



# Dulverton Town Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Dulverton Town Council

Held on Monday 12th August 2019 at 7.00pm, in the Town Hall, Dulverton

**Present:** Chairman/Mayor: Mr Gerry Lewis. Councillors: Mrs Christine Dubery; Mr Allan Ottey; Mrs Margaret Rawle; Miss Kathryn Vellacott and Mr Piers Wood. Mr Nick Thwaites (W.S.C.) and Mrs Frances Nicholson (S.C.C.), who both left at 8.00pm and 7 members of the public.

### **Deferment of Business for Comment by the Public:**

Dulverton Catholic Action Group – Mr Simon Rous: Closure of the Residential Centre and Catholic Church.

Members were informed that the Committee intends to resist the proposals. It is anticipated that the necessary refurbishment of the residential centre will amount to between £45,000 and £65,000 and that the facility would benefit from more flexible management.

The facilities have been registered as an Asset of Community Value and a public meeting has been organized, followed by a march around the Town, to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at which Dulverton Town Council representation is requested.

The ideal outcome, as far as the Committee is concerned, is that the facility is managed by a registered charity for the benefit of the Town and the Church retained as a place of worship.

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

Cllrs: Mrs Louise Parrish and Mr Keith Coulman.

### **Declarations of Interest:**

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

### **Chairman's Comments & Meeting Management:** None

### **Questions for County and District Councillors:**

Nick Thwaites S.W & T. Council:

Devon & Somerset Fire Service: Members were informed that S.W.& T. Council had resolved to oppose the closure of Porlock Fire Station.

Community Charge Point Funding: Cllr Mr Thwaites commented that he considered the recent communication from S.W.A.T. Council, concerning grants available, was ambiguous. The Chairman commented that he considered that a more holistic approach was required if charging points were to become available for public use.

Cllrs. Mr Nick Thwaites and Mrs Francis Nicholson intend to approach E.N.P.A. with regards the issue.

Frances Nicholson (S.S.C.):

Highways Wardens Meeting – 3rd September 2019: DTC was requested to ensure that a representative was present.

Highway Silt Issues: The Flood Group is to formally write to S.C.C. Highways to express its concerns regarding the build-up of silt in gullies, and the increased risk of flooding as a result.

Cllr. Nicholson was advised as to several locations where silt had been deposited at the side of the road.

Highways Signage: The speed limit signs in Battleton are covered by excess vegetation. Members were advised to contact the police and obtain confirmation that the signs are not visible to ensure that S.C.C. resolve the problem.

Fore Street White Lines: The existing lines are no longer fit for purpose and need re – painting. The Clerk is to pursue the issue.

Abbots Way: Concern was expressed regarding lengths of path that were not considered sufficiently lit.

**Minutes of the meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019 as circulated:**

Were approved and signed. Proposed by Mrs Rawle, seconded by Mr Piers and carried.

**6450 Update of action points resulting from the last meeting:**

6442 The Paddock – Lion Stables Car Park:

Members expressed their disappointment that the tender submitted had not been successful. An alternative offer having been accepted.

**6451 Accounts:**

The Financial Statement: See Appendix A

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

Payments for Approval: See Appendix B

RESOLVED: That the payments as per Appendix B are approved. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mrs Rawle and carried.

### **6452 Committees:**

Minutes submitted for approval:

#### Grounds Committee Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019:

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

Cllr. Mrs Dubery agreed to attend the Somerset Playing Field Association Awards Event on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Exmoor Lawns: Cllrs. Mrs Dubery and Mr Lewis are scheduled to meet with representatives of E.N.P.A. to discuss the provision of electricity at the site.

#### Town Management Committee Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019:

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Town Management Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mrs Rawle and carried.

#### St Stanislaus Catholic Church and Residential Centre:

RESOLVED: Bearing in mind that:

1. The Centre and the Church both bring substantial trade to the local shops, restaurants and other amenities that Dulverton and the surrounding area have to offer, therefore the closure of which will have a considerable negative economic impact.
2. The Church provides a place of quiet contemplation for visitors of all faiths and none.
3. We understand that with the necessary repairs, which could be met within the Parish's own resources, and more flexible management, the Centre would be a flourishing facility while retaining its' charitable status and its' benefit to the community.

This Council regrets and deplores the summary closure of the Centre by the Clifton Diocese, resulting in a major impact on community cohesion and the inevitable consequential closure of St Stanislaus Church. Furthermore, members have grave concerns regarding the lack of consultation with the local community. Proposed by Miss Vellacott, seconded by Mrs Dubery and carried.

#### Planning Committee Meetings – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 & 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019. Proposed by Mrs Rawle, seconded by Miss Vellacot and carried.

### **6453 Councillor Vacancies:**

Having been presented with an application from Mr John Preston members:

RESOLVED: To invite Mr Preston to fill an existing councillor vacancy. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mr Wood and carried.

**6454 Committee Membership:**

RESOLVED: To invite Cllr. Mr John Preston to become a member of the Planning Committee and the Grounds Committee. Proposed by Mr Lewis, seconded by Mrs Dubery and carried.

**6455TS5C – Grant Request:**

Members determined not to award a grant.

**6456 DTC Facebook Page:**

Members discussed and agreed to the proposal to set up a DTC Facebook page to be set up and administered by Cllr. Miss Katherine Vellacot.

**6457 Allocation of Funds for Public Conveniences in Somerset West & Taunton:**

The Clerk was requested to consult with other Town & Parish Councils who have accepted financial and managerial responsibility for the public conveniences in their parish, with regards a proposal to persuade S.W.& T. Council to award grants towards the costs involved.

**6458 Somerset West & Taunton Statement of Community Involvement Consultation:**

Work has begun with regards the new Local Plan for the new Council area. Consultation concerning the involvement of residents, local businesses and others will take place between 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Noted by members.

**6459 Late Correspondence:**

Correspondence noted by members.

Mr Steve Greenhalgh, (Somerset Road Safety) SCC. - Route 60+: Members agreed to host the event, to take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 in the Town Hall.

Somerset West & Taunton – Electric Vehicle Community Charge Point Fund – Applications from Town & Parish Councils: Cllr. Mr Nick Thwaites attempted to clarify the criteria to be met if an application for funding is to be submitted. The funding applies to installation costs only.

Engage – Penny Rowland Hill: Hinckley Point Impact Enquiry: Members commented that Dulverton is disadvantaged due to the perception that there exist diminishing benefits to living in Dulverton compared to other parishes which have been able to provide/improve existing amenities due to having received funding. As a result young people, some of whom may well obtain employment at Hinckley in the future, move away.

**6460 Questions for Members who have attended additional meetings:**

West Somerset Flood Group – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019: Attended by Cllr. Mrs Christine Dubery. Members were requested to consider a resolution agreeing to pay a contribution of £25.00 towards the cost of the website at the next meeting.

**6461 Issues to be raised with permission of the Chairman:** None

**Chairman** .....



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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### **Bank Balances at 26/06/19:**

General Account	46,968.81	
Investment Account	88,322.29	
Parish Lengthsman Account	5,262.27	
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		140,553.37

#### **Receipts – July 2019:**

General Account	3,720.24	
Investment Account	NIL	
Parish Lengthsman Account	NIL	
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		<b>144,273.61</b>

#### **Payments – July 2019:**

General Account	3,704.11	
Investment Account	NIL	
Parish Lengthsman Account	473.66	
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		140,095.84

#### **Balances @ 26/07/19**

General Account	46,984.94	
Investment Account	88,322.29	
Parish Lengthsman Account	4,788.61	
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		140,095.84

Less unrepresented cheques at 26/07/19	3,597.41	
Banking after 30/07/19	115.00	
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**Available Funds @ 31/07/19** **136,613.43**

#### As per Cashbook:

General Account	43,992.69	
Investment Account	88,322.29	
Parish Lengthsman Account	4,298.45	
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		<b>136,613.43</b>

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/07/2019  
for Cashbook 1 - General Account 38007789

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
General Bank Account 7789	26/07/2019	1	<u>46,984.94</u>
<b><u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u></b>			<b><u>Amount</u></b>
7/01/2019	U002514	Kier Recycling CIC	40.56
8/04/2019	U002573	Somerset West & Taunton	47.00
16/07/2019	U002641	Mr GF Lewis/ Lorna Doone Event Costs	617.22
16/07/2019	U002642	Mr GF Lewis/ Annual Website Costs	79.50
26/07/2019	U002645	Mrs Amanda Munday	1,184.95
26/07/2019	U002647	Mrs Sylvia Gosling	486.20
26/07/2019	U002648	Printing at the Vicarage	19.74
26/07/2019	U002649	South West Water Business	236.85
26/07/2019	U002650	Auto Speedwatch Ltd.	319.00
26/07/2019	U002651	Safeline Ltd	183.60
31/07/2019	U002652	Information Commissioner	40.00
31/07/2019	U002654	Mr Andrew Nicholas	208.63
			<u>3,107.25</u>
			43,877.69
<b><u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u></b>			
30/07/2019	Farmers Market/ Stall Holders Fees		<u>115.00</u>
			<b>Balance per Cash Book is :- 43,992.69</b>
			<b>Difference is :- 0.00</b>

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 26/07/2019  
for Cashbook 2 - Parish Lengthman Acc 38024152

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Parish Lengthsman Account 4152	26/07/2019	1	<u>4,788.61</u>
<b><u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u></b>			<b><u>Amount</u></b>
26/07/2019	U000147	Mr Shaun Bryant	490.16
			<u>490.16</u>
			4,298.45
<b><u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u></b>			
			0.00
			<u>0.00</u>
			4,298.45
			<b>Balance per Cash Book is :- 4,298.45</b>
			<b>Difference is :- 0.00</b>

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Cashbook transactions totalling £0.01 or more  
for the period 01/07/2019 to 31/07/2019**Payments**

Cb No	Bank Account Name	Date	Payment Ref	Payee Name	Amount
1	General Account 38007789	02/07/2019	U002631	Exclusive Cake & Catering	27.32
1	General Account 38007789	02/07/2019	U002632	Direct Tec	244.80
1	General Account 38007789	04/07/2019	U002633	Red Devon Cheese	60.00
1	General Account 38007789	04/07/2019	U002634	GC Stanbury & Son	127.49
1	General Account 38007789	04/07/2019	U002635	Filmbank Media	166.80
1	General Account 38007789	16/07/2019	U002636	Mr A. Takel	894.00
1	General Account 38007789	16/07/2019	U002637	Complete Weed Control	96.00
1	General Account 38007789	16/07/2019	U002638	British Telecom Internet Serv.	230.40
2	Parish Lengthsman Acc 38024152	26/07/2019	U000147	Mr Shaun Bryant	90.16
1	General Account 38007789	16/07/2019	U002640	Vigo Presses Ltd.	230.40
1	General Account 38007789	16/07/2019	U002641	Mr G. Lewis	261.22
1	General Account 38007789	19/07/2019	U002643	Viking Direct	57.53
1	General Account 38007789	19/07/2019	U002642	Mr G. Lewis	79.50
1	General Account 38007789	26/07/2019	U002644	EDF Energy	19.52
1	General Account 38007789	26/07/2019	U002645	Mrs Amanda Munday	1,184.95
1	General Account 38007789	26/07/2019	U002647	Mrs Sylvia Gosling	486.20
1	General Account 38007789	26/07/2019	U002648	Printing at the Vicarage	19.74
1	General Account 38007789	23/07/2019	U002649	South West Water Business	236.85
1	General Account 38007789	23/07/2019	U002650	Auto Speedwatch Ltd.	319.00
1	General Account 38007789	23/07/2019	U002651	Safelincs Ltd.	183.60
1	General Account 38007789	31/07/2019	U002652	Information Commissioner	40.00
1	General Account 38007789	31/07/2019	U002654	Mr A. Nicholas	208.63

**Receipts**

Cb No	Bank Account Name	Date Banked	Amount Banked
1	General Account 38007789	09/07/2019	1,957.95
1	General Account 38007789	18/07/2019	75.00
1	General Account 38007789	18/07/2019	32.98
1	General Account 38007789	30/07/2019	115.00
1	General Account 38007789	18/07/2019	1,536.31
1	General Account 38007789	26/07/2019	100.00

