

Ref	Agenda Item	Minute	Action
	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	Cllr Orme, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Batchelor, Cllr Prescott, Cllr Willert, Cllr Hookway (councillor from agenda item 3), Ward Cllr Gourley and the Clerk Kathryn Manchee	
<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	Cllrs Pilkington, Ball and Mannings, and Ward Cllr McCabe.	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Consideration of Co-option to fill Parish Council Vacancy</b>	The parish council unanimously resolved to co-opt Sophie Hookway as a parish councillor to fill the current vacancy. The declaration of office was completed witnessed by the clerk. The Chairman thanked Sophie for stepping into the role.	
<b>3</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS</b>	None.	
<b>4</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b>	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 March approved and signed by the chair of the meeting.	
<b>5</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>		
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Update on Response from BANES re future of the A367 Dunkerton Bus Shelter Street Light and possible</b>	Nothing new to report.	

	<b>funding for the bus shelter lighting</b>		
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Update on Bus Service Campaign</b>	Councillor Ball and campaigners are trying their very best on behalf of our community to get the 179 service reinstated and the 768 service increased. A meeting was recently held with a representative from WECA, and more news is awaited. (See item 11 below.)	<b>Cllr Ball</b>
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Update on various speed measures on the B3115</b>	Implementation of the 20mph scheme in Tunley is pencilled in for June '26.	
<b>5.4</b>	<b>Update on Preparation for Assertion 10 Digital and Data compliance for 2025 2026 AGAR and approval of IT Policy, Freedom of Information Policy and Data Asset Register</b>	While progress is being made the parish council is not yet compliant. This will be reflected in the annual governance statement. The parish council unanimously resolved approval of the IT and Freedom of Information Policies and the Data Asset Register	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>5.5</b>	<b>Update on Cricket Club Relationship Management</b>	The cricket club is now being sponsored by Aspect Builds & Maintenance Limited and it is understood that the company has offered to help with repairs to the pavilion.	
<b>5.6</b>	<b>Progress Report on Adding Additional Signatories to the Bank Account</b>	The application to add Cllrs Willert, Pilkington and Batchelor as signatories is in progress. The form to complete the	<b>Clerk</b>

		process was signed by 2 existing signatories and the three prospective new signatories.	
6	<b>URGENT BUSINESS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIRMAN</b>	None.	
7	<b>FINANCE</b>		
7.1	<b>Financial Report including report on actual expenditure vs budget 2025 2026</b>	<p>The balance of funds as at 28 April is £17,920.49.</p> <p><b>Actual against Budget 2025 2026</b></p> <p>Total receipts forecast to be down £459 at year end as compared to budget. Total Payments forecast to be down by £4699. Overall this means that a surplus of £933.41 is forecast compared to the budget which resulted in a deficit of £3,307. An analysis of significant variances in expenditure for 2025 2026 against budget at year end was circulated prior to the meeting</p>	
7.2	<b>Payments for Approval</b>	Approved. Details can be found in Appendix 1.	<b>Clerk</b>
7.3	<b>Signing by Existing and New Signatories of Account Changes Unity Trust Bank Form</b>	This completed against agenda item 5.6	

7.4	<b>Notification of Public Inspection Dates relating to the Annual Accounts 2025 2026</b>	The period for the public inspection of the annual accounts for 2025 2026 will be between 1 July and 11 August 2026.	<b>Clerk</b>
7.5	<b>Consideration of appointment of previous supplier to undertake the agreed annual jobs of clearing Manders Orchard of all brambles/scrub to boundaries and the bank below the road wall at the cricket ground.</b>	It was unanimously resolved to commission the parish council's existing supplier to clear vegetation on the bank below the wall bordering the cricket ground and at Dunkerton Bus Shelter. Other clearance work has been undertaken by volunteers. It was also resolved to investigate the purchase of a second hand mower to assist with the maintenance of Manders Orchard in future.	
8	<b>PLANNING</b>		
8.1	<b>BANES Planning Decisions</b>	<p>Planning Application REF 25/01489/FUL New Farm, Marksbury Lane, Priston Installation of lighting with timber screen. REFUSED. Parish Council OBJECTED. APPEAL GRANTED.</p> <p>Planning Application REF 25/04195/FUL Blossom Manor Tunley Road Tunley Erection of detached 3no bed dwelling and garage on land south of Blossom Manor. REFUSED. Parish Council OBJECTED. APPEAL IN PROGRESS.</p> <p>Planning Applications REF 26/00147/FUL and 26/00148/LBA</p>	

		<p>Church House Church Road Dunkerton Demolition and replacement of an existing outbuilding to contain annexe residential accommodation. DECISION PENDING. Parish Council SUPPORTED.</p> <p>26/00592/CLPU Hazelea , Bath Road, Tunley Erection of replacement outbuilding incidental to enjoyment of a dwellinghouse (Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Development). DECLARED LAWFUL Parish Council SUPPORTED.</p>	
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Planning Correspondence and other Planning Related Matters</b>	Nothing new to report.	
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Update on Draft Local Plan Somerset Coal Canal Policy</b>	The Combe Hay representative of the local alliance of parish councils had recently met with the Coal Canal Society's Landowner Liaison representative. It appears that the Coal Canal Society is getting the message about the effect their restoration aim, as reflected in BANES' optional policy about it tabled it in its recent consultation, is having on the community, as some residents in Combe Hay had withdrawn permission for the society's working parties to access some historical canal structures. Ward Cllrs are working on trying to get the optional new policy "seeking restoration" of the canal route removed from the draft plan.	

<b>9</b>	<b>NEW ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS/PARISHIONERS</b>		
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Parish Council Representative for the TRC</b>	Cllr Hookway happy to take on this role. Formal appointment to the role to be made at the May 26 Annual Parish Council Meeting.	
<b>10</b>	<b>NEW ISSUES RAISED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, WECA, B&amp;NES, ALCA, NALC, POLICE</b>		
<b>10.1</b>	<b>Consideration of a Response to WECA's Next Steps, Better Buses Consultation</b>	It was unanimously resolved to request Cllr Ball to submit a response to this on behalf of the parish council.	<b>Cllr Ball</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>OTHER ISSUES FOR THE ATTENTION OF DISTRICT WARD COUNCILLORS</b>		
	<p>Ward Cllr Gourley gave an update on buses. WECA is now tendering for the bus network in this area. This involves looking at alternative solutions to the 179 service restoration. A one year contract for Westlink has been awarded to a new operator which will allow the provision of some fixed services.</p> <p>With reference to the local plan there may be a need for villages that are less sustainable to have some houses. In principle the parish council supports some houses on sites previously suggested.</p>		
<b>12</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>		
	Tuesday 26 May Tunley Recreation Centre 7.30 pm Annual Parish Council Meeting		



**Dunkerton & Tunley Parish Council Payments for Approval at meeting 28 April****Payments to Ratify**

21 March	Direct Debit	Street Lighting February	£37.02
31 March	Bank Charge	Bank Admin Fee March	£6.00
31 March	Standing Order	Clerk Net Salary March	£634.27
8 April	Bank Transfer	Tax/NI Jan to March	£267.61
? April	Bank Transfer	Dunkerton Bus Shelter Work	£1130.00
21 April	Direct Debit	Street Lighting March	£37.33

**Payments for Approval**

28 April	Bank Transfer	Clerks Expenses Feb/March	£98.69
28 April	Bank Transfer	Dial A Ride Grant	£30.00
28 April	Bank Transfer	Cllr Orme Expense Claim	£27.77
28 April	Bank Transfer	ALCA Membership Fee	£159.19
28 April	Bank Transfer	TRC Hire Jan meeting	£16.00
28 April	Bank Transfer	Bus Campaign Posters	£38.00