

Minutes from the Meeting of Duntisbourne Parish Council

Held 18 March, 2025 at 7pm in Duntisbourne Village Hall

Present: Chair Cllr Jane Edwards, Vice-Chair Cllr Rupert Lane, Cllr Andy Beckett, Cllr Samantha Scott-White, Cllr Julian Weston, Cllr Valerie Dyson.

In attendance: CDC Cllr Julia Judd, Gwen Durland (as clerk), members of the public: 2

3.1 All were welcomed by the chair.

The council acknowledged the loss of former councillor Colin Russell who served over the years 1995 move to 2005. A moment of appreciation for his service to the council and community was held.

3.2 Apologies: Cllr Mick Lowe.

3.3 Declarations: Valerie Dyson declared an interest in planning permission 14/00048/FUL only as she is the neighbour.

3.4 Minutes from 26/11/24 meeting approved as written.

3.5 No comments were brought forward from the public.

3.6 Report from Cotswold District Councillor Julia Judd

Budget meeting for Cotswold District Council was held in March. Budget increased from £250,000 to £400,000 per annum. £40,000 set aside for another Environmental Regulatory Service officer for the north of Cirencester but was voted down. The transition of Publica (employer/HR) will be done over two phases. Bin collection - CDC covers 21 villages. Weekly reports coming in of bins not being collected. Cllr Judd asked if she could be alerted to all missed bin collections in the parish.

Planning enforcement - now out of special measures, however process is still taking too long. Pre-applications wanted because dialog between planning officer and agent insufficient.

It was noted that planning officers are employed by Publica and are not necessarily from this area (i.e., could potentially be from anywhere in the UK) therefore in many cases no-one comes out to see property before the application is ruled on.

Chair brought agenda item 3.12 forward.

3.12 Planning

24/03864/FUL – Council to follow up with consultant for feedback as he was currently looking through all documentation from application. Council discussed use of DPC legal fund reserves to pay consultant to write report on this application. After deliberation, the council voted it to be in the public's interest to obtain help from consultant, but to spend no more than £1500 on consultation. Committee meeting to be held at CDC offices April 9 at 2pm.

Other applications:

25/00737/AGFO – Awaiting decision, Council to check back for active link online

23/02485/FUL – planning officer rejected where trees/hedgerow has been placed

25/00514/COMPLY – Council has no comments.

25/00368/COMPLY – Council has no comments.

25/00106/ADV – No comments or objections from Council.

25/00102/LBC – final approval needed on windows

11/00048/FUL – Cllr Judd to seek clarification from planning officer

3.7 Finance Report

RFO gave finance report including updated budget for 2025-2026.

Finance documents previously circulated were agreed and are attached to these minutes and to be found on website. 2025-2026 Precept request submitted to CDC in the amount of £8,000.

3.8 Clerk's Report

Chair introduced new Parish Clerk, Gwen Durland. Cllr Edwards presently handing over current projects, finance will be gradually handed over after the 24/25 AGAR is submitted.

3.9 Fly Tipping Update

Cannabis production rubbish dumped along Jackbarrow Rd. believed to have come from Cheltenham has now been removed.

3.10 Training report – Cllr Edwards gave report on recent attendance of GAPTC training 'Planning In Plain English' and recommended it to other councillors as she found it comprehensive.

3.11 Outstanding Highways issues

Long Ford culvert repair needs to be dug out and go back on work rota ASAP. Crayfish spotted in ford thought to be American Crayfish need to be properly identified and relocated (if indigenous species) so work can commence.

Unrepaired potholes on GCC Highways list after April 1.

3.13 Defibrillator tested and ready for use.

Chair adjourned meeting 8:40pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 20 at 7pm in Duntisbourne Abbots Village Hall.