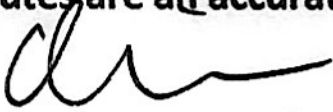


DUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (PCM) MINUTES
Monday 9th October 2023 AT 19:00

	ACTION
<p><u>PRESENT</u></p> <p>Cllr Andrew Mills, Cllr Keith Napthine, Cllr Richard Guy</p> <p>Mr James Garrow present as a member of the public but also as a prospective member of the Council. It was agreed to consider co-opting Mr Garrow at the end of the meeting if he was willing to stand.</p>	
<p>AGENDA ITEM 1: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>AGENDA ITEM 2: CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATION OF MEMBERS PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTEREST ON ITEMS INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>AGENDA ITEM 3: MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 22ND JUNE 2023 TO BE AGREED AND SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD</p> <p>On a proposal by Cllr Mills and seconded by Cllr Guy the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June 2023 were approved and signed by Cllr Mills.</p>	
<p>AGENDA ITEM 4: UPDATE ON MATTERS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>a) Speeding</p> <p>It was noted that the Speed Watch group continues to operate regularly in the Village (Cllr Napthine has participated in some sessions). It was noted that in accordance with usual practice only speeds of 35 and above are recorded (as this is the minimum speed for referral to the Police). Going forward (and subject to capacity) Cllr Napthine to see whether it is possible to record all speeding to provide more data in relation to any application for lower speed limits in and around the Village (see below).</p> <p>There remains a desire to explore options for speed reduction in and around the Village. It is noted that Bury Parish Council is potentially ahead of Duncton in exploring the options. Cllr Guy had discussed the issue of speeding informally with Tom Richardson and an action was placed on Cllr Mills to formally raise the issue with him ahead of the next meeting. In addition Cllr Mills agreed to undertake further research into the costs of signage, Parish Gates etc. and the application to the relevant Authorities to change the local speed</p>	<p>Cllr Napthine</p> <p>Cllr Mills</p>

<p>limits. The main consideration was a change in the speed on the Duncton straight at the North end of the Village to 40mph and to reduce the current 40mph zone at the North end of the Village to 30mph to slow vehicles entering the Village. A possible reduction in the speed limit to 20mph in the area adjacent to the School was discussed (having been raised as a possibility by Tom Richardson in discussion with Cllr Guy). Cllr Mills agreed to formulate some options and arrange for Tom Richardson to attend the next meeting to discuss if possible.</p> <p>b) Footpaths</p> <p>It was noted that the footpath along the Duncton Straight is significantly overgrown and that the footpath along the ridge parallel to the Duncton Straight is impassable.</p> <p>c) Bus Stop Repairs</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Napthine would inspect and look into getting further quotes for the work</p> <p>d) Village Hall meeting room update</p> <p>Cllr Mills reported that he had offered the television to the Lavington schools and the Sylvia Beaufoy Centre. Cllr Mills agreed to seek further options for donation to a worthwhile cause in or around the Village.</p>	<p>Cllr Mills</p> <p>Cllr Napthine</p> <p>Cllr Mills</p>
<p>AGENDA ITEM 5: FINANCE</p> <p>a) General Update</p> <p>Cllr Mills reported that the Mandate change had still not been completed.</p> <p>Cllr Napthine agreed to urgently seek to complete his identity check so that the Mandate change could be completed.</p>	<p>Cllr Napthine</p>
<p>AGENDA ITEM 6: PLANNING UPDATE</p> <p>Council noted the following decisions:</p> <p>Decisions:</p> <p>SDNP/23/02123/HOUS Proposal: Extension at rear Location: Rose Cottage, Duncton, West Sussex Parish Council position: No comment (observing failure to comply with previous planning obligations)</p> <p>SDNP/23/03535/PA3R Proposal: Change of use of Barn Location: Littleton Farm, A285, Upwaltham</p>	

Parish Council Position: No comment	
AGENDA ITEM 7: DISTRICT COUNCILORS REPORT – DR JOHN CROSS Dr Cross submitted a report which was circulated in advance which was an early statement in relation to his new position.	
AGENDA ITEM 7: COUNTY COUNCILORS REPORT – TOM RICHARDSON None	
AGENDA ITEM 9: CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that there had not been any update on the status of the Quarry. Cllr Napthine has not been invited to any subsequent meetings at the site to discuss future arrangements and agreed to follow this up and to check whether Peter Thomas had received any update on this matter. 	Cllr Napthine
AGENDA ITEM 10: MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-replacement of Clerk To facilitate the smooth operation of the Council in the absence of a Clerk, on the motion of Cllr Guy and seconded by Cllr Napthine, it was resolved that Cllr Mills should attend a Clerk training course and that the Council would fund that course at an expected cost of not exceeding £250.00. 	Cllr Mills
AGENDA ITEM 10: PUBLIC QUESTIONS None	
AGENDA ITEM 11: ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was discussion on recent crime in the local area (both in the Village and at Easeborne) A query was raised as to whether there was any membership of a “working group” or equivalent in relation to Black Pond. 	
AGENDA ITEM 18: DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next Council Meeting will be held on 15 th January	
Co-Option of Mr James Garrow Mr James Garrow indicated that he was willing to stand as a member of the Council. On the motion of Cllr Mills seconded by Cllr Napthine and agreed by all members of the Council Mr James Garrow was co-opted as a member of the Council. Cllr	Cllr Mills

Mills was instructed to prepare the necessary paperwork for acceptance of the co-option, declaration of interests etc.	
The Meeting ended at 8.20pm	
<p>These minutes are an accurate record of the meeting</p> <p>Signed: </p> <p>Name & Position: ANDREW MILLS, CHAIR</p> <p>Date: 15th January 2024</p>	