

Minutes of the Dunkerton & Tunley Parish Council Meeting 27 June 2023 7.30 pm Tunley Recreation Centre

Ref	Agenda Item	Minute	Action
	ATTENDANCE	Cllr Orme (Chairman), Cllr Robinson, Cllr Mannings, Cllr Prescott, Ward Cllrs Matt McCabe and Fiona Gourley, a representative from Camerton Parish Council, the Clerk Kathryn Manchee and 13 parishioners.	
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	None.	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS	None.	
4.1	Update on the Future of the 179 Bus Service	The Chairman brought forward this item. Ward Cllr Matt McCabe explained the background to the loss of the 179 and 768 bus services and Ward Cllr Fiona Gourley outlined the work that is being done to restore a bus service to Tunley. Unfortunately there is no prospect of the recently lost 768 and 179 services being restored and there is little prospect of the new 522 service running through Tunley. However a proposal for a new service combining the 768 and the 179 services into a new route is being drawn up to be presented to WECA. It takes several months to restore a lost bus service, so a shorter term solution is being worked on to use the WestLink minibuses for a limited timetabled	

		service to serve Tunley. In conjunction with this work, the campaign work to reinstate lost supported bus services is continuing as well as meetings with the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) as the transport authority and First Bus.	
3	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 11 May were approved and signed by the chairman.	
4	MATTERS ARISING		
4.2	Update on the Dunkerton Bus Shelter Street Light Repair and Management of Street Lights Going Forward	Ward Cllr McCabe reported that there has been no interest from BANES in taking on the street light. The Clerk has been unable to even get a quote for the repair. The Chairman will raise the street light ownership as part of the parish council's response to the Somer Valley Links consultation.	Chairman/Cllr McCabe
4.3	Update on Contribution from the Cricket Club re the cost of the utilities	The payments for a contribution to the cost of the utilities for this financial year will commence in July. Matter now closed.	
4.4	Update on Locating a Metal Miner in Tunley	A local landowner has offered to site the metal miner on his land near the coal tub and will work with the Somerset Welfare Miners Trust on installation. Nevertheless BANES Highways to be	Chairman

		advised.	
5	URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN	None	
6	FINANCE		
6.1	Payments For Approval	Approved. Details can be found in Appendix 1.	Clerk
6.2	Financial Report	The balance of funds as at 27 June is £14,557.54.	
6.3	Consideration of Additional Sources of Income for the Parish Council	<p>A paper produced by Cllr Robinson was circulated prior to the meeting focusing on short term measures and longer term measures designed to address the issue that the parish council's current income is not sufficient to cover its outgoings. It was unanimously resolved to incorporate all measures relating to expenditure and income into the budget for the year 2024 2025 including half of the increase in the precept to a level that is similar (but still lower) than in similar size parishes. The other half of the increase to be made the following year.</p> <p>In the longer term the parish council will consider the possibility of absorbing Upper Tunley into the parish and due to the low number of serving councillors will explore merging with another parish council.</p>	Clerk

		The clerk to check with BANES Council (which would have to implement any changes) whether these measures would require a community governance review.	
7	PLANNING		
7.1	BANES Planning Decisions	Planning Application REF 22/02169/EOUT Parcel 4234 Combe Hay Lane Combe Hay Outline application for Phases 3 and 4 for up to 300 dwellings; landscaping; drainage; open space; footpaths and emergency access; all matters reserved, except access from Coombe Hay Lane via the approved Phase 1 spine road (details of internal roads and footpaths reserved); (ii) Detailed application for the continuation of the spine road (from Phase 1), to and through Sulis Manor and associated works comprising: the demolition of existing dilapidated buildings and tree removal; drainage; landscaping; lighting; and boundary treatment; to enable construction of the spine road, and (iii) Detailed application for landscaping; mitigation works; allotments; including access; on the field known as Derrymans. PENDING DECISION. Lots of additional information has been submitted on	

		<p>which the parish council has commented.</p> <p>Planning Application REF 23/01573/FUL Fosse Acre Old Fosseway Installation of Groundmount PV (Solar Panels) to generate carbon-free electricity together with battery. PENDING DECISION</p> <p>Planning Application 23/01722/ADCOU Barn In Parcel 8966 North Hill Farm The Hollow PENDING DECISION</p> <p>23/01825/VAR Tunley Equestrian Centre, Withyditch Lane, Dunkerton, Bath PENDING DECISION</p> <p>Planning Application REF 22/01975/FUL Upper Manor Farm Priston Hill Priston Conversion of existing garage and storage barn into residential dwelling. PENDING DECISION.</p> <p>Planning Application REF 22/01861/FUL and Planning Application REF 22/01862/LBA Old Farmhouse Withyditch for replacement of an existing single story rear extension, adjustments to an existing two story rear extension and removal of a single storey lean-to structure. PENDING DECISION.</p> <p>Planning Application REF 22/03555/FUL Valley View Barn , Tunley Road, Tunley Proposed single storey extension with exterior</p>	
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		<p>alterations APPROVED</p> <p>REF 23/01114/FUL Densley View Bath Road Tunley Erection of single storey side extension and front porch following the demolition of existing garage APPROVED</p> <p>Planning Application REF 23/00340/FUL Greenways Stoneage Lane Tunley Erection of porch, extensions to the side and rear after demolition, loft conversion, rotate garage roof and outbuilding. REFUSED</p> <p>23/01270/CLPU Staff Accommodation, King William Iv Inn, Bath Road, Tunley Erection of rear extension for use as an entrance lobby (Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Development) WITHDRAWN</p> <p>23/00762/FUL – “Fosseway”, Old Fosseway, Dunkerton Erection of a two storey extension following demolition of existing carport, garage and lean-to. Alterations and improvements to dwelling. APPROVED</p> <p>Planning Application REF 23/00450/FUL Lower Tunley Farm Stoneage Lane Tunley Erection of new farm building PENDING DECISION</p>	
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		The Batch Tunley 22/00378/UNAUTH PENDING	
7.2	Planning Correspondence and Planning Related Matters	Cllr Orme will attend a BANES workshop on the new local plan.	
8	NEW ISSUES RAISED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, B&NES, ALCA, NALC, POLICE		
8.1	Consideration of a Response to the Local Green Space Review	No action to be taken on this on this as last time the parish council submitted areas for green space dedication they were all refused on the grounds that they were in the Green Belt so this provided the necessary protection.	
9	HIGHWAYS, PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND WASTE RECYCLING – ANY NEW ISSUES FOR D&TPC CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION		
9.1	Consideration of a Response to the Somer Valley Links Consultation	Cllr Orme to submit a response to this consultation on behalf of the parish council. Local residents will be encouraged to respond.	Cllrs Orme and Robinson

10	OTHER ISSUES FOR THE ATTENTION OF DISTRICT WARD COUNCILLORS	Congratulations to Matt and Fiona on their election as Ward Councillors. Fiona reported on the Ward Cllrs Empowerment Fund and the Village Agent scheme.	
11	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	25 July 7.30 pm Tunley Recreation Centre	

Appendix 1 – Payments for Approval

Dunkerton & Tunley Parish Council Payments for approval at meeting 27 June 2023

Payments to Ratify

11 May	Bank Transfer	Clerks Net Back Pay April and Uplift	£20.46
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Approved at last meeting but on for ratification as now have the correct amount)

19 April	Direct Debit	Street Lighting Electricity April	£10.47
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31 May	Standing Order	Clerk's Net Salary	£526.20
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11 June	Direct Debit	Cricket Club Electricity Jan to March 23	£42.43
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23 June	Direct Debit	Data Protection Fee	£35.00
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Standing Order for Salary to be amended in June

Payments for Approval

11 May	Bank Transfer	Clerk's Expenses April May	£87.03
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11 May	Bank Transfer	DPH Hire May meetings	£15.00
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