



Dulverton Town Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Dulverton Town Council

Held on Monday 9th August 2021 at 7.15pm, in the Sports Field Pavilion.

Present: Deputy Chairman: Mrs Christine Dubery. Councillors: Mr Bill Gash; Mr Alan Ottey; Mrs Louise Parrish; Mr John Preston; Mrs Margaret Rawle; Miss Kathryn Vellacott; Mr Nick Thwaites, DTC & Somerset West & Taunton (S.W.T.) Cllr. Mrs Frances Nicholson, Somerset County Council (S.C.C.).

Deferment of Business for Comment by the Public: None.

Apologies for absence and acceptance of any reasons offered if agreed:
Cllr. Mrs Ann Van Pragg due to moving house.

Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. Dubery with regards the Sports Field.

Chairman's Comments & Meeting Management:

Deputy Chairman, Mrs Dubery informed members that Chairman Mr Gerry Lewis has resigned from Dulverton Town Council.

6703 Resignation & Election of Chairman:

The Deputy Clerk read out the letter of resignation received from Mr Gerry Lewis, which has been regrettably accepted by the Deputy Chairman, Mrs Christine Dubery.

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr. Mrs Christine Dubery as Chairman/Mayor. Proposed by Mr Nick Thwaites, seconded by Mrs Rawle and carried.

6704 Election of Vice Chairman:

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllr. Mr Nick Thwaites as Deputy Chairman. Proposed by Mrs Rawle, seconded by Mr Alan Ottey and carried.

Questions for County and District Councillors:

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

Park and Ride/Vintage Fair: Members were informed that the Managing Agents for the Barle Enterprise had been approached and at this time were not in agreement for it to be used for this purpose.

It was suggested that in future, Dulverton Town Council initially liaise with the tenants in an attempt to come to an agreement before approaching the Agents.

Unitary Council: Members were informed that by being a part of a pilot for the Local Community Networks, and meeting with officers from Somerset County Council Highways, will help promote a greater understanding and aid the process of working together.

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

Unitary Council: The decision having now been made, the objective is to make it work.

The five district council areas will be amalgamated however will remain community based. Administration will be streamlined as will the use of office accommodation.

It is anticipated that the administration of social housing and associated social housing issues will be improved by being amalgamated into a single organisation.

Kemps Way: White lining issues are ongoing.

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2021 circulated: were approved and signed. Proposed by Mrs Parrish, seconded by Mr Gash and carried.

6705 Update of action points resulting from the last meeting:

6694 Emergency Town Centre Grant:

The licence for the temporary 'bandstand like' structure has been received from the Environment Agency.

The organizational responsibilities regarding the Fun Run have been completed.

6694 Somerset Emergency Community Fund: (Welcome Back Fund):

The grant has been awarded for the following initiatives:

- 1) Publishing of maps – routes for walkers
- 2) Flags and bunting
- 3) Vintage Fair
- 4) Aesthetic enhancement/improvement of the Town.

6694 All Saints Church – North Wall:

Four Contractors have been sourced with regards the repair to the wall. No quotes have been received to date.

The original plans for the original building of the Old School House have been obtained for information.

Members agreed that the P.C.C. be approached to request a donation.

6706 Accounts:

Financial Statement: See Appendix A

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

Payments for approval: See Appendix B

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

6707 Committees:

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

Grounds Committee Meeting – 12th July 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 12th July 2021 are approved. Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mrs Parrish and carried.

6708 Planning:

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 Miss Vellacott and carried.

6709 Committee Membership:

RESOLVED: To appoint the following:

Planning Committee – Cllr. Mrs Ann Van Praag

Legal & Finance Committee – Cllr. Bill Gash

Policy & Procedure (H/R) Committee – Cllr. Mr Alan Ottey

Sports Field Management Committee – Cllr. Mrs Louise Parrish

Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mr Thwaites and carried.

6710 Somerset Association of Local Councils:

RESOLVED: To renew membership and pay the affiliation fee @ £396.57. Proposed by Miss Vellacott, seconded by Mrs Parrish and carried.

6711 Dulverton Branding:

After discussion members:

RESOLVED: To adopt the branding as proposed by the Dulverton Partnership. Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mrs Rawle, and carried by seven in favour, with one abstention.

6712 EV Charging Points:

Report circulated by Cllr. Mr Nick Thwaites.

After a lengthy discussion members decided to review the proposal in six months' time when it is anticipated that more information will be made available.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Thwaites for all his hard work.

6713 Sports Field Charity Grant – Minute 6534:

RESOLVED: To amend minute 6534 to read:

To award a grant of £2,500 (under Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, section 19), for each of the financial years commencing 1st April 2022 and 1st April 2023. Proposed by Mr Gash, seconded by Miss Vellacott and carried.

6714 Correspondence:

Correspondence noted by members.

SW&T - Carbon Literacy Training on 25th August 2021: Two members will be attending.

6715 Questions for Members who have attended additional meetings:

Parish Rooms AGM - 27th July 2021: Cllr Bill Gash attended the meeting and provided a verbal report to members incorporating the following information:

- a) The board consists of seven trustees, it has no legal constitution.
- b) The majority of volunteers have no connection with the church.
- c) The materials used to carry out the necessary repairs after the fire were unsuitable and consequently there exist further problems. The insurance company has been contacted accordingly. It is anticipated however that reserves may be required to meet the cost of reparation.

Cllr. Mr Bill Gash asked members to consider what the facility could be used for should the Parish Rooms be accepted as a community asset.

The upper floor is currently being used by the Dulverton Players for rehearsals, making and storage of costumes and props and as a venue for meetings, which are held every few weeks.

The lower floor is currently used as a fitness studio.

6716 Issues to be raised with permission of the Chairman: None.

Chairman

