



Minutes of the Meeting of Dulverton Town Council

Held on Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7.40pm, in the Town Hall,
Fore Street, Dulverton TA22.

Present: Chairman/Mayor: Mrs Christine Dubery. Councillors:; Mr Alan Ottey; Mrs Louise Parrish; Mr John Preston; Mrs Margaret Rawle; Mr Nick Thwaites; Mrs Ann Van Praag; Mrs Allison Crisp and Mrs Frances Nicholson (Somerset County Council (S.C.C.)), and three members of the public.

Deferment of Business for Comment by the Public:

Mrs Magdalena Harding – Requested clarification as to the work specifications of the Parish Lengthsman, the role of the Highways Steward and how to report a highways issue.

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

Cllrs. Mr Bill Gash who is on holiday and Mrs Allison Crisp who is unwell.

Declarations of Interest: None that have not already been registered.

Chairman's Comments & Meeting Management: None

Questions for Somerset County Councillors:

Cllr. Nicholson

Visit Somerset/Exmoor – Calendar of Events: Cllr. Mrs Dubery informed those present that the problems were being dealt with by Mrs Ali Pegrum.

Abbots Way – Lighting – There still exist lights that are not working. Cllr. Mrs Nicholson will pursue.

Leat Wall, Northmoor Road – It was reported that there exist several cracks in the wall and coping stones which require inspection.

Local Community Network (LCN) – Members were informed that the LCN will continue for a further year and lead to closer consultation with stake holders (e.g. B.T. Open Reach, S.W. Water, S.C. Highways), with regards road closures and diversions.

Drainage Works, Exebridge to Riphay Cross – Essential works are to be undertaken, potentially causing considerable disruption to those accessing Dulverton. Cllrs. Mrs Dubery, Mrs Rawle, Mr Pugsley and Mrs Nicholson have agreed a program of works which will hopefully reduce any impact while the work is in progress.

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2023 as circulated: were approved and signed. Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

6923 Update of action points resulting from the last meeting:

6914 All Saints Church – Boundary, retaining wall.
Members were informed that a site meeting had been arranged with a structural surveyor to ascertain what further action is required and the anticipated costs involved.

6924 Accounts:

The Financial Statement: April 2023 - See Appendix A

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

Payments for Approval: April 2023 - See Appendix B

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

6925 Committees:

Dulverton Partnership Meeting – 19th April 2023

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Dulverton Partnership meeting held on 19th April 2023. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mr Thwaites and carried.

Policy & Procedure & Legal & Finance Meeting – 2nd May 2023

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Policy & Procedure & Legal & Finance Committee meeting held on 2nd May 2023. Proposed by Mr Ottey, seconded by Mrs Rawle and carried.

6926 Grounds Work:

Exmoor Lawns - Tree Work over 3 years:

RESOLVED: To pay the invoice presented by Pugsley Farms at £5,100 (£4,250 + VAT @ £850). Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mrs Parrish and carried.

Sports Field - Emergency Shed Repairs:

RESOLVED: To pay the invoice presented by Pugsley Farms at £3,012 (£2,510 + VAT @ £502). Proposed by Mr Ottey, seconded by Mrs Van Praag and carried.

Church Yard – Emergency Yew Tree Repairs:

RESOLVED: To pay the invoice presented by Pugsley Farms at £576 (£480 + VAT @ £96). Proposed by Mr Parrish, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

6927 Planning:

No new planning applications have been received since 10th April 2023

6928 E.N.P.A. – Parish Representative Nomination:

Members confirmed their resolve to nominate Cllr. Mr Nick Thwaites as a Parish Representative.

6929 Annual Insurance Renewal:

RESOLVED: To pay the renewal annual premium at £991.17. Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

6930 Annual Vehicle Insurance Renewal:

RESOLVED: To pay the renewal annual premium at £409.52. Proposed by Mr Van Praag, seconded by Mr Thwaites and carried.

6931 Dulverton Lives! - Banner Quotes

RESOLVED: To accept the quote from Bright Owl at £152.00+VAT, in anticipation that the following issues are resolved:

- That permission has been obtained to display the banner on the hedge at Kings Corner.
- That the hedge will be able to support the weight of the banner.

Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mr Preston and carried.

6932 Correspondence:

Correspondence noted by members.

6933 Questions for Members who have attended additional meetings:

None

6934 Issues to be raised with permission of the Chairman:

Patient Group – The Patient Group urgently requires members. Members were informed that a new G.P. has been appointed and a further G.P is expected to return from maternity leave in the near future.

Dulverton Pharmacy – Members were sorry to hear that the local pharmacist had suffered a heart attack. They requested that a card be sent wishing him a speedy recovery.

Chairman