

The Duntisbournes Parish Council
Annual Village Meeting and PC AGM
Minutes of the 168th Meeting on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 at 7pm
In Duntisbourne Abbots Village Hall

Present Councillors: Mr R Lane (Chairman), Mrs J R Edwards, Mr J Weston, Mr W J Eykyn, Mr R Bliss, Mr E Cuthbert, Mr D Doyle, Ms S Cavendish (Clerk)

Also Present: Mrs J Judd, Mr N Robbins, Mr R Carver, Mr P Ling, Mr R Edwards

Annual Village Meeting

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the Councillors and residents to the Annual Village Meeting.

Report from Julia Judd, District Councillor for Ermin Ward

New Councillor, Julia Judd gave a report on the past year which had been prepared by the previous Councillor Nicholas Parsons. A copy of the report is attached. The Parish Councillors thanked her. They also wished to thank and congratulate Mr Nicholas Parsons for his years of serving on a fiscally responsible Council which has saved enormously.

Report from Mr Nigel Robbins OBE, County Councillor for Beeches Ward

County Councillor Nigel Robbins OBE is now also Chairman of CDC. A copy of his report is attached. Of much interest was the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy which will replace Section 106 of Planning and may affect residents. (See link below)

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their reports and they left the meeting.

Minutes of The Duntisbournes Parish Council AGM, (168th Meeting)

1) Election of Chairman

Mr Rupert Lane was proposed, seconded and unanimously voted to remain as Chairman.

2) Elected Councillors Documentation

All Councillors and Chairman completed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms and Register of Interest Forms.

3) Thanks to Retiring Members

The Chairman and Councillors welcomed new Parish Councillors David Doyle (D Rous) and Eamonn Cuthbert (D Abbots). Thanks were given to Elizabeth Whitaker and Russell Carver who had served as Councillors for many years. Thanks were also given to the Parish Clerk.

4) Minutes of the Last Meeting were approved.

5) Matters arising

The Neighbourhood Co-ordination meeting was held on Wed 27th March. Jane Edwards gave a summary. Charlie Pascoe-Watson is the new PCSO for the area. Thanks were given to Richard Edwards for running our Neighbourhood Watch. Next meeting to be advised.

6) Planning Updates

Nor-Leba - (Abbots) 18/04494/FUL - Resubmitted Plans - Approved

Stable Barn, Well Hill - (Abbots) 19/01078/FUL - removal of 2 bays replace with 4 bays -Awaiting decision

Pound Cottage - (Abbots) 19/01435/TCONR - Tree Works - Approved

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The Laurels - (Abbots) 19/01364/TCONR - Tree Works - Approved
Millstone House - (Leer) 19/01100/FUL - Construction of garage & store, retention of use as builder's yard & storage - Multiple objections, but waiting decision.

NB: DA Councillors comment on applications for Abbots and Leer and that DR Councillors comment on applications for Rous and Middle Duntisbourne. All comments are to be 'replied to all' Parish Councillors.

7) Highways

The Clerk has spoken to Highways and the following issues are booked for repair.

Ealy Hill Manhole Cover - Highways ref 11223979 for urgent repair

Repairs to road through Leer - Highways ref 11223976 for repair

Damage to road signs – Repair Ref No 42301752

Repair to Ford in Leer – Highways have spoken to resident

Road and Layby closures A417/419 - Awaiting response from Highways England

Flooding under A417 Bridges - Awaiting responses from Highways England

Potholes – CDC Highways Manager to come for a 'walk through' Parish following AGM

8) Finance

The Clerk provided Councillors with a copy of the Audited Accounts for the year 2018/19

Audit 2018/19 (Legal Obligations)

The Annual Accounts were prepared by the Clerk and were audited by Robert Towill.

The council:

- a) Signed the **Certificate of Exemption** to return to the external auditor
- b) The **Annual Governance and Accountability Return**
 - i) **Annual Internal Audit Report** signed by Robert Towill, external auditor
 - ii) **Section 1 Annual Governance Statement**, signed by Chairman and minuted
 - iii) **Section 2 Accounting Statements** signed by Chairman and minuted

The Parish Council thanked Robert Towill for auditing the accounts.

Current Financial Position

The current accounts are on Budget for 2019-20.

9) Any Other Business

Emergency Plan – Agreed that at this time an Emergency Plan is not necessary.

A419 Noise Action Group - Letter of thanks received for our support.

Roadsign to Long Furlong – Mr Eykyn has asked CDC to replace the road sign.

West Dean Parish Council/GAPTC – Speeding Survey completed by Jane and Richard Edwards.

Litter near Centurion Garage- The problem has improved.

Dog Fouling – The Parish Council will erect some 'pick up' notices.

Mowing of Verges in Cotswolds – The Parish Council was asked to share guidelines on this. Details are at: <https://cotswoldsconservationboard.cmail19.com/t/i-l-pfliyd-yhiriyuju-j>

Community Infrastructure Levy – This will apply to planning permission in the Cotswolds District Council area from 1 June 2019. It will include domestic planning permission and will be retrospective to anything in progress. See www.cotswold.gov.uk/cil/what-is-cil

Village Fete Saturday 15th June All residents and friends are invited to the Village Fete to be held at The Old Rectory, 2.30 pm.

Meetings

Next meeting, Tuesday September 3rd in Duntisbourne Abbots Village Hall

Following meeting, Tuesday December 3rd in Duntisbourne Abbots Village Hall

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COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report by Cllr N J W Parsons Spring 2019

1. **Finance**

CDC set a budget which increases Council Tax by 2.0% in line with inflation. Working with neighbouring authorities through the not for profit Company, Publica, the Council has continued to find savings without cutting any services. Publica is owned by Cotswold, West Oxfordshire and Forest of Dean District Councils and Cheltenham Borough Council. The following projects remain within the funded financial plan:

- The New Waterloo Car Park
- Temporary Car Parking (to allow the building of the Waterloo
- Electric Car Charging, while Green Waste charges remain frozen and
- "Free after 3" Parking will be extended again.

Cotswold District Council remains debt free with net assets of over £30 million.

2. **A417**

CDC remains committed to work with the County Council agencies and central government to support and encourage the completion of the dualling of the A417

3. **Planning**

The New Local Plan to 2031 has been adopted. For Cowley & Birdlip, the proposed Local Plan includes a policy to enable small scale local development outside the main towns/settlements, provided that it can be accommodated without harm to the countryside and can be shown to be in the best interests of the particular settlement or village.

4. **Waste Services**

New vehicles are being purchased and after extensive consultations a new improved collection system will be introduced in the autumn.

5. **Youth Projects**

The Council is still able to support youth projects for those aged between 11 - 17. Each District ward Councillor has an allocation of £1,000 available. Over the last year some £2,250 has been allocated to the Ermin Ward by borrowing from other Wards.

6. **Community Projects**

The Council has increased the capital allocation available and will continue to support local/community projects with the provision of match funding with other organisations, such as the Heritage Lottery Fund. Within the Cotswolds, this scheme has been particularly useful in the provision of, or repair of, village halls and other community facilities.

7. **1st Word War**

The fund has now closed. The allocations made enabled communities to fund memorial commemorations.

8. **Defibrillators**

Funds remain available to support parishes with the installation of Defibrillators. Within Ermin Ward we have already used the initial allocation of £2,000, but further applications may succeed if pooled funds remain available.

N J W Parsons

Ward Councillor, Ermin Ward

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Notes for Duntisbournes AGM May 22 by Councillor Nigel Robbins OBE

Highways issues

1. Ringway have taken over Maintenance & Repairs contract from Amey plc. Direct pothole etc complaints to highwayscouncillors@gloucestershire.gov.uk
2. A417 Missing Link: Route 30 chosen and confirmed. Final consultation this summer by Highways England. Issues to raise might include : Noise reduction (by m. of acoustic barriers, speed controls..) and Access roads, some too short as Highwayman.

Health and Social Care

County Committee now split between Health incl. Childrens Health and Public Health with Adult Social Care, but with 4 extra joint meetings. I'm on the Health Committee.

Decision to pilot transfer of General (i.e. Gastroenterological) Surgery specialism to Gloucs. Royal (GRH) suspended during judicial review.

Changes in Radiography are temporary as long as staff shortages (general) continue.

Cirencester has full weekly provision.

Fire Service

I'm our group's representative on Cabinet Panel to oversee reforms in management of Glos Fire & Rescue Service, which suffered scandal in summer when Chief Fire Officer was dismissed following whistleblower revelations of ill-judged spending.

General view is that the service should remain under County Council control, however, rather than transfer, as Government has suggested, to Police and Crime Commissioner's department.

Audit and Governance Committee, which I chair, is also reviewing this issue and keeping an eye on the review of Childrens Services, which received a poor Ofsted last year.

CDC

As Chair of the new CDC I am pleased to say we have an exciting new programme: More transparency, less secrecy, more & better consultation; Radical response to climate urgency/emergency; Supporting market town vitality in face of on-line retail; Tackling shortage of social (rented) housing.

Nearly all members are pleased that allowances have been raised, as suggested in November by independent panel to £5k p.a. The first raise for 11 years. Much more work, more Council meetings etc.

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