

The Duntisbournes Parish Council
Minutes of the 167th Meeting on Wednesday 27th Feb 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, Mrs E Whitaker, Ms S Cavendish (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr R Bliss, Mr R Carver

- 1) **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Were approved by the PC.

- 2) **Matters arising:** Defibrillator: SWASFT (South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust) accredited the defibrillator in December and the PC holds the Memorandum of Understanding. To retain accreditation, the PC must comply with some requirements. The defibrillator must be visually checked daily and weekly with a 'lid opening' check that must be recorded on the SWASFT online checking system each month. RL will continue with daily checks and JRE has kindly offered to be the assigned person to carry out lid opening checks and online registration each month. The PC thanks them both.

3) Planning:

Long Furlong Barn – (Abbots) 18/03494/NONMAT Basement – Approved
Well Hill – (Abbots) 18/04438/TCONR – Tree Works – Approved
Field House – (Abbots) 18/04451/FUL – Single storey extension – Approved
River House - (Rous) – 18/03422/FUL – Detached ancillary accommodation – Approved
Newbarn Farm – (Leer) 19/00391 – Agricultural Building - Approved
Nor-Leba – (Abbots) 18/04994/FUL – Plans being resubmitted – Pending

The Councillors agreed that when commenting on planning issue emails, their comments should be copied to all of the other Parish Councillors.

4) Highways:

Overgrown Hedges – These have been cut back

Ealy Hill Manhole Cover – Highways have listed this for repair
Repairs to road near Triangle in Leer - Awaiting information from Highways
Damage to road signs at DL turn off – Awaiting information from Highways
Old Grit Bin, DL – Highways have been asked to remove this

Road and Layby closures A417/419 - Highways England.
Flooding under A417 Bridge (Leer Bridge) – Highways England
Flooding under A417 Bridge (Abbots Bridge) - Highways England
The Clerk will write to Highways England about these issues.

Repair to Ford in DL – The Clerk is discussing this matter with Highways and the insurance company who have acknowledged liability.

Potholes – The Clerk will write to Highways about the serious potholes within the parish with photographs to highlight the depth.

5) **Finance:**

The Clerk showed projected figures for the year end 2018-19 audit and confirmed that the precept has been requested for 2019-20.

The budget for 2019-20 was discussed and provisionally agreed.

6) **Parish Council Elections:**

Elections will be held on 2nd May. Residents are encouraged to stand for election. Those who would like to join the PC should contact The Clerk, Ms S Cavendish at DuntisbourneParish@gmail.com for a nomination pack, additional information and assistance. Alternatively, nomination packs are available on the Cotswold District Council website. The Clerk can assist with sourcing the electoral numbers required for the nomination packs. Please Note that all nomination packs must be **hand delivered** to Cotswold District Council by 4pm on Wednesday April 3rd.

Mrs E Whitaker indicated that she would not be seeking re-election this May.

7) **Any Other Business:**

Modern Slavery: The Home Office in conjunction with Gloucestershire Police and Cotswold District Council has requested that all parishes are vigilant towards anything that appears suspicious in their local area. Their booklet is displayed in the porchway of the village hall.

Damage to Verges: There has been significant damage to the grass verges around St Peter's Church. The Chairman has spoken to local residents who have taken measures to avoid parking there. All residents are respectfully asked to avoid parking on the grass verges in this area so that they can recover before weddings and other events in the near future.

Litter at turn off to Duntisbourne Abbots: A resident has complained about the amount of litter that customers of the Centurion Garage throw away as they leave the garage. The Chairman will speak to the owner of the garage to see if his staff will assist resident litter pickers with keeping the area litter free.

Motorbikes: Mr Eykyn has complained about the dangerous driving of motorbikes along Greenpits Lane and Winstone Lane. It was agreed that this will be discussed with the County Councillor at the AGM.

8) **Meetings**

Date of AGM is Wednesday May 22nd at 7pm in the Village Hall

Date of following meeting is Tuesday 27th August in the Village Hall, to be confirmed

Parish Clerk: duntisbourneparish@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Watch: duntisbournewatch@gmail.com

Village Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/theduntisbournes/>

All residents can download copies of Agendas and Minutes from the village website.