

DUNSTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD At DUNSTER TITHE BARN ON Monday 09th
February 2026 7.00pm

Attendees

Councillors: Kevin Sully (Chair), Alan Vicary, Peter Finney, Tony Melnyk, Barbara Bryan, Steve Harris and Carol Ell

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Towells

Other: Syed Shah (SC)

Apologies

Councillors: Matt Griffiths, Tessa Williams, Geoff Dibble and James Morley

Other: Cara Strom (SC), Marcus Kravis (SC)

Cllrs absent without apology: None

Prior to the start of the meeting Syed Shah updated the Council on the Traffic light issues.

25/243 To note apologies for absence: As noted above.

25/244 Any New Declarations of interest and dispensations: There were none.

25/245 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th January 2026 for approval: It was resolved to approve the minutes.

25/246 Somerset Councillor Report: There was no report.

25/247 Accounts

25/247.1 Approval of expenditure: It was resolved to pay the payments on the attached list.

25/247.2 Current account expenditure analysis for January 2026 It was resolved to note the figures, and Cllr Finney would sign these.

25/247.3 Bank reconciliation for January 2026: It was resolved to note the bank reconciliation which would be signed by Cllr Finney.

25/247.4 Budget Monitoring: It was resolved to note the budget monitoring which would be signed by Cllr Finney.

25/247.5 PAYE figures for January 2026: It was resolved to note these were correct and a payment of £71.37 would be sent to HMRC.

25/248 Planning: It was resolved to note 4 more planning applications had come in since the agenda was published and it was resolved to delegate powers to the planning committee to respond to the applications.

EXM/26/028/TCA	Archer House, Dunster Steep, Dunster, TA24 6FD	Proposal: Works to Trees in a Conservation Area to fell Silver Birch near building (T1), remove one small Eucalyptus limb hanging over Conifer hedge (T2), reduce 3 Conifers by 2m to match existing hedge (T3), reduce Memosa back to previous 1-2m reduction (T4).	It was resolved to note there were no objections
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25/249 Review of Asset Register: It was resolved to note there were no updates or amendments.

25/250 Cemetery's:

25/250.1 Cemetery 3 – It was resolved to note 3 quotes had been received and it was further resolved to award the contract to G A Sully & Sons Ltd.

25/251 Allotments: It was resolved to note there were still available plots.

25/251.1 Agree quotes for fencing: It was resolved to note 2 quotes were received as the other 2 contactors approached did not submit a quote. It was further resolved to award the contract to Minehead Landscaping.

25/251.2 Allotment road being used by the School; It was resolved not to pursue the idea of asking the school to help towards costs of road repairs as they pay rent for the car park area.

25/252 Buttercross Orchard: Cllr Harris reported that Wassailing held on Saturday 17th January at 7.15 in the Orchard went well with 150 people attending and takings of approximately £270.00.

25/253 Riverside Walk: Cllr Vicary reported the new bench had been stained and was now in place. It was resolved to write to G A Sully & Sons Ltd to thank them for donating the blocks it stands on.

25/254 Correspondence:

25/254.1 Email from Crimestoppers SW requesting a grant: It was resolved not to give a grant.

25/254.2 Email from Environment Agency regarding withdrawal of maintenance – consultation: It was resolved that each councillor would respond as an individual and the Clerk would respond on behalf of the Council.

25/255 Review of Risk Register: It was resolved to note there were no updates.

25/256 Defibs: Cllr Ell would research area around West Street and report back at the next meeting.

25/257 Highways:

25/257.1 To receive the Highway Working Group Minutes from meeting held on 2nd February 2026 and agree any recommendations: It was resolved to:

- Purchase 2 signs to place in the disable parking area outside the Yarn Market.
- Ask Highways how they calculate speeding.
- The WG would investigate the entrances to the village with regards to signage in accordance with South Downs National Park.
- It was resolved to investigate using a different colour on the road as regards pedestrian safety.
- It was resolved to write to the school asking them to remind parents that West Close is residents parking only.

25/258 Bike Racks: It was resolved Cllr Ell would look at places for these and report back at the next meeting.

25/259 Memorial Hall:

25/259.1 Discuss and agree if memorial bench for Doug Challoner should be placed outside the hall: It was resolved the Council supported this idea as long as the family were happy about it.

25/259.2 CCTV- discuss and agree if repairs are necessary: It was resolved the Clerk would contact Cam secure to find the best way forward.

25/260 Items to Report: Lots of potholes between Hangers Way to Ellicombe Triangle.

25/261 Matters for the next meeting to be held on Monday 09th March 2026:

Hanging baskets

Report from Highways LCN

25/262 Close Meeting: The chairman declared the meeting closed 8.45 p.m.

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