

## **DONYATT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 @ 7pm in the David Willis Room, Donyatt Village Hall.

Attendees; Councillors D Light, Chairman, K Light, G Wilson, J McKenzie, S Payne. Z Bougourd Clerk.

One member of the public was present for the first part of the meeting.

**25/18 TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received from Cllr Attlesey

**25/19 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPROVE ANY DISPENSATIONS.** None noted

**25/20 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME INCLUDING SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS.** No report noted.

Comments were received regarding recent flooding and the continuing impact on the community. Flooding is not due to the river level but mostly due to road surface water not draining correctly.

**25/21 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.** The minutes were approved and signed.

**25/22 REVIEW ACTION POINTS AND UPDATE FROM LAST MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

- a) Purchase of new football posts/nets for DRAC. The football equipment has been purchased and delivered. The VAT will be reclaimed at year end.
- b) Purchase of SID. The second SID has been delivered and installed
- c) PC debit card application/Unity Bank. Unity Bank do not issue debit cards. Payment method via internet banking will continue
- d) Website accessibility and compliance update. This matter is on-going.

**25/23 FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

- Approve & sign Bank statements. The bank statements were approved, noted that Natwest have closed the reserve account due to inactivity, the balance has been transferred to Unity Bank
- Approve & sign bank reconciliations. Approved and signed
- Approve & sign schedule of payments. Approved and signed
- Approve transfer of funds to cover SID invoice. Approved – Clerk to set up transfer.

**25/24 UPDATE FROM MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 re flooding issues.**

Cllrs D Light, S Payne & J Attlesey have met informally with local residents to try and formulate a plan to discuss the issue with local landowners/tenants. It is considered that some flooding issues are exacerbated by soil run off from neighbouring fields due to inappropriate crop rotation. Government Environment Department Grants to install and develop flood prevention measures are available but applications must have a viable plan to apply. A resident is going to apply for an environment flooding grant to potentially install a silt trap above the houses on Crow Lane. It was noted that Government funding for cover crops is no longer available. After detailed discussion it was agreed that Cllr D Light will meet informally with local landowners/tenants to discuss potential remedial actions before submitting the grant application is submitted. Cllr McKenzie noted that Sea was badly flooded recently, and the residents have now formed a

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flood resilience group – Sea are also considering submitting a grant application for flood prevention measures. It was noted that the grants are circa 20K per community, not per Parish.

Cllr D Light also noted that the Chard to Ilminster cycle way will be cut back at regular intervals by Chard Council.

#### **25/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS/DECISIONS FOR CONSIDERATION/ TO BE NOTED .**

- a. **Agricultural Barn at Woodview Farm** – This is an agricultural application and for information only by DPC.

**25/26 TO CONSIDER NOMINATIONS TO APPOINT A TRUSTEE FOR THE DONYATT ALMSHOUSES.** The following nominations had been received from the current trustees, the actual role of DPC in this matter is unclear. Cllr D Light will notify the trustees that the matter was tabled and noted for reversion to the Trustees.

- b. **Melanie Adams**
- c. **Sandra Parsons**
- d. **Warren Adams**

**25/27 TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATION FROM: Donyatt Village Hall.** The grant application was received after the cut off date, despite reminders from the Clerk It was agreed to allocated 2K to DVH and notify the Committee accordingly.

#### **25/28 ONGOING ISSUES:**

- Speed Indicator devices – Cllr Attlesey. Second SID delivered and installed
- Traffic through Sea – Cllr McKenzie
- Canal Way Development – Cllr D Light – no further update
- Drainage & Flood Prevention – Cllrs D Light/J Attlesey. See 25/24
- Village Events: Cllr K Light – V E Day 2025, options to be discussed. Cllr K Light noted that entertainment had been arranged with various activities. Expected expenditure is circa £600. Cllr K Light will send draft flyer to Cllr McKenzie for drafting and printing. A flag has been purchased.
- Devolution of SC services- Cllr D Light. No further update
- Rec Field ownership – The lessees of DRAC have not provided the requested letter which must be send with the application for Village Green status.

#### **25/29 Reports to note:**

**SCC level of service - noted**

**Road closure/Stibbear Lane- noted**

#### **25/30 MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY**

- Summary of agreed actions from the meeting.
  1. Clerk to draft letter for submission to DRAC
  2. Clerk to email DRAC re VAT reclaim
  3. Cllr Mc Kenzie to contact Rebecca Vaughan re speed restrictions in Sea
  4. Cllr D Light to try and obtain update re drainage works at Stibbear Lane
  5. Cllr Mc Kenzie to continue with flood resilience group
  6. Cllr D Light – to meet with landowners re flooding

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7. Clerk – contact SC elections re co-option for current Councillor vacancy
  8. Cllr D Light to put forward Trustee nominations
- Discussion of urgent action.
  - Items to be included for the next agenda.

25/31 Date, time and venue for the next meeting.

Donyatt Parish AGM 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 @ 7pm followed by Donyatt Parish Council AGM @ 7.30pm

25/32 PAYMENTS FOR AUTHORISATION – authorised.

05/03/25	DVH		Hall Hire	16.00
05/03/25	Clerk		Website renewal	273.31
05/03/25	SLCC			35.00
05/03/25	Clerk			333.63
05/03/25red	HMRC			78.41
05/03/25	Clerk		All Accessible refund x 4	33.32
01/03/25	SLCC		Membership renewal	95.00
20/02/25	Clerk		Toner cartridges	145.00
13/02/25	Elan City		SID	3000.00
PAYMENTS MADE BETWEEN 10/01/25 – 05/03/25				
	16/01/25	GDPR	Renewal	35.00
	31/01/25	Bank charges		6.00
	11/02/25	Drac/soccer nets		800.00
	10/02/25	Clerk	January	343.64
	10/02/25	HMRC	January	78.40