NUNNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Dallimore Mead Hall Monday, 6th July 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: Ken Lloyd (Chairman): Mesdames, Ellis, Ramsay; Messrs Garrod, Hayden, Masters (part), Sadler. Also present: Beverley Palmer (Clerk); David van Dyk (Mendip District Councillor).

In attendance: Members of the public x1.

The Chairman welcomed David van Dyk to the Meeting.

1. Apologies for absence – Sheelagh Capstick-Dale; Francis Hayden (work).

2. Declarations of Interest – None declared.

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council 1st June 2015
Agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman invited Councillor van Dyk to speak; he advised that the government is to reduce its funding to Mendip and talked about ways that the Council may use to become self-funding.

4. Clerks Report & Items for Information – noted.

Letter and emails – As directed at the meeting 1-6-15.
Allotments – Fees still awaited for 2015-16.
Burial Ground – Request for interment of cremated remains (Margaret Pitman).
SpeedWatch – Notice placed for volunteers in Postlebury News and on notice boards; John Gaunt contacted regarding his offer to put details in the Somerset Standard.
Neighbourhood Watch – Notices placed (as above) to gauge interest for a scheme/s and for volunteers.
Bank – Online banking ongoing.
Finger post – Response regarding costs awaited from Highways.
Website – Meeting held regarding updating of nunney.org.
Nunney School – A short report will be provided.
Annual Return for 2014-15 – Submitted for external audit.
Fencing at OQG – Ongoing.
Cherry Tree Farm – Work to the trees has been ongoing; the owners are aware of the problems when the ditch behind the property gets blocked.
Farm watch – Email about a suspicious vehicle forwarded by Lisa Ramsay.
Register of member's interests – Completed by Councillors and submitted.
Office equipment purchased. See Item 11 i.
Temporary Clerk being sought.

5. Correspondence – noted.

Rural Service Network – Enewsletters forwarded to Councillors as available.
Plunkett Foundation – Enewsletters forwarded to Councillors as available.
Somerset Community Foundation – Enewsletters forwarded to Councillors as available.
Avon & Somerset Police – Police and Crime Plan 2015-17 9see Reading File); also online at www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/Document-Library.
SALC (by email, forwarded to Councillors) – Draft of NALC community ownership management of assets programme.
SALC (by email, forwarded to Councillors) – Details of Being a Good Councillor training sessions.

Somerset Highways – SID installations planned in May/June did not take place. Revised dates are: 14 September/16 November for Flowerfield, and 28 September/2nd November for Frome Road.

CPRE (by email, forwarded to Councillors) – Information about a workshop on community energy.

Somerset County Council (by email, forwarded to councillors) – Details of Somerset Choices, the way that care and support services are accessed.

Somerset Waste Partnership (by email, forwarded to Councillors) – June briefing notes.

MDC (by email, forwarded to Councillors) – Details of a training session on planning for councillors to be held on 8-7-15. Let the Clerk know if you want to attend.

6. Bike Track

The Chairman advised that earth moving should be completed this week.

7. Market Place

i) Waste Bin. Replacements were discussed and the Brunel style from Glasdon was agreed. Mr Sadler will investigate the type of fixing required and advise the Clerk so that it can be ordered. **Action: RS/Clerk.**

ii) A request that the wall at the Market Place is not reduced in height was discussed, and it was agreed to proceed (as already decided).

iii) A quote has been obtained for works to the wall, plus ground works and construction of a shelter. The costs were discussed and Mr Garrod volunteered to get another quote which was agreed. **Action: CG.**

8. Recreation Facilities

i) The Clerk gave details of the recreation facilities provided and considered in the past ten years and this was noted. It was reported that the basketball hoop has recently been replaced.

ii) It was agreed to consider building a launch platform for the aerial runway. Messrs Lloyd and Sadler to make a proposal for further discussion. **Action: KL/RS.**

9. Vacancies for Councillors x3

i) The Clerk advised that Ron Warwick and Pia McGee had volunteered for co-option. This was agreed unanimously and they were duly co-opted. **Action: Clerk to confirm.**

ii) It was suggested that Judith Beresford was interested in returning to the Council and she was duly co-opted. **Action: Clerk to confirm.**

10. Waste Bins

The Chairman suggested that the waste bins in the village are looking worn and proposed that some of them are replaced. This was discussed and it was agreed to replace three with the Brunel style (as already agreed for the Market Place). Those to be replaced will be: Horn Street; Market Cross; Dallimore Mead / High Street. The Clerk will confirm costs. **Action: Clerk.**

11. Finance

£1,000 transferred to the current account 1-6-15.

i) Accounts for Payment:

The Clerk advised that an invoice from Aster was also being presented for payment.

Cheque 1323 – £277.80	HMR&C (Clerk's tax for April-June 2015)
Cheque 1324 – £391.62	Beverley Palmer (Salary June 2015 & admin costs £21.03)
Cheque 1325 – £480.00	Parsons Landscapes Ltd (Grass cutting/weeding June 2015)
Cheque 1326 – £704.57	Beverley Palmer (Purchase of office equipment)

Cheque 1327 – £ 60.68 Aster (Hire of hall 5-5 & 18-5 2015)

ii) Receipts:

£ 5.53 Bank interest (June 2015)
£2,877.35 HMR&C (Refund of VAT for 2014-15)

12. Planning

Applications:

MDC 2015/1275/HSE householder application to create off street parking (2 cars) by using garden to the side of the dwelling at 17 Flowerfield for Mrs Marian Reeves. It was agreed that in principal there were "no objections", but the Clerk was asked to make it known to the Planning Officer that the junction often restricted by parked cars, and a driveway here may cause additional problems.

Approvals:

MDC 2015/0943/APP Approval of matters reserved by conditions 8 (joinery) and 9 (landscaping) on planning application 2013/2554/FUK at Tinsmiths, Ridgeway for Mr A Mujaj.

13. Rights of Way

The Clerk was asked to make the landowner aware that the fenced in section of FR12/2 past the Old Quarry Gardens is overgrown. **Action: Clerk.**

14. Reports from Organisations and Associations

i) NCA – Nil.
ii) Village Hall – The church office may relocate the Hall.
iii) Quarry – The next liaison meeting is in October.
iv) Police – Carry forward.

15. Items for Next Meeting

Q1 accounts (Clerk); tree survey (All); maintenance for Guard House (All).

16. Date of Next Meeting

3rd August 2015 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

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