



Dulverton Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Dulverton Town Council

Held on Monday 12th July 2021 at 7.15pm, in the Town Hall,
Fore Street, Dulverton TA22.

Present: Chairman/Mayor: Mr Gerry Lewis. Councillors: Mrs Christine Dubery; Mr Alan Ottey; Mr Bill Gash; Mrs Louise Parrish; Mr John Preston; Mrs Margaret Rawle; Mr Nick Thwaites, (also representing Somerset West & Taunton (S.W.T.)); Mrs Ann Van Praag and Miss Kathryn Vellacott. Mrs Frances Nicholson, Somerset County Council (S.C.C.), who left at 7.35pm and one member 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 Christine Dubery with regards the Sports Field.

Chairman's Comments & Meeting Management: None

Questions for County and District Councillors:

Cllr. Mr Nick Thwaites - S.W.T:

Local Government Re-organisation: Members were informed that although no decision had been made, District Councils continue to pursue their individual projects.

Kemps Way: The renewal of the white lines and arrows continue to be pursued.

Car Parks/ Motor Caravans: It has been clarified that motor caravans are only permitted in three car parks in Somerset West and Taunton District, none of which are in Dulverton.

EV Charging Points: Those installed in Exmoor House Car Park are not yet available for public use.

Cllr. Mrs Frances Nicholson - S.C.C.

Local Highways Issues: Following the last Exmoor Panel meeting S.C.C. propose to set aside three days of senior officer time dedicated to familiarizing themselves with highways issues concerning the Dulverton & Exmoor Division.

Consideration will be given as to how to ensure that there exists greater prioritisation and how local commissioning can be undertaken, which does not use the main contractors.

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2021 as circulated: were approved and signed. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mr Preston and carried.

6694 Update of action points resulting from the last meeting:

6680 Emergency Town Centre Grant:

Minutes of the meetings held on 9th June 2021 and 7th July 2021 were circulated to members.

Members were requested to consider meeting the cost of a temporary permit, issued by the Environment Agency, lasting 5 years, (1st May until the middle weekend of September and left up for a maximum 6 week continuous period but has to be taken down at the end, or earlier, during that period and left down for 6 days after which it could be erected for another 6 week period), of £170 including VAT.

RESOLVED: To meet the cost of the License Fee payable to the Environment Agency at a cost of £170.00. Proposed by Mr Lewis, seconded by Mrs Dubery and carried.

6680 Somerset Climate Emergency Community Fund:

A provider of printed paper and jute bags has been sourced and has submitted a quote which has been approved by S.C.C. Bags will be provided varying in sizes. Cllr. Dubery requested volunteers to help with the distribution to traders.

RESOLVED: To use the colour purple with regards the colour of the logo to be printed on the paper bags. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mr Preston and carried by nine votes to one.

6680 All Saints Church:

The Structural Engineers report has been received and the contents considered. Tenders are to be sought to restore the wall to its original condition.

6695 Accounts:

Financial Statement – June 2021: See Appendix A

RESOLVED: That the Financial Statement as per Appendix A is approved. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Miss Vellacott and carried.

Payments for approval – July 2021: See Appendix B

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

6696 Committees:

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

None held.

6697 Committee Membership:

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr. Mr Bill Gash to the Planning Committee and Grounds Committee and Cllr. Mrs Ann Van Praag to the Town Management Committee. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mr Preston and carried.

6698 Planning Applications

To approve comments as per Appendix C

RESOLVED: To adopt the comments as per Appendix C as part of this meeting. Proposed by Mrs Rawle, seconded by Mr Lewis and carried.

6699 Pound Walk – Maintenance Issues:

Members were informed that at the earlier Grounds Committee meeting members considered the issues raised concerning the maintenance of Pound Walk and advise that no action should be taken until the proposals regarding local authority reorganisation are resolved.

6700 Late Correspondence:

Correspondence noted by members.

Parish Rooms – AGM: Cllr. Mr Bill Gash to attend.

6701 Questions for Members who have attended additional meetings:

None

6702 Issues to be raised with permission of the Chairman:

Grant Available – Hinkley Tourism Action Partnership: Members were informed that further funding is available, led by SWT, to boost tourism in Somerset & West Sedgemoor.

Dog Fouling: Reports of incidences of dog fouling on Exmoor Lawns have been reported. Cllrs. Mrs Parrish and Mrs Van Praag commented that they regularly walk their own dogs on the Lawns but have not noticed a problem. They will however monitor the situation and report back to members.

DTC Facebook: Complimentary comments regarding the flower display have been posted.

Chairman