Village Hall dressing rooms. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:57 pm.

Signed as a true record..... Cllr 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
- Devon Communities Together – various newsletters
- Teignbridge District Council newsletter
- Devon County Council newsletter
- Wildlife and Nature Grant information
- Tree work at Lewishill notification
- Timber Harvesting at Oldridge information
- Green Business Grant information
- DNP forum information
- Office for National Statistics newsletter