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Minutes of the Meeting of Dulverton Town Council

Held on Monday 9th October 2023 at 7.15pm, in the Town Hall, Fore Street, Dulverton TA22.

Present: Chairman/Mayor: Mrs Christine Dubery. Councillors:; Mr Alan Ottey; Mr Bill Gash; Mrs Louise Parrish; Mr John Preston; Mrs Margaret Rawle; Mr Nick Thwaites; Mrs Ann Van Praag; and Mr Steven Pugsley(Somerset Council (S.C.)), who arrived at 7.20pm and left at 7.40pm

Deferment of Business for Comment by the Public: None

Apologies for absence and acceptance of any reasons offered if agreed:
Cllr. Mrs Allison Crisp who is recovering from a surgical procedure.
Cllr. Mrs Frances Nicholson (S.C)

Declarations of Interest:
None that have not already been registered.

Chairman's Comments & Meeting Management:
None

Questions for Somerset Councillors:

Bus Services: Cllr. Mr Pugsley informed members that Cllr. Mrs Nicholson was involved in pursuing the current issues. Assurance was given that S.C. is engaged with First Buses, to ensure that services are maintained.

Highways – Green Routes (secondary salting routes): Members were informed that 'green routes' are to be scrapped. Cllrs. Mr Pugsley and Mrs Nicholson are currently undergoing negotiations with Mr Kevin Bridgewater (S.C.) in an attempt to ensure that roads connecting smaller communities as well as other roads, considered important links, are prioritized.
Once the routes are agreed and established they will be published for public information.

E.N.P.A. Planning Officer: Members were informed that Mr Jo Rose is the Planning and Enforcement Officer covering Dulverton and the surrounding area.

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2023 as circulated: were approved and signed. Proposed by Mr Gash, seconded by Mrs Vann Praag and carried.

6986 Update of action points resulting from the last meeting:
None

6987 Accounts:

The Financial Statement: September 2023 - See Appendix A

RESOLVED: That the Financial Statement as per Appendix A is approved. Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mrs Rawle and carried.

Payments for Approval: September 2023 - See Appendix B

RESOLVED: That the payments as per Appendix B are approved. Proposed by Mr Gash, seconded by Mrs Parrish and carried.

6988 Committees:

Dulverton Partnership Meeting – 4th October 2023

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Dulverton Partnership meeting held on 4th October 2023. Proposed by Mr Thwaites, seconded by Mrs Dubery and carried.

Legal & Finance Committee Meeting – 3rd October 2023

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Legal & Finance Committee meeting held on 3rd October 2023. Proposed by Mrs Rawle, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

Grounds Committee Meeting – 3rd October 2023

RESOLVED: To adopt as part of this meeting the minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on 3rd October 2023. Proposed by Mrs Parrish, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

6989 Dulverton Partnership – Terms & Conditions:

RESOLVED: To adopt the Terms & Conditions as recommended by the Legal & Finance Committee. Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

6990 Planning:
The following three further planning applications were considered as follows:

6/9/23/015 Proposed 2 storey extensions to the East and West, New parking area, glazed link to new wine cellar, first floor extension over garage, single storey extension to the East.
Kennel Cottage, Dulverton, TA22 9QG. HOUSEHOLDER

Observations: Members support the application.

6/9/23/016 Proposed removal and rebuild of 2 no. chimney stacks, construction of 2 no. dormer windows and alteration of ground floor shop window to include central entrance door. FULL
23, High Street, Dulverton, TA22 9HB

Observations: Members support the application.

6/9/23/017 Proposed siting of shepherds hut. Retrospective. FULL
Northcombe House, Northcombe Lane, Dulverton, Somerset, TA22 9JH

Observations: Members support the application.

RESOLVED: To adopt the comments as per Appendix C as part of this meeting. Proposed by Mrs Rawle, seconded by Mrs Vann Praag and carried.

6991 Lion Stables Public Toilet Facilities:
Members were informed of various further urgent maintenance requirements and subsequently resolved:

RESOLVED: To accept the quote received from Yeo Electrical of £326.12 + VAT to carry out necessary electrical repairs as identified in the recent report. Proposed by Mr Preston, seconded by Mr Ottey and carried.

The Clerk reported that that subsequent to the visit from the Danfo UK Ltd. engineer several problems have become apparent, including a possible hidden leak and potential flooding issues (possibly due to a lack of water pressure), that appear not to have been resolved. The Clerk is waiting for an update from Danfo UK Ltd. as to the way forward.

6992 Somerset Association of Local Councils:

RESOLVED: To pay the affiliation fee of £396.00 for the year from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. Proposed by Mrs Rawle, seconded by Mrs Parrish and carried with one abstention.

6993 LCN Exmoor Highways Pilot Project:

RESOLVED: That DTC Members will act as broker for this 'one off' project. Proposed by Mr Ottey, seconded by Mr Gash and carried.

6994 Correspondence:
Correspondence noted by members.

6995 Questions for Members who have attended additional meetings:
None

6996 Issues to be raised with permission of the Chairman:

Exmoor Patient Group: Cllr. Mrs Rawle reported that clinics were ongoing offering patients flu jabs.
An open day is scheduled to be held at the Medical Centre on 7th December 2023 from 2.00pm until 4.00pm.

Dulverton Live: Cllr. Mr Gash informed members that 30 local groups were taking part and the event was being well advertised on social media.

Magna South West - Grounds Maintenance: The Clerk was asked to approach Magna with a request that urgently required grounds maintenance work is carried on what is considered 'common ground'.

Chairman .....