

DUNSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Village Hall dressing rooms on Tuesday April 1st, 2025

Due to the absence of Cllrs French and Morris, the Cllrs present voted Cllr Heard to be Chairman for this meeting.

Present: Cllrs C Heard (Chairman), T Anderson, R Squire, P Lewis, A Arnold, B Webber, County Cllr Jerry Brook, District Cllr A Swain and the Clerk Lynne Ogden
0 Members of the Public attended

1. a) Apologies – Cllrs French, Matthews and Morris sent apologies and these were approved.

b) Declaration of Interest/ Register of Interests: None

2. Minutes of the Council meeting held on March 4th, 2025, had been distributed, were approved and signed.

3. Progress Reports

3.1 Action Points from last meeting- All actions completed from last meeting.

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

3.3 Reports from other Councillors/representatives –**District Cllr Swain** reported that, as it is the pre – election period, there is not a lot to report. He reminded the Council that he is always available by email.

County Cllr Brook reported that this was his last meeting as he is not standing for re – election. Cllr Heard thanked him for his many years of support of Dunsford and said he would be missed, not least for his friendly, jovial approach to his role. She presented him with a card from the present Councillors and the Clerk.

3.4 Housing Working Group – Suspended at present

3.5 Dunsford Emergency Response Team (DERT) – Cllr Squire reported that the group had decided to adopt the actions recommended by Nicki Glew and these will be included in the full plan that will be sent to all Cllrs so that it can be formally adopted at the May meeting. **Action Cllr Morris**

3.6 The Dunsford Climate Initiative (DCI) –Nothing to report – the group is meeting on 24th April **Action Cllr Squire**

3.7 Reports from other meetings attended by Dunsford Cllrs – None

4. Correspondence: - List of correspondence received by email listed overleaf. To discuss: - Nothing.

5. Finance 5.1 C/A - £8169.89 as at 24/03 /2025 BBI/A - £1869.23 as at 10/03/25

The Council resolved to pay the following invoices: -

5.2 Clerk's Salary – 4 weeks x 10 hours a week Gross pay - £574.40

Net pay to Clerk £459.60 + expenses £38.29= £497.89 chq 1599

5.3 BG - Lengthsman's tasks for March – £25 chq 1600

5.4 Village Hall MC - Room Hire (February and March) – to be put to May meeting

5.5 Q4 Reconciliation – Still awaiting final figures and statement for signing. Figures, as they stand, were presented to the Council by the Clerk.

5.6 HMRC PAYE for Q4 - £373.30 chq 1601

5.7 Reimbursement to Cllr Matthews for Galvanising process of VG benches - £644.54 chq 1602

The Annual Internal Audit is scheduled for 25th April. The Council will be informed of the outcome at the May Meeting.

- 6. Village Green** a) The monthly report had been sent to all Cllrs. b) Replacement benches – Cllr Matthews had informed that all the benches had been galvanised. c) Rospa inspection – still awaiting report d) request for an Outdoor play by DADS to take place in the Village Green – Chloe Sharland had provided a comprehensive report about this. This was shared with the Council. A discussion took place, and it was thought that this would be a good opportunity for the Village Green to be utilised by a wider group of residents. There were some questions/concerns which can be discussed with the organisers, but it was agreed in principle. Proposed: Cllr Heard Seconded: Cllr Lewis VOTE: Unanimous. e) The Clerk informed the Council of details gathered about removing moles from the Village Green. Cllr Matthews had told the Clerk that mole activity seemed to have decreased recently, and it was agreed to monitor the situation over the next month and revisit in May.

Cllr Matthews/Clerk

- 7. Planning: Applications: 7.1 Teignbridge 25/00417/FUL – Westview Farm, Dunsford – Demolition of six agricultural buildings, construction of two dwellings and construction of new vehicular access for Westview Farm (resubmission of withdrawn application 24/02061/FUL) – The Council had been made aware of this when they did the site visit for the original application and had no objection.**

Decisions: 7.2 Teignbridge District Council 25/00298/AGR – Sowton Mill, Dunsford, EX67JN – New Access track – Prior approval not required

7.3 Appeal (ref w/25/3361953) – Dartmoor National Park – Dunsford reservoir, Fulford's Lane, EX67SA – Application ref: 0051/24 – conversion of redundant reservoir to dwelling - An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Dartmoor National Park Authority to refuse to grant planning permission – The Council decided that its original comment was still current. This will automatically be forwarded to the Secretary of State for the appeal.

8. **Lengthsman** – tasks for April were discussed. **Action Clerk**
9. **Annual Parish Meeting** – Thursday May 22nd – Actions and Volunteers were confirmed. Posters will be published on all platforms available. **Action Clerk/ All Cllrs**
10. **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 – the Council has been made aware of debris falling off local building b) Lighting is still an issue, staying on all night. c) Code of Conduct training is needed for 2 Cllrs d) Dunsford Show is on July 5th
11. **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 6th May 2025 7:30 pm in the Village Hall Dressing Rooms**

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:15pm

Signed as a true record..... Cllr Morris (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
- Local Government reorganisation/devolution online briefing info.
- Cancellation/rescheduling of above