

The Duntisbournes' Parish Council

Minutes of the 158th Meeting on Tuesday 22nd November 2016 at 7.30pm (no Held)in Duntisbourne Abbots Village Hall

Present: Mr R. Lane, Mrs J.R. Edwards, Mr W. Weston, Mr R. Carver, Mr R. Bliss,
Mr W.J. Eykyn, Mrs E. Whitaker, Mrs C. Cuthbert (Clerk).

Minutes of the Last Meeting – were approved.

Appointment of New Clerk: - Mick Lowe has been approached with regard to taking up the position of Parish Clerk – no objections raised and all in favour.

Defibrillator: - JRE had been investigating the feasibility of having a village defibrillator. The financial outlay would be significant for the Duntisbourne's budget. JRE has agreed to undertake further enquiries to determine the effectiveness/feasibility from other Parish's that have installed them. It was thought a more financially acceptable solution for us would be to undertake refresher first-aid courses. JRE agreed to contact St.Johns Ambulance/Red Cross to make enquires regarding costs.

Planning:

Barn Cottage (DL)	– planning approved.	Top Withens (DA)	– no objections raised.
Old Rectory (DA)	– approved.	Long Furlong (DA)	– no objections raised.
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Highways:

Trustrams Mead (drainage for DL ford) – A Grid has now been installed at the site to allow the clearing of blockages and is said to be working to great effect.

Longford Wall – A structural report undertaken on the erosion under the footway has identified the required remedial works to be significantly more than originally thought and has therefore been put forward to the next financial year. Signs stating the path is unsafe to use are to remain in place for the foreseeable future, and certainly until repair works are undertaken.

A417 Slip Road – GCC have agreed that this is their responsibility and that repairs are required. However, these will not be addressed until the next financial year.

Signs – The new signs giving clear instructions to lorries leaving the Centurion garage regarding M5/M4 directions are now in place and it is hoped this will avoid the frequent problems of lorries entering the village and becoming stuck.

The Grove Wall – CDC are awaiting a structural report prior to any remedial works being agreed upon.

Finance:

Precept – It was agreed the Parish should apply for an increase in the annual precept allowance to £2000 in order to meet the rising maintenance costs.

Grass Mowing – Willie Weston has yet to invoice the Parish for mowing the village grass. JW to chase.

Neighbourhood Co-ordination Meeting: - Wednesday November 16th 2016.

JRE attended the meeting – resent crime figures were presented and discussed. Amey have reported that all salt bins have been filled in preparation for bad weather.

Rural Services Network:

Rural bus services are under threat through lack of use. The bus service may be reduced to one bus each day passing through our villages. JRE to communicate with the Council and Pullmans' to establish the number of people using the service and to establish how other Councils are dealing with the problem.

Any Other Business:

Mrs Smith from Duntisbourne Leer has recently replaced the covers and some of the walling to her septic tank, which is sited on Mason's green. She is concerned that cars parked on the green may do damage to the cover and compromise the walling and has asked if she could erect some posts to identify the cover to those parking on the green. The council have requested that she submit a drawing of her intentions prior to making a decision on the matter.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday 28th February 2017. DA Village Hall.
- Summer meeting Tues 23rd May 2017, subject to availability of District & County Councillors.