DUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (PCM) MINUTES

MONDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 19:00

	ACTION
PRESENT Cllr Peter Thomas; Cllr Nigel Clifford, Cllr Isabella Harte, Cllr Andrew Mills, Cllr Keith Napthine,	
Cllr O'Sullivan, District Cllr Alan Sutton and Parish Clerk & Proper Officer Hannah-Louise O'Callaghan	
AGENDA ITEM 1: WELCOME AND TO RECEIVE & APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
Cllr Thomas welcomed everyone. Apologies were noted from County Cllr Richardson	
AGENDA ITEM 2: CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS BY COUNCILLORS IN ANY OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW AND ANY CHANGES TO THE REGISTER OF INTERESTS. None	
AGENDA ITEM 3: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19 JULY 2021 TO BE AGREED AND SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD	
On a proposal by Cllr O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr Clifford the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2021 were approved and signed by Cllr Thomas.	
AGENDA ITEM 4: UPDATE ON MATTERS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS MEETING	
a) Speeding – Cllr Thomas	
Cllr Thomas confirmed that the recalibration of the speed gun had been done and it was ready for use however the Speedwatch group has not been very active recently and there have been no sessions in the last month. Cllr O'Sullivan noted that the website is quite difficult to use and this could be putting people off organising a session. Cllr Sutton kindly agreed to report this back. It was noted that Operations Downsway had been active over the weekend and had been quite successful again. The link between rural crime and Operation Downsway was again highlighted as a good crossover. There is a lot of support from senior officers to keep the momentum going and any local action by Speedwatch groups helps to continue the momentum.	Cllr Sutton
Cllr Napthine raised concerns regarding the closure of crime cases reported to the Police and mentioned a case that was closed online within 30 minutes of reporting it with little or no investigation done. Cllr Napthine asked what could be done in this case as rural crime is on the rise. Cllr Sutton to follow up regarding a PCSO for Duncton as this type of crime would fall into their remit. It is hoped that with the appointment of a PCSO a presence at parish council meetings could become the norm for matters to be raised and dealt with properly.	Clir Sutton
b) Radar Calibration and Inspection – Cllr Thomas	
As above	
c) Playground Maintenance and Inspection – Cllrs Napthine & Clifford	
It was agreed that Cllr Clifford would arrange the inspection with the invoice being made out to	
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the Parish Council.	Cllr Clifford
d) Footpaths – ClIrs Thomas & Clifford	
Cllr Napthine reported that the footpath from the village hall to Burton Park road has been cleared however the footpath around the small pond is still overgrown. The footpath around the trout farm is passable. Cllr Thomas to follow up with the footpath warden.	Cllr Thomas
Cllr Thomas reported that a new fingerpost had been sited up by the village hall and another one on the Cricketers to Seaford College footpath.	
e) Rewilding of Communal Areas	
Cllrs O'Sullivan and Clifford reported that a plan was in place to reduce mowing to twice yearly on the lower green backing onto the woods, to encourage wildflowers. In addition any cuttings from the Autumn mowing could potentially be used for the bonfire. Cllr Clifford to take forward with Andy Gadd.	Cllr Clifford
Cllr O'Sullivan suggested that the boggy area could be used to plant fruit trees and that Sebastien Anstruther may be interested in supplying local apple tree varieties for planting. Cllr O'Sullivan to follow this up and report back. It may be possible to plant this year. Cllr Thomas noted that it would be necessary to speak to the village hall committee to ascertain that there was no other use earmarked for that piece of land.	Cllr O'Sullivan Cllr Thomas
Cllr Thomas suggested that the bulbs purchased last year could be added to, to complete the planting started in the previous year. Council agreed that this was a good idea. Cllrs Thomas and Clifford to follow up.	Cllr Thomas Cllr Clifford
f) Bus Stop Repairs	
It was suggested that there may be someone who has moved into Willett Close who may be able to assist. ClIrs Thomas and Clifford to follow up	Cllr Thomas
g) Recruitment of additional councillors	Cllr Clifford
It was confirmed that Cllr Harte had placed an advert on facebook but no response had been received. Clerk to check the rules governing whether someone on the border of the parish is eligible to join the parish council.	Clerk
Cllr Napthine mentioned he may know of someone willing to join the parish council and will report back.	Cllr Napthine
h) Update on any issues regarding CCTV in private properties – Cllr Napthine	
Cllr Napthine reported that this was now resolved after a conversation with the homeowner and clarification provided around the use of CCTV.	
AGENDA ITEM 5: FINANCE	
a) To approve Clerks salary and expenses – Appendix A	
On a proposal by Clir Napthine and seconded by Clir Harte Clerks salary and expenses were approved	
b) To note and approve income and expenditure report – Appendix B	
On a proposal by ClIr Napthine and seconded by ClIr O'Sullivan Council approved the income and expenditure report (Appendix B)	
c) To approve the regular Bank Reconciliation – Appendix C	

On a proposal by Cllr Harte and seconded by Cllr Clifford the bank reconciliation (Appendix C) was approved by Council			
AGENDA ITEM 6: PLANNING			
The Council discussed planning application SDNP/21/01810/HOUS. Council requested that the Clerk submit a comment of no objection.	Clerk		
Discussion took place regarding an application by Weston Stud but it was clarified that this is not within the parish.			
Clerk confirmed that a comment of no objection had been submitted for application SDNP/21/03354/LIS			
AGENDA ITEM 7: REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR – ALAN SUTTON			
Cllr Sutton provided a full report as included in Appendix D. The main elements from his report were discussed as follows:			
It was noted that West Sussex is taking the lead in working with housing associations and private partners to identify and secure housing for displaced Afghan families. The District Council have already homed 1 family and are hoping to provide accommodation for another 6 families in the next 6 months. It was asked whether a piece could be included in the parish magazine. Cllr Sutton to send details to Cllr Thomas.	Cllr Sutton		
Cllr O'Sullivan asked whether the villages are suitable given the lack of transportation. Cllr Sutton noted the concerns but pointed out that a lot of those needing support are working professionals. It was noted that there is a lot of concern from people in England with relatives in Afghanistan as there is no longer any consular support in the country.			
Cllr Sutton reported on the drive to get people visiting Chichester and the surrounding areas to stay and enjoy other parts of our area. The Great Sussex way has taken over from Visit Chichester as this concentrated too much on the city and not the surrounding areas.			
Cllr Sutton discussed the value of red carding certain planning applications that may need more discussion and highlighted that he was happy to work with the parish council if possible to ensure any planning applications of concern are properly addressed. Cllr Sutton noted that Downsview Farm had gone to appeal and the Parish Council are welcome to speak at the meting when a date is set. Discussion around the application took place with the Council agreeing that they would like to attend the meeting – Clerk to advise when a date is received for the appeal.	Clerk		
AGENDA ITEM 8: REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR – TOM RICHARDSON			
None			
AGENDA ITEM 9: ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY (12 th November)			
Cllr Mills apologised that he had not yet actioned anything on the list previously sent out however would do so. A budget of £700 was confirmed for the fireworks, Clerk to communicate this to Aurora who have confirmed that they will set off the fireworks as well as supply them on 12 th November. It was confirmed that the hall is booked for this date. Cllr Thomas to confirm	Cllr Mills Clerk		

catering with the pub.	Cllr Thomas			
Discussions took place around roping off the area and it was suggested that Andy Gadd may have stakes that can be used and the purchase of some tape would be sufficient. Clerk to confirm with insurance company regarding cover and liability. It was confirmed that previously the village hall insurance covered the event.				
Cllr Mills to produce a save the date announcement and flyer to advertise the event to the village. Clerk to forward the previously used flyer.				
Cllr O'Sullivan confirmed that she would be able to supply soft drinks as in previous years	Cllr O'Sullivan			
AGENDA ITEM 10: CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE				
The Parish Council confirmed receipt of the following correspondence:				
a) Local Plan Review newsletter				
Cllr Sutton noted that this was not relevant to the SDNPA				
b) CDC Local Transport Plan				
c) Southern Water & Neighbourhood Plan Survey				
d) WSALC Chairman & Clerk Forum				
Cllr Thomas confirmed that he would be attending the Chairmans Forum	Clerk			
AGENDA ITEM 11: MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA				
 Cllr Thomas reported that the recent village party was a success and that the distribution of profits back into the village was under discussion. Cllr Thomas confirmed that he had spoken with Sue Laker regarding the availability of the training for the defibrillator and would update with dates. Clerk to put on the agenda for the next meeting Clerk to check Cllr Harte's emails as she is unable to send anything Cllr Napthine asked whether Neighbourhood Watch is still active – it was confirmed that the group is still active but not as proactive as they could be. Cllr Napthine expressed his concerns about how crime is being dealt with and the quick closure of cases. Cllr Sutton highlighted that there is an active Sussex Crimewatch group on Facebook which is useful for highlighting crimes as well as a rural crime squad at Midhurst. Cllr Sutton informed the Council that Cllr Richardson has a good relationship with the Police and that he may be able to assist. It was also highlighted that the divisional inspector Tom Carter may be able to look into the matter however getting a PCSO assigned to Duncton should be a priority. Cllr Napthine asked what was happening with Heath End Quarry. Cllr Thomas confirmed that Sabrina has left but another meeting will be booked to which Cllr Napthine would also attend. It was confirmed that the Leaconfield Estate will be taking over the site however Dudman are supposed to reinstate the site. It was noted that the site has huge potential for wildlife and potentially an angling society may be interested. Cllr Thomas to send the minutes of the liaison committee to Cllr Sutton and coordinate with Cllr Napthine 	Clir Thomas Clerk Clerk Clir Thomas			
AGENDA ITEM 12: PUBLIC QUESTIONS				
None				
AGENDA ITEM 13: ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY				

AGENDA ITEM 14: DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday 8 th November 2021, 19:00		
The Meeting ended at 20.43		
These minutes are an accurate record of the meeting		
Signed:		
Name & Position:		
Date:		

Clerk Salary and Expenses

Clerks Salary 1 – 31st July 2021 Net Salary £335.35 PAYE £60.40

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Paid by Standing Order on last working day of the month

Clerks Working from Home Expenses (as per contract)

Date Paid	Detail	Reason	Cost ex VAT (£)	VAT (£)	Cost inc VAT (£)
31/7/21	Working from home allowance (July)	As per contract. Agreed payment by dd each month	36.00	0	36.00
31/8/21	Working from home allowance (August)	As per contract. Agreed payment by dd each month	36.00	0	36.00
Total			72.00	0	72.00

Initial:

Appendix A

	DUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL				
File Number	Date of Payment	Payment Method	Рауее	Description	Gross
Receipts					
•	07/06/2021	BACS	Barclays	Interest 9 Sept	0.2
					0.20
Payment Ref	Number				
18	23/07/2021	dd	HL O'Callaghan	Reimbursement of Card Reader Purchase	38.4
18	30/07/2021	SO	HL O'Callaghan	Working from home - July	36
19	30/07/2021	dd	HL O'Callaghan	Clerk Salary - July	335.35
20	30/07/2021	dd	HMRC	PAYE July	60.4
21	02/08/2021	dd	HL O'Callaghan	Easyspace renewal reimbursement	137.34
22	03/08/2021	dd	Chi Payroll Serv	Payroll - July	10
23	30/07/2021	SO	HL O'Callaghan	Working from home - August	36
24	31/08/2021	dd	HL O'Callaghan	Clerk Salary - August	335.35
25	06/09/2021	dd	HMRC	PAYE August	60.4
26	06/09/2021	dd	Chi Payroll Serv	Payroll -August	10
27	08/09/2021	dd	Unipar services	Yearly Callibration of Radar Gun	300
					1359.24

Duncton Parish Council		
BANK RECONCI	LIATION	
6th Sep 2	1	
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS		
Balance brought forward as		
at 31/03/21	£9,403.41	
Add Total Receipts	5361.46	
Less Total Payments	(3,244.46)	
TOTAL	£11,520.41	
BANK		
Current as @ 6/9/21	3,528.84	
Savings as @ 6/9/21	7,991.57	
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TOTAL	£11,520.41	

Afghan Refugees

As you will have seen through the media, we have all been faced with the heart breaking images of people trying to flee Afghanistan. As a council, we are committed to playing our part to support the Government's emerging plan. This aims to help those most in need, particularly women, girls and those who have been helping British operations in Afghanistan. In the same way that we have helped Syrian families to settle in the Chichester District, we are fully committed to supporting the national effort to help the most vulnerable Afghan people to resettle in the UK, in any way that we can.

We understand that the Government is looking to resettle 20,000 Afghan refugees in the UK over a number of years, with 5,000 in the first year. This is in addition to the current Afghan Locally Employed scheme, which works to relocate at-risk Afghan workers who have supported coalition troops. We're proud to say that Chichester District Council was one of the first districts to have housed a family under the Locally Employed scheme, and that we are looking at housing more people in the near future. West Sussex County Council will lead on any scheme to resettle Afghan refugees in the county. Our main role will be to identify suitable housing that can be used as part of the scheme.

Waste Collections

Unlike several of our neighbouring districts and boroughs, Chichester Contract Services have managed to provide a full kerbside waste collection service including green and trade waste throughout the year. This has been very difficult at times particularly over the last few months, with many of our crew members taking much needed annual leave and the teams being continuingly impacted by the pandemic. We have been very close at times to dropping one or more rounds but by transferring staff from other operational areas of CCS including the workshop, this has not been necessary. We hope that the relaxation of the track and trace rules around self-isolation will now reduce the challenge that we have been managing on a daily basis.

Health Protection

While Covid restrictions have been relaxed the Health Protection team continue to provide support and guidance to businesses for outbreak management and ensuring their risk assessments cover any necessary Covid controls. The Health Protection Team has recommenced their food inspection programme which has been on hold since March 2020 due to Covid. New, high risk and non-compliant premises are being prioritised for inspections up until March 2022 in line with the Food Standards Agency's Local Recovery Plan. The remaining backlog will then follow in 2022/2023.

Petworth Vision

CDC has approved funding to assist Petworth Vision to manage the creation of a dedicated website and design of a logo for the Petworth Heritage Partnership to go 'live' in September. This partnership comprises the following organisations:

- St Mary's Church
- United Reformed Church
- The Leconfield Hall
- Sacred Heart Church
- The Old Railway Station
- Petworth & District Community Association
- Petworth Vision CIC
- The Petworth Society
- Petworth Business Association; and,
- The Petworth Town Band.

The aim of promoting the organisations together on one dedicated website is to help showcase Petworth's large number of heritage sites in a more efficient way in order to encourage greater community engagement and increasing visitor numbers into the town. The ongoing maintenance of the new website will be funded by donations raised during the Heritage Weekends and throughout the year.

We have also approved funding for Petworth Vision to set up and run computer training at the United Reform Church for residents of Petworth and the surrounding areas. It is being presented as an IT café and training will range from on-line banking and shopping, to the use of Zoom and Skype as well as IT Security. There will be two morning sessions a week running from 14 September 2021 until September 2022

As always I am happy to answer any questions or signpost you if your question falls outside my remit Kind regards

Alan

Alan Sutton

Cabinet Member for Housing, Licensing, Communications and Events

Fittleworth Ward

Chichester District Council