



Minutes of the Meeting of Dulverton Town Council

Held on Monday 11th October 2021 at 7.15pm, in the Town Hall,
Fore Street, Dulverton TA22.

Present: Chairman/Mayor: Mrs Christine Dubery. Councillors:; Mr Bill Gash; Mr Alan Ottey; Mrs Louise Parrish, Mr John Preston; Mrs Margaret Rawle; and Mr Nick Thwaites (also representing Somerset West & Taunton Council (S.W.T.)), Mrs Ann Van Praag; Mrs Frances Nicholson (Somerset County Council (S.C.C.)) and PCSO Bryan Stevens.

Deferment of Business for Comment by the Public:

PCSO Bryan Stevens – Avon & Somerset Police: Members were informed as to the current crime levels and the current staffing situation. Incidents of crime remain low.

PCSO Stevens requested that incidents of crime are reported as soon as possible using 101. He can also be contacted via email at bryanstevens@avonand.somerset.police.uk

Apologies for absence and acceptance of any reasons offered if agreed:

Cllr. Miss Kathryn Vellacott

Declarations of Interest:

Cllr. Mrs Christine Dubery with regards the Sports Field Management Committee.

Cllr. Mr Nick Thwaites with regards the Sports Field Management Committee.

Cllr. Mr Bill Gash with regards the PCC.

Chairman's Comments & Meeting Management: None

Questions for County and District Councillors:

Cllr. Mr Nick Thwaites S.W.T:

Unitary: A response from the Government concerning the consultation is awaited. A formal draft proposal will be presented to Government in January 2022. District Councils will remain in place until 2023.

Guildhall – Vegetation Maintenance: Some grounds work has been carried out in the car park but work along the Leat has still to be undertaken.

Kemps Way White Lining & Arrows: Still to be undertaken

Double Yellow Lines: Cllr. Thwaites confirmed that the double yellow lines in Kemps Way do not require signage to enable enforcement.

Cllr. Mrs Frances Nicholson S.C.C.

Transfer of Assets: Cllr. Nicholson informed members that any proposal concerning a transfer of asset would need to be shown to be cost neutral to both parties concerned.

All Saints Church Yard: Information concerning the original sale of the school etc. has been requested from S.C.C.

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2021 as circulated: were approved and signed. Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mr Gash and carried.

6726 Update of action points resulting from the last meeting:

6717 Emergency Town Centre Grant:

Fun Run 19th September 2021: The finances have not yet been finalised but it is probable that a profit has been made.

Fifty – eight runners took part, many saying that they would happily apply to join a future event.

6717 Somerset Climate Emergency Community Fund:

The large paper bags have been delivered; more are expected of various sizes. All the businesses will initially be offered free bags to replace plastic bags. The costs of future orders will be by the businesses.

RESOLVED: To purchase 3 poles and 10 flags at a cost of £358.31 (including VAT). Proposed by Mrs Parrish, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

6717 All Saints Church – North Wall:

Having considered the anticipated costs of hiring the necessary scaffolding members:

RESOLVED: To purchase the scaffolding currently in situ for £1,000 (less VAT). Proposed by Mr Thwaites, seconded by Mr Gash and carried with one abstention.

6727 Accounts:

The Financial Statement: August 2021 - See Appendix A

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

Payments for Approval: August 2021 - See Appendix B

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

The Financial Statement: September 2021 - See Appendix A

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

Payments for Approval: September 2021 - See Appendix B

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

6728 Committees:

Grounds Committee Meeting – 14th September 2021:

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 14th September 2021. Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

Pound Walk: Cllr. Rawle has reported to S.C.C. Highways the hazardous condition of the path since the heavy rain.

Town Management Committee Meeting – 14th September 2021:

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Town Management Committee meeting held on 14th September 2021. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

6729: 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 Mr Preston and carried.

6730 Council Vacancy:

No further developments.

6731: Life Education – Wessex & Thames Valley:

It was agreed that an award would not be granted.

6732 Correspondence:

Correspondence noted by members.

6733 Questions for Members who have attended additional meetings:

Exmoor Panel Meeting – 21st September 2021 – Attended by Cllr. Mrs Rawle who circulated a written report. The meeting was preceded by a Highways Wardens Meeting when the plans for salting/gritting for the coming winter were imparted. Mr Alyn Jones, Director of Economic and Community Infrastructure Operations at SCC was present. Parishes involved in the Exmoor Panel are to take part in a pilot scheme to establish an Exmoor Community Network which will take responsibility for aspects of Highways maintenance etc. on the formation of the Somerset Unitary Council.

6734 Issues to be raised with permission of the Chairman:

Highways Issues: The Clerk was requested to write to S.C.C. Highways with regards two issues of concern:

- 1) The enforcement of parking with regards dropped curbs.
- 2) Union Street at the Junction with the High Street. - The dangerous driving conditions caused by parked vehicles using a disabled blue badge. Can this be overcome by implementing no loading restrictions?

Chairman

