

# DYMOCK PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	
Chairman	T Ball	
Councillors	T Blandford	T Boon
	A Eagle	J George
	A Perry	N Thick
<b>Also Present</b>	D Baldwin	Clerk to the Council
	19 Members of the Public	

### 1. Apologies -: None received

2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. Ann Cam School

The Deputy Chair of the Governors presented a report on behalf of the Ann Cam C of E Primary School with the main points being:

The Ofsted inspection reported that the school continues to be good with special recognition of the strong ethos of the Christian values of Respect, Thankfulness and Friendship. This creates a harmonious, supportive environment in which children learn well and are happy safe and secure.

The school has maintained numbers with 102 children currently on the role, although there will be a reduced number of children starting in September.

The executive head continues to work at both Dymock and Pauntley schools, therefore, sharing the cost of his salary, enabling the school to provide additional support staff and share curriculum responsibilities.

The school continues to work closely with Happy Turtles providing before and after care and pre-school facility.

The PTFA ran a number of successful events throughout the year providing additional funds for extra resources beyond the means of the budget. She also thanked the Parish Council for their continued support towards the swimming pool which will again be open for the community during the summer term.

Phase one of the new car park has been completed. The governors continue to work to raise funds to tarmac the surface and create a drop off point, but will take another year or so.

A new mosaic designed by the children has been installed in the middle of the new plaza.

New six foot fencing has been installed around the school for secure and new school sign erected. Additional work this year is the replacement of hall doors and bottom entrance door to aid with security. Also installed is a new kitchen for cookery classes with a kind donation from Howdens. There are also plans to upgrade the junior toilets.

A successful PE week was held before Easter with the children also taking part in a challenge of a daily mile organised by Active Gloucestershire.

### 4. Gloucester Constabulary

No representative was available.

## 5. Chairman's Report

Councillor Ball presented his report on the activities of the Parish Council over the previous year with the main points being:

The pollution of the River Leadon, and the lack of feedback information on the outcome.

The ownership of the car-parking spaces the area of play and the footpath through to the village at Winding Pool close transferred to the Parish Council. Special thanks to Councillors T Blandford, T Boon and T Eagle for all their hard work in landscaping the grass area.

Dymock Cricket Club has a new pavilion, more funds are needed to be raise in order to cover unexpected costs mainly the bridging the pavilion over the Roman Road.

The continued success of the Beauchamp Arms as an important part to the Community. This year sees the final payment to the loan taken out by the Parish Council to purchase the Public house on behalf of the Parish.

With the addition of Winding Pool Close the Parish Council have two recreation areas to care for. The original play area has had new steel equipment installed, which can be easily moved to new site if the canal trust need the site one day. Special thanks to Councillor Terry Boon for all his hard work installing fencing at his own cost, planning the layout, arranging landscaping and ordering the new equipment. The parish council took out a £30,000 loan for the new equipment, to be paid back over 10 years

The parish council and our road safety group CALM continue to work to reduce the volume and speed of traffic travelling through Dymock. Although Dymock is officially off the recommended HGV routes through Gloucestershire, traffic does not seem to have reduced.

The effort to reduce the speed limit at Pound Corner and Batchfields to 30mph has been thwarted by Gloucestershire Constabulary, who claim they would not be able to enforce a lower limit

Any complaints received concerning the footpaths in the Parish are investigated by Councillor Andrew Perry, who along with his wife walks the paths regularly. He communicates directly with farmers, advising them of any problems and thanking them for the work they do to keep them open.

Two Rivers housing association failed to respond to our request for information concerning the garages at The Crypt, although they had carried out repairs to the wall around the grassed area.

The clock on Saint Mary's Church stopped again due to a faulty part that had been fitted during the repairs carried out 18 months earlier. Although the company had originally required £1126 + VAT to resolve the problem, and with some hard negotiating, the rewind unit would now be repaired under warranty.

## 6. Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2017-2018

The Clerk presented the budget for 2017-2018 as agreed at the meeting on the 5th December 2016 showing a precept set at £16345.

## 7. Questions from the Public

The Chairman of the Friends of the Beauchamp Arms, FOBA, informed the Council that an event to celebrate twenty years since the purchase of the Beauchamp Arms would be held on Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> and invited the Parish Council to join the celebrations.

A resident expressed his concerns over the speed limit issues in the village and requested that speed limit on the east of the village be extended up to the corner by the junction with Ryton Road.

Meeting Closed at 8.38pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_