

MINUTES OF DYMOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH HALL ON MONDAY, 11 JANUARY 2016

Present: Cllr T Ball (Chairman), Cllr T Blandford, Cllr T Boon, Cllr A J Eagle, Cllr J George, Cllr A Perry, Cllr N Thick and 14 members of the public.

Open Forum:

- (a) Cllr Boon confirmed that the pub sign had been repaired and would soon be reinstalled.
- (b) Mr Bennion asked for the PC's assistance with his plans to develop part of the field opposite the pub.
- (c) Mr Bennion expressed concern about the conifer hedge at Windcross cross roads; there had been a second serious accident in recent months. He considered it could be trimmed back whilst the roadworks were on-going. The Chairman would raise the issue with Highways once more.
- (d) The sign on the new gate at the Pound Corner of the village was loose. Other general tidying work required doing once the weather improved.
- (e) There was a massive puddle near Long Bridge which led to drivers swerving to avoid it. Highways was aware but had been slow to repair it.

54. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

55. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Thick declared an interest relating to the works planned at the Beauchamp Arms.

56. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 November 2015

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 November 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

57. Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 30 November 2015

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58. Matters arising out of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 2 November 2015

a) Affordable Housing ① The site was now working with most of the houses occupied. The PC still did not officially own the path, new play area etc. Masfields Solicitors had been instructed at the start of November and after many delays had advised the PC to allow searches to be done. This had been agreed at an unbudgeted cost of approximately £2000. It was agreed it was incumbent on the PC to ensure there were no unforeseen problems but concern expressed about the slowness of the process.

② It was suggested that some signage would be needed on the car park to prevent the parking of caravans/mobile homes etc. A height limiting barrier may be required.

b) Highways ① Problems with parking outside No 1 Batchfields continued. The PC was waiting to hear from 2RH. **②** Several landowners had been asked to cut back their hedges and Highways would send a further request if no action was forthcoming. **③** Water on Crowfield Lane opposite the Shaws' house was still flowing and would become dangerous should there be a freeze. The Chairman now had a plan of the relevant services to enable landowners to carry out drainage works to remedy the problem. **④** The number of travellers by the M50 had increased before Christmas, but had since decreased again. It was understood that the Police stance on

such encampments was tolerance. Ownership of the land was still unknown; GCC gave up the land when the motorway was built and the current owner could not be traced. ⑤ The Broomsgreen to Bromsberrow Heath road continued in appalling condition due to blocked drains. Highways was aware.

c) Beauchamp Arms ① Cllr Thick had carried out works recently when water was coming through the ceiling. The fans were installed and appeared to be working. He had investigated the chimney and lead bending the wrong way was causing the damp problem. However, no work had been done because of the weather conditions. ② The floor of the bar had been removed and the timber underneath was rotten. £60 was required for new joists. More work would be done and the cost would be more than the £500 originally quoted. ③ The bay window required new lead dressing and Cllr Thick offered to do that at no charge.

d) Public Lavatories Nothing to report.

e) Play Area ① Cllr Boon reported that a new fence had been erected by the bridge and a new gate which was locked. The steel gate had disappeared and a 10' one was required to replace it to allow vehicular access. He would borrow a digger to level the ground once the weather improved. New "no dogs allowed" signs were needed.

② He had received initial 3 quotes for new playground equipment as the current equipment was outdated and un-repairable. These were from Matthews Landscapes, P B Brown and Greenfields. All equipment would be moveable to another site if necessary. As discussed at the EPCM on 30 November, he suggested taking a loan from PWLB to fund new equipment over 10-15 years. It was agreed in principle to take out a loan of approx £25,000, subject to holding a public meeting to seek parishioners' views on the proposal. Exact specifications of equipment would need to be finalised and agreed.

f) Canal No further progress since the previous meeting.

g) Cricket Club Richard Lea from the Club gave a further update on the current situation; regular articles in the magazine were keeping parishioners up to date on progress. Building of the new pavilion was behind schedule because of adverse weather conditions with completion drifting towards May. Landscaping of the grounds would be done in consultation with near neighbours. The field behind the Club was acquired with public funds and was not utilised but more funds would be required if it was to be used. On 28 January there would be a promotional event in the Hall to inform everyone of the Club's plans and seek feedback.

h) Telephone Boxes The Chairman asked for two volunteers to work together and draw up plans for the boxes. It was agreed that Councillors George and Thick would do that.

i) Church Clock The Chairman reported that the clock required repairs costing £715 ex VAT. The clock had been paid for by public subscription in 1881 and the PC was responsible for it. It was agreed that although this was a high cost, the quote should be accepted; clarification on the guarantee on the work should be sought.

j) Audit arrangements It was noted that the deadline for opting out had been extended to March 2016. Members had previously been circulated with papers on new audit arrangements due to come into force in 2017. All Councillors except Cllr Thick agreed to opt out of using a centralised auditor.

59. Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 30 November 2015

There were no matters arising from the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 30 November 2015.

60. Receipts/Payments

Payments	£
FODDC - Elections	1198.26
Windcross Dairies	378.00
VAT	870.07
Information Commissioner	35.00

Receipts - General

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Beauchamp Arms

Payments

A J Sanders	690.45
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Receipts

December rental	1836.45 ex VAT
January rental	1836.45 ex VAT

Balance at 31.12.15: £15248.82

61. Planning Applications

1. **P1523/15/FUL Poets Cottage, The Village** Single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling.
2. **P0111/15/DISCON Cricket Ground** Discharge of conditions (03) Archaeological monitoring, (05) Biodiversity enhancement and (06) drainage relating to planning permission P1027/15/FUL for a replacement cricket pavilion.
3. **P1853/15/COU 1 High House Cottages, Preston Cross** Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage.
4. **P1325/15/FUL The Harrow, Kempley Road** Erection of two dwellings, garages and turning areas. (additional information to that already submitted).
5. **P1663/15/DEM Burtons Farm** Demolition of existing steel framed agricultural building.

62. Planning Decisions

1. **P1663/15/DEM Burtons Farm** Demolition of existing steel framed agricultural building. **Decision: Approved**
2. **P0111/15/DISCON Cricket Ground** Discharge of conditions (03) Archaeological monitoring, (05) Biodiversity enhancement and (06) drainage relating to planning permission P1027/15/FUL for a replacement cricket pavilion. **Decision: Granted Permission**

63. Precept 2016-2017

It was agreed by all, with the exception of Cllr George, that the precept would be set at £17645.00. The precept had been increased to take account of additional costs that had not been envisaged, including solicitors' fees, major church clock repairs. Detail of the total were as follows:

	2014-15	Agreed 2015-2016 (£14370.00)	Agreed 2016-17
Preston PCC	150.00	150.00	150.00
Dymock PCC	300.00	300.00	300.00
Glos Playing Fields Association	50.00	50.00	50.00
GRCC	50.00	50.00	25.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	30.00	30.00	30.00
Glos Wildlife Trust	25.00	25.00	25.00
First Responders (held in PC a/c)	50.00	50.00	50.00
Clock Repairs	300.00	300.00	300.00
GAPTC	250.00	250.00	250.00
Play Area Works	300.00	300.00	600.00
Play Area Inspection	100.00	100.00	100.00
Elections	250.00	500.00	350.00
Grass Cutting	1100.00	1150.00	1500.00
Insurance	1700.00	1600.00	1500.00
Beauchamp Arms	500.00	500.00	500.00
Beauchamp Arms Licence	180.00	180.00	180.00
Clerk's salary and expenses	2900.00	2900.00	2900.00
Audits x 2	600.00	400.00	400.00
Tree survey/works	0	0	0
Data Protection CT	35.00	35.00	35.00
Postage and Copying	200.00	200.00	200.00
Hall Hire	250.00	250.00	250.00
Training	0	0	200.00
Website	170.00	200.00	200.00
Lavatories/bin emptying	3000.00	3000.00	3000.00
Broomsgreen Village Hall	150.00	150.00	150.00
Ann Cam PTFA	400.00	500.00	750.00
Cricket Club	375.00	350.00	0
Pilgrims	250.00	250.00	250.00
CALM	150.00	0	0
Garland Hut	50.00	50.00	50.00
FOBA	0	300.00	300.00
Snow Warden Salt Storage	0	250.0	250.00
Toddlers Group			200.00
ADDITIONAL COSTS			
Clock repairs/Solicitors' fees			2600.00
			17645.00

64. Matters to be raised at next meeting:

No matters were raised.

65. Any Other Business/Correspondence for information

1. **GCC - draft Local Transport Plan (2015-2031) Consultation** Letter from GCC re the above. Consultation finishes 5 February. (Poster displayed on notice board.) Draft Local Transport Plan can be viewed on GCC website.
2. **The Playing Field - November Newsletter**
3. **Footpaths** - Cllr Perry had received requests from a walking group to cut back briars etc from paths. It was agreed that care was required as well and landowners' permission. He would enquire from GCC about possible training.
4. **GCHQ** - Cllr Boon reported that CGHQ had a scheme allowing employees to do two days' work in communities free of charge on a voluntary basis. Requests to GCHQ had to be on official letterhead.

66. Date of next meeting

Monday, 7 March 2016 starting at 7.45pm (plans available from 7.30pm).

Remaining meetings for 2016:

9 May

4 July

5 September

7 November

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____