

DUNSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Present: Cllrs P French (chairman), K Morris(Vice Chair) D Gardner, P Hayes, D Matthews, H Phipps, A Smallridge, Cllr Heard, 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 meeting held on October 6th 2020 had been distributed, were approved and will be signed at the earliest convenience.

3. Progress Reports

3.1 Action Points from last meeting- All action points had been addressed

3.2 Clerk's report – had been sent to all Cllrs

3.3 Housing survey/Affordable Houses project Cllr French thanked the Clerk for her work in getting the booklet to production and to Cllrs Hayes and Smallridge for their efforts in helping him to deliver them to all households in the Village. No mean feat! It is thought that every household has now received a copy but the Clerk has asked in the Parish magazine for anyone not in receipt of one to contact her. There has been a lot of positive feedback from the booklet.

3.4 Village Hall update – Cllr Heard reported that the Village Hall Management Committee had a meeting at the end of August where they decided to just open the hall for the School's use, twice a week. There was concern that not enough cleaning was being done inbetween uses but this has now been addressed. The school is keeping a register of children using the hall and the water is being tested. There is one issue that needs addressing which is the blockage of a drainpipe and guttering in the Village Green. It will become a hazard when it becomes icy. **Action Cllr Heard**

3.5 Reports from other councillors/representatives –

Cllr Purser's report stated that: - **1)** The Turning Corners Project which supports early intervention and prevention in tackling youth crime and violence has been successful in gaining four years funding with nearly £1 million. **2)** The Government Kickstart placements on behalf of employers across Teignbridge currently number 82 with 14 directly taken on by Teignbridge. **3)** Electric vehicle charging points have been installed in Chudleigh Library car park and Buckfastleigh Mardle Way car park. **4)** Further income from the Government ,£264,280, has been received to assist with loss of income. **5)** The Covid Hardship fund is still available – details are on their website. **6)** Flu vaccinations are being encouraged **7)** Newton Abbot Market celebrates it's 800 years birthday this month. He concluded by asking everyone who was having fireworks to be considerat towards neighbours and animals.

County Cllr Brook reported that: - Devon County Council continues to utilise funds from the Government and is aware of the contentious issues surrounding vulnerable children not having free school meals. There are two main items

1) The Corporate scrutiny committee looked at a blueprint draft on how Devon will tackle Climate Emergency in order to be neutral by 2050. He feels this to be very visionary document and looks forward to mid December when it will be out for consultation.

2) The Local Enterprise Scrutiny Committee are looking at future technology. This region has a lot of natural assets with wind and tidal power but, at the moment, the infra structure won't take any more contributions to the grid.

He concluded by reminding us that the Recycling Centres are not closed and then took questions.

Cllr Hayes said, as she was travelling around to patients, she was being asked about school meals and how the councils were helping. Cllr Brooks replied by asking her to forward the details to him and noting that it can be a challenge to target the right people. She also commented on the first item – saying that we don't have till 2050 to solve the problem. Cllr Brooks responded by he thought the biggest impact we can make is how we all live. Working from home has helped the environment and we can all learn a lot from being in lockdown.

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

**5. Finance 5.1.C/A £10,493.42 as at 23/10/2020 BBI/A £1825.33 as at 09/10/2020
Income – Precept 2nd half - £5599.15 and Grant from Devon Highways £875.30**

The Council resolved to pay the following invoices: -

5.2 Clerk's Salary – 4weeks x 10 hours a week - Gross pay £460 Net pay to Clerk £368 + expenses of £30.49 Total to Clerk - **£398.49 chq 366**

5.3 Moor Print for the printing of the AH&CP booklet - **£208 chq 367**

5.4 Elliott Fairs for Lengthsman tasks - **£125 chq 1368**

5.5 Q2 reconciliation – the Council approved this and it was signed by the Chairman

5.6 Preparation for Budget considerations discussion – The Clerk highlighted the fact that the accepted budget from last year was the minimum amount that the Council needed to function. Some small savings were being made this year because of Covid and a new grant was secured but this is not automatic for next year.

Therefore, there is not much room for changes to the budget for next year. The information from Teignbridge about the reduction in the tax base also has to be taken into consideration and the clerk is waiting for further details about this. The Council need to finalise their budget at the December meeting in readiness for setting their precept in January.

6.Village Green Report – Cllr Morris reported that all was in order. A few things need doing – There are lots of leaves on the mat which need clearing and the recycling bin is not just being used for recycling. Some of the equipment is slippery when it's wet. Cllr Matthews

offered to remove the leaves. She concluded by thanking Cllrs Smallridge and Gardner for renovating the bench that was donated to the Village Green by the family of the late Hazel Ravenhall.

Action Cllrs Matthews/ Morris

7. Planning: Applications 7.1 –Teignbridge 20/01905/HOU – Westmoor, Dunsford – Alterations to roof,single storey extensions, new windows,doors and external materials.

Decisions – 7.2 - Teignbridge 20/01685/AGR Greenlane Farm, Dunsford – slurry lagoon –

The proposal does not constitute permitted development because the site is within 400 metres of a cluster of non agricultural dwellings. A planning application would be needed for the proposals.

The Council had no objection to the above planning application and will not make a site visit.

Action Clerk

8. Lengthsman for Dunsford –Work had been carried out on the pipe going under the road at Butt’s to continue the efforts to stop Butt’s area flooding. Thanks also to Mr Chris Brook for clearing out the area in the fields close by which should add to the efforts. Other work is still ongoing but access needs to be allowed. Work has also taken place clearing drains on the Boyland Road to it’s junction with Collabridge Road. One drain which is blocked has been reported to Devon Highways as the grid is jammed and cannot be removed. **Action Clerk/ Cllrs Matthews/Smallridge/ Gardner**

9. Village Furniture – The Council thanked Cllrs Smallridge and Gardner for renovating the Village benches and remarked on the improvements made. This also highlighted the fact that the benches are well used as there were several comments made when they were removed, temporarily, for renovation. The ‘Best Kept Village’ sign has also been re-erected by the Village Green as part of Dunsford’s history. No other requests were made at present. **Action Cllrs Matthews/Smallridge/Gardner/Morris**

10. Signage for the Village – The Clerk updated the Council with the quotes which they found reasonable. The Council now needs to decide on the actual positions of the signs so that it is clear whose permission needs to be sought to install them. It was suggested that Cllrs could take photos of where they think are the best places and send them to the Clerk. A decision can then be made at the next meeting. **Action All Cllrs/ Clerk**

11. HGVs in Dunsford – The Clerk updated the Council with quotes for the ‘not suitable for HGVs’ sign. The Council now need to revisit the process of seeking permission to have the sign installed on the land suggested. **Action Clerk**

12. To organise the storage of sandbags for Dunsford – This is ongoing but all admin has been put in place. It is hoped that a delivery of the first batch of sandbags is imminent. **Action Clerk**

13. Windblown hazards in the Village – The Council has been made aware that there are concerns in the Village about tiles falling off a roof, especially with so many children in the area. The Council asked the Clerk to write a letter to the Parishioners concerned.

14. Matters brought forward by the Chairman – Cllr Phipps asked the Council if she could put up some large poppies in the Village to remember those from Dunsford who lost their lives in the wars. The Council agreed.

15. Date of next meeting Tuesday December 1st 2020 (via Zoom)

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the second meeting at 9.35 pm

Signed as a true record..... Cllr P French (Chairman)

Date

Email circulation during the past month

- Teignbridge District Council weekly list of applications for planning
- 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
- Temporary Traffic order
- DNPA Settlement Profile update
- Sandbags info
- Citizen advice Quarterly Report
- Teignbridge Foodbank info
- Devon Community Resilience Forum survey
- TALC meeting info
- Co – option emails/info