

# Dartington Parish Council

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Minutes of Dartington Parish Council meeting held at Dartington Village Hall on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Present: Cllrs Jefferys, King, Balch, Hopkins, Hornby, Rasmussen and Lunk

Apologies: Cllr Prout

In attendance: Kate Wilson, Parish Clerk; SHDC/DCCllr Hodgson; 11 members of the public, 10 until item 3/19:6

ref	subject	action
3/19:1	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Prout	
3/19:2	No interests were declared.	
3/19:3	<p><u>Public questions/comments:</u></p> <p><u>Ashton Chadwick</u> (AC) supported the Council taking proactive measures towards reducing climate change including tree planting. He also suggested adding more art to the parish by for example: creating a sculpture park which would attract people and eminent sculptors to the parish; encouraging local art projects which could be displayed outside; adding a sculpture specific to Dartington to the origins roundabout.</p> <p><u>Trudy Turrell</u> supported the Council declaring a climate emergency and noted her admiration of the eloquent young people protesting about climate change at the March 15<sup>th</sup> strike which is to be repeated this week. She was also concerned that trees with TPOs were being felled. These locations were identified on a map.</p> <p><u>Another resident</u> spoke supporting the Council declaring a Climate Emergency and expressed his shock at the ambivalent attitude of politicians to this issue.</p> <p><u>Alan White</u> voiced his support of sculpture parks and the climate emergency motion noting that DCC had approved a climate emergency motion but that young people are leading the way. He also noted the wildlife corridor crucial for bats in Dartington.</p> <p><u>AC</u> noted that pollution now kills more people than lung cancer.</p>	
3/19:4	<p><u>SHDC/DCCllr Hodgson's report had been circulated.</u></p> <p>Cllr King asked about the scrutiny task group follow up. SHDC/DCCllr Hodgson said that a comprehensive Officers' report advising 20mph will go to Full Council in June. Cllr King wanted to know if there were grounds for optimism and whether there would be funding. SHDC/DCCllr Hodgson noted that the PC had worked with DCC and this could be used as a model, but that funding is difficult and DCC tends to be reactive rather than proactive.</p> <p>SHDC/DCCllr Hodgson further noted: action to reduce danger on the road from Cott to Follaton adding that landowners need to be responsible for their drainage. She has followed up the pot holes reported;</p> <p>the DCC Climate Emergency motion is for carbon neutral by 2050 rather than 2030. The next meeting in Totnes to discuss different ways of delivering climate change mitigation is April 6<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Re trees at Forder Lane: noted ash dieback and wondered if this was the reason the ash was felled. Further noted that SHDC has little weight when it comes to enforcement re wildlife and that a Supplementary Planning Document is necessary.</p> <p>Cllr Balch had attended a CPRE event where a specific concern had been lack of enforcement. She noted that Brent council is taking enforcement action and getting large fines albeit for housing being turned into HMOs without permission not wildlife, but fines are sticking.</p> <p>SHDC/DCCllr Hodgson noted the follow up re concerns over the DRA BMX track. Historic work done by school lists species which gives indication that the site might be ancient woodland and should be considered unsuitable for a BMX track. She is meeting the DRA and a planning Officer to discuss.</p>	
3/19:5	<p><b>Motion: proposal to Declare a Climate Emergency</b></p> <p>After discussion, Cllr Jefferys proposed the amended version of the motion which was seconded by Cllr King and <b>unanimously approved.</b></p>	

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	<p>It was <b>agreed</b> that discussion about how the declaration can be implemented should be an item on the next agenda. It was further <b>agreed</b> that the Declaration needs to be made public and that the Clerk will:</p> <p>Put the Declaration on the PC website;          Contact the Totnes Times and let them know of the decision;          Contact DALC and let them know of the decision;          Contact DHT and ask that this item is on the next PC/DHT catch up meeting agenda.          Cllr King will post on Next Door Dartington.</p>	
3/19:6	<b>The Minutes of the February 13th Council meeting were agreed.</b>	
3/19:7	<b>Planning</b>	
7.1	<b>0496/19/ARC</b> Heather Cottage. Cllr Hornby noted that this is a reserved matter. No Comment.	
7.2	<b>3297/18/FUL</b> Staverton Bridge Nursery (re-advertisement). Cllr Hornby noted there were minor variations. <b>It was agreed</b> to repeat the previous comments about the application.	
7.3	<p>Puddavine Yard Planning Application: It was noted that information had been circulated by the developer and the application is not listed by SHDC yet. It <b>was agreed</b> to contact the developer and raise the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council appreciates being shown the plans in advance and welcomes the developer's liaison with the neighbouring residents.</li> <li>The site is allocated for 1200m<sup>2</sup> of employment use, but this application is for 801m<sup>2</sup> employment with 400 m<sup>2</sup> residential. Cllrs queried whether this redistribution meets SHDC requirements.</li> <li>The number of car parking spaces on the plans was queried and Cllrs asked if these could be reduced.</li> <li>Cllrs were aware that the boundary of the gardens and employment area are very close to the gulley and wondered if a greater wildlife buffer zone could be included.</li> </ul>	
3/19:8	<b>Finance:</b>	
8.1	The accounts to pay were approved.	
8.2	The Council's current financial situation was noted.	
8.3	<b>P3.</b> The Council has had P3 money in the past but there does not appear to be a record of how this was spent. The Clerk and Chair will look through old accounts. <i>Standing Orders were suspended:</i> Chad suggested contacting Alida Whitaker as she may have this information <i>Standing orders were reinstated.</i> Routine footpath maintenance work identified by the footpath warden is being carried out. The Clerk will liaise with DHT re footpath 15.	Clerk EH
8.4	<u>Our Dartington:</u> the invoices have been issued and circulated to Cllrs. The sub group meeting had considered editorial balance in the magazine.	
3/19:9	<b>Gidley's Meadow Play Area</b>	
9.1	The success of the pocket park funding application was noted, and the Clerk was congratulated for writing the application. Cllr King was thanked for her help.	
9.2	The Clerk has had discussion with SHDC and Humpty Dumpty Nursery and RoSPA and the RoSPA play assessment has been ordered.	
9.3	It was noted that the surrounding vegetation will need to be assessed before it is cleared. Play equipment and benches will need to be sourced from local suppliers if possible. After discussion <b>it was agreed</b> that Cllrs Rasmussen, Hopkins and the Clerk will meet asap.	Clerk, AR, EH.
9.4	The amendment to the OSSR strategy will be carried forward to the next meeting.	EH/Ck
3/19:10	<b>Neighbourhood Plan update.</b> Cllr Lunk will continue as the nominal chair until the REG 14 consultation is complete.	
3/19:11	<b>Great British Spring Clean 2019:</b> It was agreed that a litter pick event would be held on Sunday April 7 <sup>th</sup> . Meet at the Village Hall at 11am and end up at Meadowbrook at 1pm. Cllr Balch to contact Kathy Toms SHDC and ask for littler pickers and bags. Cllr King to post on Next Door Dartington. Clerk to post on PC website	All  Clerk JB, TK
3/19:12	<b>May 2<sup>nd</sup> Elections</b>	All

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12.1 12.2	The Notice of Election 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019 was noted. The day of the election is May 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Nomination paper packs were given to Cllrs. Nominations close 4pm 3/4/19. Information to be posted on parish notice boards.	
3/19:13 13.1	<b>Annual Parish meeting</b> It was noted that the meeting is 7pm on 15th May in the Village Hall and has been advertised in Our Dartington. It was agreed to have separate displays showcasing actions to mitigate climate change, Gidley's Meadow Play Area, Dartington At Home and the Meadowbrook Lunch Club. It was also agreed to consult on Gateways, a sculpture park venue, and the Neighbourhood Plan.	All
3/19:14 14.1  14.2  14.3 14.4	<b>Highways/traffic:</b> Cllr King has replied to the Police email and noted they were currently monitoring the traffic situation in the village. Cllr King noted she was carrying out this liaison under the auspices of Slow Down Dartington. Cllr Balch will send a report to SHDC/DCCllr Hodgson for the HATOC meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> April. Noted that Mike Jones' replacement is Neil Oxton. Cllr Hornby reported no update on any additional footpath at Huxhams Cross. The specimen letters circulated by the Clerk re hedges/vegetation overhanging the footway or highway were noted.	
3/19:15	<b>Lengthsman:</b> Training booked for 8/9 <sup>th</sup> April and any claims against the TAP grant need to be made by 27 <sup>th</sup> May. Councillors discussed using an already trained lengthsman and agreed that the Clerk will contact the Clerk at Staverton and find out who they are using.	
3/19:16	<b>Meadowbrook lunch club</b> – Cllr Balch reported a successful event which will be repeated each Friday and hopefully will grow. Transport might need to be considered.	
3/19:17	<b>Grit bin update</b> - it was noted that additional bins have been identified and these will be plotted on a map/spreadsheet.	
3/19:18	<b>To receive tree planting update.</b> Cllr Hornby suggested planting trees in the churchyard and also replacing those trees removed by contractors on the cycle path (beside the A384) near the primary school. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.	
3/19:19	<b>Correspondence:</b> <b>Update on actions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• re Copland Meadow SWW work, the Clerk has contacted SHDC's Tree Officer.</li> <li>• Forder Lane Trees – Cllr Balch's email - trees have been cut in a turning space.</li> </ul> <b>New:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devon housing needs CPRE conference: JB attended a previous event and has circulated a report. She noted the Parliamentary Briefing Paper - 'Tackling the under-supply of housing in England is worth a read.</li> <li>• Reuse credit scheme consultation: <i>Standing Orders suspended</i> SHDC/DCCllr Hodgson said that historically schemes have had funding which has been withdrawn and the waste strategy meeting then reassigned this money. She is encouraging all PCs to comment <i>Standing Orders reinstated</i>. It was noted that the Restore/Refurnish gives people work and recycles. It was unanimously <b>agreed</b> to respond that SHDC should continue to fund the RCS under current arrangements (Option 3).</li> </ul>	
3/19:20	<b>Urgent business which cannot wait until the April meeting</b> Cllr Hornby: noted the Travellers settlement on Rattery Rd has boulders beside the road. It was observed that the site is in Rattery. <i>Standing Orders Suspended:</i> AC noted Totnes & Dartington open studios. SHDC/DCCllr Hodgson asked about speed watch in the village but was informed that a traffic count was carried out not speed watch. <i>Standing Orders reinstated</i> .	
3/19:21	<b>Meeting closed at 9.24. The date of next meeting: 10th April 2019</b>	