



## **Minutes of the Meeting of Dulverton Town Council**

Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 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 Nick Thwaites (also representing Somerset West & Taunton Council (S.W.T.)), Mrs Ann Van Praag and Mrs Frances Nicholson (Somerset County Council (S.C.C.)) and Mr Stephen Pugsley (S.C.C.), who both left at 7.30pm.

**Deferment of Business for Comment by the Public:** None

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

Cllr. Mrs Margaret Rawle who is on holiday  
Cllr. Mr John Preston who is attending a Governors meeting

**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:**

The Chairman requested that private conversations aren't held during the meeting.

**Questions for County and District Councillors:**

Cllr. Mrs Frances Nicholson S.C.C.

Fibre Broadband Installation: Cllr. Mrs Nicholson expressed her thanks to S.C.C. Highways and Open Reach for the progression of the works to be undertaken. A program of road closures has been circulated to members.

Local Council Network (LCN) Project: DTC has submitted a specific list of projects to be undertaken, to Mr Andrew Turner (S.C.C.)

Cllr. Mr Ottey requested that the projects submitted, if accepted, are prioritized and some indication given as to when the work will be carried out.

Fore Street – Potholes: The existing potholes have been tarmacked.

S.C.C. – CEO Appointment: Interviews are to be held tomorrow, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

E.N.P.A. – Members were informed that there exists a shortage of Planning Officers countrywide which is affecting resources at E.N.P.A.

Cllr. Mr Nick Thwaites S.W.T:

Potholes: The pothole in the Lion Car Park has only been half filled and there exists a further pothole outside the Youth Club. Cllr. Mr Thwaites is to pursue.

E.N.P.A.: Members were informed that considerable research has been carried out concerning the maintenance of gorse and bracken on the moor and the threat of fire. Due to the complexity of the problem a conference is to be arranged involving all stakeholders to discuss the issues.

Litter Bins – The two litter bins owned by DTC are still to be returned. Cllr. Mr Thwaites is to pursue.

**Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 as circulated:** were approved and signed. Proposed by Mrs Parrish, seconded by Mr Gash and carried.

### **6823 Update of action points resulting from the last meeting:**

Minute 6816 – All Saints Church Wall:

Members determined that Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July is proposed as the date for the meeting with the new owners of the Old School House. To be attended by Cllrs. Mrs Christine Dubery, Mr Bill Gash and Mr Alan Ottey.

Minute 6819 – ‘Dulverton Lives!’:

The event has been promoted in the Dulverton & Brushford Parish Magazine and some interest from local organizations has been forthcoming.

### **6824 Accounts:**

The Financial Statement: June 2022 - See Appendix A

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

Payments for Approval: February 2022 - See Appendix B

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

RESOLVED: That the Chairman’s Allowance 2021/22 of 300.00 is transferred back into resolved expenditure from the Jubilee Account. Proposed by Mr Thwaites, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

### **6825 Committees:**

Dulverton Partnership Group Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022:

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Dulverton Partnership Group Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mr Gash and carried.

Artisan Fair – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The event was considered a success, good feedback having been received. Members commented that the footfall in town is generally low, however does markedly increase when events are held.

Grounds Committee meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022:

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022. Proposed by Mr Ottey, seconded by Mrs Parrish and carried.

**6826 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 Van Praag, seconded by Mr Gash and carried.

**6827 Hiring of Council Owned Equipment**

Members agreed that the entertainment equipment, including the gazebos, were made available for hire by local residents. However, this facility would not be advertised. It was acknowledged that the use of the electrical equipment would require specialist knowledge.

RESOLVED: To, in principle, hire out the entertainment equipment on a case by case basis as a community resource, to local residents. Proposed by Mr Thwaites, seconded by Mrs Dubery and carried.

RESOLVED: To adopt the draft hire agreement as presented. Proposed by Mrs Parrish, seconded by Mrs Van Praag and carried.

**6828: Love Musgrove: Grant Request**

RESOLVED: To approve a grant of £200.00. Proposed by Mrs Parrish, seconded by Mrs Van Praag and carried.

**6829 E.N.P.A. - ENNIS Project**

RESOLVED: To approve a payment of £50.00 as a donation towards the project. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mr Thwaites and carried.

**6830 Pest Control Services:**

RESOLVED: To approve the proposed Service Agreement as presented. Proposed by Mrs Van Praag, seconded by Mr Nick Thwaites and carried.

**6831 Correspondence:**

Correspondence noted by members.

**6832 Questions for Members who have attended additional meetings:**

Parish Rooms Trustees Meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – Attended by Cllr. Mr Bill Gash. Members were informed that a public meeting is to be held to discuss the future ownership and use of the building which, following a survey, has been identified as having issues due to the historic use of inappropriate materials when carrying out repairs.

**6833 Issues to be raised with permission of the Chairman:** None

**Chairman** .....

