



Minutes of the Meeting of Dulverton Town Council

Held on Monday 12th June 2023 at 7.15pm, in the Town Hall,
Fore Street, Dulverton TA22.

Present: Chairman/Mayor: Mrs Christine Dubery. Councillors: Mr Nick Thwaites; Mr Alan Ottey; Mr Bill Gash; Mrs Louise Parrish; Mr John Preston; Mrs Ann Van Praag; Mrs Margaret Rawle; Mrs Allison Crisp; Mr Steven Pugsley & Mrs Frances Nicholson,(Somerset Council(S.C.)), who both left at 8.10pm and no members of the public

Deferment of Business for Comment by the Public: None

Apologies for absence and acceptance of any reasons offered if agreed: None

Declarations of Interest:

Cllr: Mrs Ann Van Pragg with regards Agenda Item no. 16

Chairman's Comments & Meeting Management: None

Questions for Somerset Council Councillors:

Cllrs. Mrs Frances Nicholson & Mr Steven Pugsley

Broadband - The continued progress of the connecting Devon and Somerset scheme is being assessed by the Government.

A voucher scheme is in operation for the more rural areas that have difficulty with access to broadband.

There is now availability to purchase satellite equipment.

Abbots Way – Lighting – The issues are ongoing

Signage - Winsford Hill – After recent incidences involving Exmoor Ponies and motorists, Kate Brown (Som Council Highways) has agreed to meet with Cllr Rawle and the owners of the Anchor Herd of Exmoor ponies on site at Winsford Hill to locate the accident hot spots and advise on the best way forward with appropriate signage.

E.N.P.A - Car Parking, Haddon Hill - Concerns have been raised with regards the proposed changes because it could possibly lead to the public parking nearby on the roadside causing obstruction to other road users.

Music Park/Highercombe- - it was reported that some motorists are driving too fast. Members were informed that a request for signage, "Slow Down - Horses" is normally erected by the Police.

Local Community Network – The highways pilot scheme is already underway and proving successful. Certain issues will be prioritised, which may include affordable housing, education, transport, and social care.

South West and Taunton - Members were informed that a donation of £40,000 was given to Taunton Council with regards the celebrations concerning the coronation of King Charles when the Unitary Council was formed.

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2023 as circulated: were approved and signed. Proposed by Mr Ottey, seconded by Mr Gash and carried.

6935 Update of action points resulting from the last meeting:

Dulverton Lives - Cllr Bill Gash is to obtain permission from the owners of the hedge on Kings Corner to hang a banner advertising the event.

6936 Accounts:

Financial Statement – May 2023: See Appendix A

RESOLVED: That the Financial Statement as per Appendix A is approved. Proposed by Mr Thwaites, seconded by Mr John Preston and carried.

Payments for approval – May 2023: See Appendix B

RESOLVED: That the payments as per Appendix B are approved. Proposed by Mrs Allison Crisp, seconded Mrs Parrish and carried.

6937 Receipts & Payments Summary & for the Year Ending 31/03/23:

Members were presented with the Receipts & Payments Summary for year ending 31/03/23.

6938 End of Year Bank Reconciliation:

RESOLVED: To approve the Bank Reconciliation, year ending 31st March 2023. Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mrs Parrish and carried.

6939 Annual Governance Statement - Year Ending 31st March 2023:

RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Governance Statement, Year Ending 31st March 2023. Proposed by Mr Thwaites, seconded by Mrs Ann Van Praag and carried.

6940 Annual Accounting Statement - Year Ending 31st March 2023

RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Accounting Statement, Year Ending 31st March 2023. Proposed by Mr Gash, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

6941 Committees & Sub Committees:

Minutes to be approved by the relative Committee members and be adopted as part of this meeting:

a) Dulverton Partnership Group – 7th June 2023

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Dulverton Partnership Group Meeting held on 7th June 2023. Proposed by Mr Thwaites, seconded by Mrs Crisp and carried.

b) Planning Committee – 12th June 2023

RESOLVED: To adopt and approve as part of this meeting, the comments from members of the Planning Committee. Proposed by Mrs Rawle, seconded by Mr Preston and carried.

6942 E.N.P.A. – Parish Representative Ballot:

After lengthy discussion, members agreed which of the five nominees they wished to vote for. The ballot paper was completed accordingly.

RESOLVED: To submit the ballot paper as agreed. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mr Preston and carried.

6943 Grant Request – Peer Led Pain Support Group:

The Clerk is requested to write to Dulverton Medical Centre to obtain further information.

6945 Grant Request – West Somerset Flood Group:

RESOLVED: To award a donation of £5.00 towards the cost of maintaining the website. Proposed by Mr Gash, seconded by Mr Preston and carried.

6946 Idverde Service Annual Level Agreement – Dog Bins:

Members agreed to obtain a further quote.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk is authorised to determine which quote to accept. Proposed by Mrs Ann Vann Praag, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

6947 Late Correspondence:

Correspondence noted by members.

ENPA - Members agreed to submit a response to the public consultation on car parking proposals.

Somerset Council - Dog restrictions - Members agreed to cancel the order " Dog's must be kept on leads" on Exmoor Lawns; and request an order for "Dogs must be kept on leads" to apply to All Saints Church Yard, Milhams Lane, and Abbots Way.

6948 Questions for Members who have attended additional meetings: None

6949 Issues to be raised with permission of the Chairman:

An Extraordinary meeting has been scheduled for Friday 16th June 2023 to consider and resolve the following:

a) ENPA – Flood Shed – Members to consider quotes received with regards the re-allocating of the flood shed.

b) Lion Public Conveniences - Members to consider quotes received with regards necessary urgent maintenance and repairs.

Hollam Drive - It was reported that mature trees have been removed and a parking area constructed. It is thought to be private owned land.

Cllr: Mr Bill Gash reported that a wellbeing outdoor space might become available at Dulverton School.

Chairman