

Dunchideock Parish Council

Minutes of Dunchideock Parish Council Meeting
Held at the Village Hall on 13 January 2025 at 19:30

Present: Councillors Dudley Swain (DSw) (Chairman), Trevor Baker (TB), David Barclay-Watt (DBW), Derren Summers (DSu), Edward Ellis (EE) and 10 members of the public.

157 Apologies for absence

None

158 Declarations of Interest - None

159 Public Discussion

a) A member of the public asked about the speed monitor, website and noticeboards.

b) A member of the public stated that no county or district councillors were present. They should attend.

c) A member of the public stated that there was a strong mandate from the public to have a bus stop shelter at Webberton Cross.

d) A member of the public stated that the Village Hall had received a grant of £1,000 from the county councillor for the bus stop shelter. The quoted cost of the shelter is £6,240 inc. VAT.

160 Minutes

Minutes of the PC meeting held on 11th November 2024 were agreed and signed off.

161 County and District Councillor's Reports - None

162 Financial Report

Discussed the bank statement and accounts. DSw had prepared a budget and precept proposal which was discussed. Agreed by a vote of 3 for to 2 against that the precept is set at £6,000 to provide the additional funding required for the bus stop shelter. The CIL income would be used to partly fund this shelter cost.

163 Appointment of Bank Signatories

DSw and DSu are now signatories to the Lloyds Bank account. DSw to arrange to remove the previous clerk's address from the account.

164 Speed Limit on Dunchideock Roads

DSu reported that DCC Cllr Connett has passed on to the DCC highways manager the request for reduction of the speed limit from 60mph to 30mph in Dunchideock.

165 Village Bus Stop

DSu said that the updated shelter design from the previous parish council would now cost £6,240 inc. VAT. He will examine details of the shelter including construction of the sides and maintenance space required around the outside. EE will review land required adjacent to The Old Post Office including visibility splays and the impact on the hedging and any necessary DEFRA permissions. DBW stated that the passenger numbers with Stagecoach 360 are in the hundreds per day but did not have figures for Dunchideock residents.

166 Parish Clerk & RFO

One person has expressed interest and will submit her application form shortly.

167 Casual Vacancies - Advertised co-options on notice boards. There have been no responses.

168 Parish Council Website

DSw explained why it has not been possible to use any of the present web sites. DSu will attempt to

obtain necessary passwords from the previous Chairman and Clerk. TB is progressing his investigations in finding a suitable website provider.

169 PC Files and Computer

DSw has examined the paper files of the council and TB has investigated the DPC laptop. The laptop was re-installed in July 2023 and like the paper files, there is a shortage of 2023/24 and 2024/25 information. The location of the PC's printer remains unknown.

170 Notice Boards

The Underdown notice board has failed supports and is propped up at the moment. It needs attention to the door catch and re-erecting. The Dunchideock Bridge board had not been fixed up as planned and was destroyed in the recent bad weather. A replacement is under consideration. TB has found some low cost weatherproof aluminium boards for under £100. These would need support posts and could easily be used within the proposed bus stop shelter.

171 Public Discussion

A member of the public had researched new notice boards and found several that would be suitable. The cost ranges from £750 to £1,000 plus installation about £200.

172 Date of next Meeting - 10th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:20

Signed

Dated