

Minutes of the Dunkerton & Tunley Parish Council Meeting 10 April 2025 7.30 pm Dunkerton Parish Hall

Ref	Agenda Item	Minute	Action
	ATTENDANCE	Cllr Orme, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Willert, Cllr Thring, Cllr Mannings, Cllr Ashley (from agenda item 8.1) Cllr Prescott, Ward Cllr McCabe, one parishioner attending as a prospective parish councillor and the Clerk Kathryn Manchee	
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Cllr Batchelor.	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS	Cllr Willert has a registered interest in 8.1. The clerk granted a partial dispensation to Cllr Willert to participate in the discussion of the matter, but not to vote, for this meeting and at any future meetings regarding this topic until the parish council has submitted its response to the next consultation on the new BANES Council Local Plan. This is to assist the parish council with obtaining all views on this issue.	
3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25 February were approved and signed by the chair of the meeting.	
4	MATTERS ARISING		

4.1	Update on the CPR & Defibrillator Training	The parish council is waiting to hear back regarding the availability of trainers for a course to be run on a Sunday afternoon at the TRC.	Clerk
4.2	Update on Response from BANES re future of the A367 Dunkerton Bus Shelter Street Light	The parish council has heard nothing further from BANES. Ward Cllr McCabe will follow this up.	Ward Cllr McCabe
4.3	Consideration of the new draft agreement with the Bristol Lions Cricket Club	A draft new agreement from 2026 to 2035 has been sent to the Bristol Lions club. The parish council has received comments and queries back from the cricket club but these were received too near this meeting for the parish council to fully consider them. Therefore an updated agreement will be on the agenda for the APCM. In the meantime possible changes to the draft agreement to be drawn up in response to the cricket club comments.	Cllr Robinson
4.4	Nature Update including a Report on the Avon Wildlife Trust Day	A working party from Avon Wildlife Trust along with local volunteers visited twice to work on the Orchard, bus shelter and the Millennium Wood. It is now up to us to maintain this. Therefore via the local WhatsApp group volunteers to be recruited. The Trust will advise the parish council of the best plants to help keep the brambles and nettles down in the Orchard. A formal letter of thanks to be sent to the	Cllr Orme/Cllr Thring

		trust.	
4.5	Update on increase in HGVs using Church Lane Dunkerton	The number of HGVs had reduced so this had not been actioned after the last meeting. However the number has increased again, and there was concern about HGVs going through Tunley, so the parish council will progress this issue via BANES licensing team.	Cllr Orme
4.6	Update on new fencing behind the Dunkerton Bus Shelter	In light of unexpected costs for a new laptop the parish council to assess whether the fence can be repaired rather than replaced.	Cllr Orme/Cllr Robinson
4.7	Update on replacement Welcome to Tunley Sign	In light of the cost of this it was decided not to progress this. Matter now closed.	
5	URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN	None.	
6	FINANCE		
6.1	Financial Report	The balance of funds as at 10 April is £18,181.51.	
6.2	Payments for Approval	Approved. Details can be found in Appendix 1.	Clerk
6.3	Consideration of the Annual Uplift from Spinal Column Point 24 to Spinal Column Point 25 from April 2025 for the Clerk and Responsible Financial	It was unanimously resolved to award this uplift to Spinal Column Point 25.	

	Officer's Salary		
7	PLANNING		
7.1	BANES Planning Decisions	Planning Application REF 25/00178/FUL 1 Lansdown View Tunley Creation of a new driveway and associated works APPROVED. Parish Council SUPPORTED. Planning Application REF 23/04142/FUL 1 North Hill Cottages Tunley Road Tunley Conversion of existing garage to a holiday let APPROVED. Parish Council SUPPORTED. Planning Application 24/03576/FUL Parcel 8775, Tunley Road, Tunley, Erection of tractor and implements shed. PENDING DECISION. Parish Council SUPPORTED. However it is noted that a brick and block building has been erected on the site and a caravan installed which appears to be in use for residential purposes. This is now with enforcement. Planning Application REF 24/04040/FUL Parcel 3800 Old Dunkerton Hill Dunkerton Erection of an agricultural storage building/machinery and implement shed. PENDING DECISION. Parish Council OBJECTED Planning Application REF 25/00857/FUL Fosseway Old Fosseway Dunkerton Erection of single storey side	

		extension, replacement of door on ground floor of south facing gable of existing house. PENDING DECISION. Parish Council SUPPORTED 24/03952/COND - New Farm, Marksbury Lane, Priston Discharge of condition 7 (External Lighting) of application 22/01158/FUL (Change of use of agricultural land to create an arena and related facilities for the training of canines (sui generis use)) REFUSED. Also for this site 23/00462/NONCOM New Farm Priston. Enforcement will be requesting that the lights are turned off in the first instance and will be taking the necessary steps towards formal enforcement action as the presence of the lights is in breach of condition. Given the reasons for refusal of the application and reasons for initially applying the condition on ecological grounds, enforcement feel this will be a proportionate measure to take. 24/00180/NONCOM Lower Tunley Farm – nothing new to report.	
7.2	Planning Correspondence and other Planning Related Matters	Nothing new to report.	
8	NEW ISSUES RAISED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, B&NES, ALCA, NALC, POLICE		

<i>Cllr Ashley arrived at the meeting</i>			
8.1	Policy HD/SCCW Somersetshire Coal Canal and the Wansdyke in the new Local Plan	In light of the residents meeting held by BANES last month at Camerton the parish council decided it was important that residents of the parish should be informed of this policy in the new local plan being worked on by BANES planning policy team. This would prepare local residents to respond to the consultation to be run in August/September by BANES. It will also help the parish council a draw up its response to the consultation. Therefore it was agreed an additional, one-item, parish council meeting will be held in June/July. While the clerk is focused on year end and the Annual Parish Council Meeting Cllrs to start work on the organisation and communication for this meeting.	
8.2	Approval of Updated Model Financial Regulations	The parish council unanimously resolved to approve these updated financial regulations which now reflect updated procurement legislation.	Clerk
9	OTHER ISSUES FOR THE ATTENTION OF DISTRICT WARD COUNCILLORS	Cllr McCabe reported that the additional housing required by the changes to the NPPF will most likely be focused in areas that are within walking distance of bus routes - such as the route along the A367. No further detail is yet available.	

10	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday 22 May Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm Dunkerton Parish Hall.	
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Appendix 1 - Dunkerton & Tunley Parish Council Payments for Approval at meeting 10 April 2025

Payments to Ratify

26 February	Direct Debit	Street Lighting January	£30.29
28 February	Standing Order	Clerk Net Salary February	£603.52
28 February	Bank Charge	Bank Admin Fee February	£6.00
3 March	Bank Transfer	Cricket Club Drainage Work	£780.00
4 March	Bank Transfer	Kissing Gate Repair	£70.00
25 March	Direct Debit	Street Lighting February	£27.33
31 March	Standing order	Clerk Net Salary March	£603.52
31 March	Bank Charge	Bank Admin Fee March	£6.00
7 April	Bank Transfer	Tax Due Jan to March	£39.60

Payments for Approval

10 April	Bank Transfer	Clerks Expenses Feb/March	£63.13
10 April	Bank Transfer	Dial A Ride Grant	£30.00
10 April	Bank Transfer	DPH Hire – Sep, Nov and Jan meetings	£60.00
10 April	Bank Transfer	ALCA Membership 25 26	£154.93