

DUNTISBOURNES PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes Meeting [193] held on Tuesday 26th November 2024 at 7pm At Duntisbourne Village Hall

1.	Introduction and Welcome from Chair of Council
2.	Attendance recorded: Councillors Jane Edwards (Chair), Samantha Scott White, Valerie Dyson, Andrew Beckett, Michael Lowe. District Councillor Julia Judd, one member of the public.
3.	Apologies for absence accepted: Rupert Lane, Julian Weston.
4.	Declaration of interests from Parish Councillors. None received.
5.	Public Session: No questions.
6.	Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 24 th September 2024 Proposed by Andy Beckett seconder Samantha Scott White. Matters arising will be discussed on the agenda during the meeting. Minutes were signed at the end of the meeting by Chair J. Edwards and RFO Andy Beckett.
7.	Council invited a report from District Councillor Julia Judd. This may be viewed on the website: erminward@gmail.com Councillor Judd. Publica restructuring of staff at CDC redundancies were issued and 70 publica employees subsequently redeployed on new contracts. Waste collection has improved. However, some still missed, if anyone continues to experience problems report direct to Councillor Judd. In November Councillor Judd arranged a visit to Javelin Park Incinerator for parish councillors in Ermin Ward. This was very informative and interesting to see the complexity of the operation, volume of waste involved and efficient running of the waste disposal site..
8.	Clerk: update Vacancy still unfilled. Following extensive advertising with no applications or interest to date. The DPC agreed to raise the employment rate to £20-00 and hour for 5 hours a week to attract a suitably qualified clerk as suggested by GAPTC. Training budget available for a professional CiLCA qualification, clerks (Certificate in Local Council Administration) this would be funded by the Parish Council if required.
9.	<u>Finance.</u> Responsible Finance Officer [RFO] Andy Beckett submitted Budget report. For year 2025/26 <u>Request for grants for financial year 2025 to 2026:</u> 1.Received from Duntisbourne Village Hall. Council agreed to raise the donation for 2025 to /2026 from £300.00 to £500.00 following receipt of planned remedial works and lighting project estimates. 2. Parish Connections agreed £300.00 donation with the provision for further increase if required after March 31 st accounts finalised. 3.St Peters Church Memorial upkeep and meeting place. Council considered and agreed £500.00 increased from previous £300 donation. <u>Subscriptions</u> GAPTC subscription agreed approx. £90.00 subscription for 2025

	<p>Open Spaces subscription agreed to continue £50.00. Councillors discussed and approved the budget. Proposed S S-W Seconded ML. The financial documents will be placed on the village website with the Minutes.</p> <p><u>Budget precept:</u> Council received estimate of budget requirements from RFO. Andy Beckett. Council discussed and agreed to request the same amount of Precept for 2025/2026. No increase from previous year.so will remain at £8,000.00. Current registered residents <u>241</u>. Council to appoint Independent Auditor for 2024-25. I. Selkirk. Precept considerations included provision for increased hours and remuneration for a Parish Clerk. Reserves to cover Defibrillator replacement cost and training. Legal fees, Elections. General---- Green cutting, plus village maintenance. Training budget for Councillors. Contributions to Village organisations. Bank Reconciliation documents payment lists previously circulated, to be published on Website. Duntisbourne Voice https://e-voice.org.uk/theduntisbournes</p>
10.	<p>Fly tipping: Masons Green: obstruction still in evidence owners to be approached for update. Lower Leer Common: Avanti gas tank removed after considerable requests from Parish Council direct to Company.</p>
11.	<p>New notice board for Duntisbourne Abbots Village Hall. Richard Crabb kindly arranging its installation. PC archive materials to be stored in the reading room.</p>
12.	<p>GAPTC. [1] Report from Chair on recent training for new GAPTC website and audit criteria training JE. The GAPTC website has been totally upgraded by new CEO and new team. Chair to receive 'Onboarding' training in January 2025. [2] Introduction of local area Hubs proposed. Duntisbourne included in Hub 9 not necessarily with other PC's from Ermin Ward- Proposed initiative would be voluntary. Beneficial for PC's to share information and best practice.</p>
13.	<p>Council to consider outcomes following recent <u>Highways site</u> meeting with Anne Johns new area manager for GCCC. Current matters including: 1 - Long Ford culvert repair previously scheduled May 2024. Collapse of previously repaired wall/footpath. No repairs scheduled. Highways to investigate further works however no news to date. Councillor Andy Beckett felt strongly that we should seek further guidance from CPRE and other organisations to peruse other options. Council was unanimous in supporting further options. 2 - Duntisbourne Abbots underpass: unlikely to be repaired or improved until A417 missing link is completed. 3 - Potholes: Some repairs in D'Leer. And in Abbots. Everyone should report them individually on the online website. One pothole per report. Following a site meeting some Leer potholes and Abbots were filled. (https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roads/potholes/report-a-pothole) Councillors were perturbed the previously promised resurfacing of the Duntisbourne Leer village road was not included in any future plans for 2025.This section has not been resurfaced for over 30 years. Chair to liaise with Highways and bring to Councillor Joe Harris attention again. 4. Following site meeting drains in Hailey Hill jetted through and cleared.</p>

	5. Sign in Duntisbourne Abbots to be repaired on corner bend opposite the Old Rectory and an information sign to the 'Village Hall' added.
14.	<p>Planning: Renovation of barn and new side addition with garage to create a one-bedroom dwelling as an adjunct to the main house. Abbots Hill Duntisbourne Abbots Ref. No: 24/01428/FUL Validated: Thu 15 Aug 2024 Status: Refused.</p> <p>Erection of a single story extension. Barn Cottage 21 Duntisbourne Leer Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 7AS Ref. No: 24/02784/FUL Validated: Fri 04 Oct 2024 Status: Permitted <u>Lean to single storey extension and replacement windows and door.</u></p> <p>Stone Cottage Duntisbourne Abbots Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 7JN Ref. No: 24/03031/FUL Validated: Mon 14 Oct 2024 Status: Awaiting decision Ref No: 24/03033/LBC Validated: Fri 11 Oct 2024 Status: Awaiting decision.</p>
15.	Defibrillator update- Defibrillator tested and reported as in service Oct/Nov 2024. guardian J. Edwards.
16.	<p>Village Greens: Status .1 – Maintenance cutting. Peter Harrison was awarded the contract for cutting the Well Hill Common by St Peters Church twice a year.</p> <p>2. Masons Green would also be cut twice a year in Duntisbourne Leer.</p> <p>Council remains grateful to all residents for strimming and cutting of village greens/ verges in all the Duntisbournes, who regularly give up their time on a voluntary basis.</p>
17.	<p>AOB. None</p> <p>Date of next meeting. Tuesday March 18th, 2025. At 7pm [Provision to call another meeting, if necessary, in January TBC)</p> <p>Close of meeting. 8.45.pm</p>