

DUNCTON PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (PCM) MINUTES

Monday 15th January 2023 at 19:00


SUMMARY	ACTION
<p><u>PRESENT</u></p> <p>Cllr Andrew Mills, Cllr Richard Guy, Cllr James Garrow.</p> <p>Also Present: Tom Richardson</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 9TH OCTOBER 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 9th October 2023 were approved and signed by Cllr Mills.</p>	
<p>AGENDA ITEM 4: DISTRICT COUNCILORS REPORT – DR JOHN CROSS</p> <p>Dr Cross submitted a report which was circulated in advance which was focussed on the impact of environmental efficiency requirements on listed buildings.</p>	
<p>AGENDA ITEM 5: COUNTY COUNCILORS REPORT – TOM RICHARDSON</p> <p>Report delivered in person.</p> <p>Relatively quiet start to 2024 on the Council.</p> <p>From mid-Feb it will be necessary to book prior to attending any of the Chichester Council waste centres. Aimed to prevent abuse by repeat visitors who should be paying and also to avoid queues (particularly at Midhurst where queues have at times been out onto the public road). Can book at short notice on-line (same day is available). Will also result in those who have to pay (traders, builders etc.) avoiding payment by using multiple car runs rather than paying as required.</p> <p>Discussion on the Road and Speed proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom reported that Bury Parish Council has succeeded in its application to reduce speed limit through Bury (A29) to 40 all the way up to the top of the hill and then to 50 up to the Whiteways Roundabout. Application is a relatively easy process. Parish being able to fund not essential but will help to get the approval through. Bury cost was around £10k and Bury paid £2k. Parish does have some funds (and there are a lot of signs already in place – potentially could reuse the existing signs – legal process Traffic Regulation Order is the expensive part). If road painting needs to be done or removed that is more difficult. Road-side signage is relatively simple (can just do the roadside) Tom suggested that we also consider the South end of the village (and not entirely sure where the parish ends). Ordnance Survey election maps is a really useful source of info on this. Parish actually runs to just prior to the Wedding Barn (so it does include the 	

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<p>“dangerous” curve over the hill). Accident actually occurred further south on a much more minor corner (but still in the Parish).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council needs to consider whether we do anything about that section – can get it dropped to 50 almost automatically. Would need to consider whether our boundary is a sensible place to put a 50 zone. Tom says that eventually he expects that the whole road south of Duncton will be limited to 50 but that will take some time. Also want to think about whether Highways will put up any signage at the dangerous corner. • Also Cllr Guy raise concern about visibility of the 30 sign at the bottom of the hill and the signs when you enter the village from the North. • Cllr Garrow raised a concern that if we reduce the speed limit people may just ignore it. Esp across the Graffham turn-off that remains a risk. Tom: reality is if the limit is 40 people push to 40, if it is 50 they will push to 60. WILL slow people down. Previously there was a look at what to do about that junction – looked to buy some land to widen the road to put in a central barrier but the owner wouldn’t sell at the time. Bringing the speed limit down will help (especially given poor line of site to pull out onto the straight). • Proposal to limit to 40 all the way along the straight. Can also get some Gates at the (new) 30 sign location. We would want Tom to be available. • Proposal is that when we hold the May Village Meeting this should be a focus (usually get 50-100 people in for that). Use that as a consulting opportunity. • Crossing? Light crossing is £250-300k – would be hard to justify given the footfall. Not sure if do zebra crossing on A roads. Islands would be a possibility? • Issue is that the road looks like an A road (not a small village road). Tom says we could consider landscaping to make it look more “villagey” (Bury has done this). Hannacker took all the road markings away. Probably better to keep the double lines all the way through? May be better not to have lines on the narrow part at the North end of the village (actually the speed dropped significantly when the resurfacing was done north of Seaford. Tom not sure if we could paint on the road to make it narrower. • Tom: put in as 2 separate applications (one for each end) so can approve one but not the other. • Speak to Mike Dare (Environment Manager) at the Council most knowledgeable person Tom has dealt with at the Council. • Tom was thanked for his contribution to the meeting. 	
<p>AGENDA ITEM 6: UPDATE ON MATTERS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>a) Speeding No update.</p> <p>b) Footpaths It was noted that the footpath at Heath End (towards the Badgers) has been significantly cleared. No-one has received any complaints or noted any issues.</p> <p>c) Bus Stop Repairs No update to report. Still have only 1 quote. Cllr Mills to follow up with Cllr Napthane to see if we had a second quote.</p> <p>d) Village Hall meeting room update No update – will remove from the agenda going forward. Still have the TV (will hang onto it until May meeting now).</p>	<p>Cllr Napthane</p>
<p>AGENDA ITEM 7: FINANCE</p>	

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AGENDA ITEM 13: ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR INFORMATION ONLY OR FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil. 	
AGENDA ITEM 14: DATE OF NEXT MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Going forward – 3rd Monday of each odd month. • Parish Meeting – Cllr Mills to check when we did this – was it a weekend or weekday evening and report back to the Council for approval of the date. 	Cllr Mills
The Meeting ended at 8.00 pm	
<p>These minutes are an accurate record of the meeting</p> <p>Signed: </p> <p>Name & Position: ANDREW MILLS, CHAIR</p> <p>Date: 18/03/2024.</p>	

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