

**MINUTES OF DYMOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH
HALL ON MONDAY, 9 JANUARY 2017**

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 17 members of the public.

Open Forum:

- (a) It was understood that the application for an abattoir at Moor Oak Farm would be considered by FODDC at the Planning Committee in February. The applicant had been asked to submit more information, hence the delay.
- (b) There had been no response from 2RH about the garages at The Crypt.
- (c) It was understood that plastic bags around food waste had to be untied and disposed of in another way. Bio-degradable bags did not always break down and it was suggested that newspaper would be a better way of wrapping food waste.
- (d) Freight traffic through the village was much worse since the route for HGVs had changed. Highways had promised to liaise with Herefordshire CC about erecting signs to divert traffic from Dymock, provided funding was available.
- (e) FOBA was planning celebrations to mark the paying off of the main loan for the Beauchamp Arms later in the year.
- (f) It was suggested that an on-line village calendar would be a good way of keeping the parish informed of forthcoming events.
- (g) Regret was expressed at the recent death of Nick Alexander, a solicitor who had been much involved with the purchase of the pub.

55. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from District Cllr Yeates.

56. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

57. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 November 2016

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 November 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

58. Matters arising out of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 5 September 2016

a) Housing Development at Winding Pool Close There was nothing to report.

Apart from some work on the Area of Play, everything was finished and Greenfields would maintain it. Cost of this work £40, 8 x a year.

b) Highways ❶ The Chairman had contacted Mr Gray of Highways again, who had seemed negative and discouraging about the problems in Dymock and the parish.

❷ There was a large pothole at Long Bridge, between Longbridge Farm and the village hall. Towards Kempsey, the road edges were crumbling. ❸ Mr Davies was obtaining 40 bags of salt in readiness for forecast bad weather. ❹ It was agreed that Greenfields should maintain the area around the gates at the entrance to the village, £16, 8 x a year.

c) Beauchamp Arms ❶ There was a small area of damp in the third bedroom and a vent would be installed. The paper was off and the wall much improved. Repainting was not budgeted for. ❷ A Food Safety inspection had highlighted the need for repainting in the food storage area and a crack in the floor. ❸ Mr Thick would be

submitting an invoice for a new zone valve as the heating had been switching on all night and was thanked for the work he had done.

d) Public Lavatories FODDC had requested the latest electrical and asbestos reports which Cllr Thick would arrange. Leaves required sweeping from the paths regularly. Mr Kemp should be asked to do this in the course of his cleaning duties.

e) Play Area Cllr Boon reported that a second seat had been installed. Once the quarried reopened he would obtain some large stones. The area was currently too wet for machinery to carry out further works.

g) Cricket Club Cllr Eagle had little to report. The Club was short of £21,000 and was thinking of ways to raise it. Monies for the road and car park ready for the Festival were available.

h) Phone Boxes Cllr Thick reported that the ivy had been removed from the box at Four Oaks and it was ready for painting.

i) Canal The Chairman had little to report. The Canal Trust would set up a maintenance team which would start work in the Spring.

j) Church Clock Cllr George had asked Mr Brown to investigate alternative clock maintenance/repairers to Smith of Derby. Cumbria Clock Company had been recommended and also Time Assured in Mansfield. It was noted that the current maintenance agreement with Smith, which had been paid for in advance, ended on 28 February 2020.

k) Came and Company visit Nothing further had been heard from written valuation had been received from Ms Jacomb of Came & Company nor from Thomas Teague.

l) H&S Audits The Chairman reminded Cllrs of their duty regarding Risk Assessment/Health & Safety. Cllr Perry had undertaken a lot of work and had circulated initial documents for comment/amendment at the March meeting.

m) Travellers The Chairman had had contact with Mr Morris of FODDC which was of little help. The land was owned by Mr Goulding and FODDC would advise him on what steps to take to remove them. In the meantime, the numbers of vans/people had grown and the site was very cramped.

n) The Cyrpt A letter should be sent to 2RH so that the future of the garages could be clarified.

59. Receipts/Payments

| Payments | £ |
|---|----------------|
| Information Commission | 35.00 |
| Dymock Parish Hall | 30.00 |
| Receipts - General | |
| Refund of VAT | 3535.15 |
| Beauchamp Arms | |
| Payments | |
| J Griffiths - refund of N Thick invoice | 115.00 |
| FODDC - licence | 180.00 |
| Receipts | |
| December rental | 1836.45 ex VAT |
| January rental | 1836.45 ex VAT |
| Balance at 31.12.2016: £20,361.62 | |

60. Precept 2017-2018

The Precept was agreed at £16,345, detail as follows:

| | Agreed 2016-17 | Agreed 2017-2018 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Preston PCC | 150.00 | 200.00 |
| Dymock PCC | 300.00 | 400.00 |
| Glos Playing Fields Association | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| GRCC | 25.00 | 25.0 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| Glos Wildlife Trust | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| First Responders (held in PC a/c) | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Clock Repairs | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| GAPTC | 250.00 | 350.00 |
| Play Area Works | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| Play Area Inspection | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Elections | 350.00 | 500.00 |
| Grass Cutting | 1500.00 | 2000.00 |
| Insurance | 1500.00 | 1600.00 |
| Beauchamp Arms | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Beauchamp Arms Licence | 180.00 | 180.00 |
| Clerk's salary and expenses | 2900.00 | 2900.00 |
| Audits x 2 | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| Tree survey/works | 0 | 200.00 |
| Data Protection CT | 35.00 | 35.00 |
| Postage and Copying | 200.00 | 150.00 |
| Hall Hire | 250.00 | 200.00 |
| Training | 200.00 | 0 |
| Website | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Lavatories/bin emptying | 3000.00 | 3000.00 |
| Broomsgreen Village Hall | 150.00 | 0 |
| Ann Cam PTFA | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| Cricket Club | 0 | 1000.00 |
| Pilgrims | 250.00 | 0 |
| CALM | 0 | 0 |
| Garland Hut | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| FOBA | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Snow Warden Salt Storage | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Toddlers Group | 200.00 | 0 |
| ADDITIONAL COSTS | | |
| Extra Clock repairs/Solicitors' fees | 2600.00 | 0 |
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| | 17645.00 | 16345.00 |

61. Planning Applications

1. **P1784/16/TCA Spring Hollow, Western Way** Fell 1 x sycamore tree, 1 x Norway spruce tree and 2 x conifer trees and reduce a line of conifer to 6m from ground level.
2. **P1629/16/TCA Brookfield, The Willows** Removal of x5 leyandii trees and replacement with Laurel at Brookfield
3. **P1062/16/FUL The Old Piggery, Timberhill Farm.** Creation of a double garage, a room for a biomass boiler to serve the dwelling and a bat loft. Removal of existing container. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
4. **P1801/16/PQ3PA Barn, Pitt House Farm** Prior notification of change of use of existing agricultural barn to 2 residential dwellings and associated building operations.
5. **P1783/16/PQ3PA Barn, Windcross Farm, Roman Road.** Prior notification of change of use of existing agricultural barn to 1 residential dwelling and associated building operations.
6. **Houses at Bromsberrow Heath** It was noted that Dymock PC had not been consulted over an application for outline planning permission for 5 new dwellings. The Chairman had expressed concern over the lack of consultation to FODDC.

62. Planning Decisions

There were no planning decisions to report.

63. Matters to be raised at next meeting:

1. **Application for grant from the Pilgrims Group.** An application for grant had been received from the Pilgrims Group which was too late to be considered as part of the Precept submission. It was agreed to consider it at the March meeting.
2. **H&S Audits** - follow up to Cllr Perry's work. Documents circulated for discussion and/or amendment.
3. **Chapel** - possible problem with the sewage pump.
4. **Annual Parish Meeting** - to agree a date and speaker.
5. **Dog Fouling** - in particular in the Area of Play and around the Canal.
6. **War Memorial** - Cllr Thick was investigating possible grant funding of 75% for maintenance/repair.

64. Any Other Business/Correspondence for information

1. **Western Power Distribution** - details of R110-ED1 Business Plan Commitments. Also details of workshops to be held later in January (nearest is Cheltenham on 31 January). No-one wished to attend.
2. **FODDC** - email re legal obligations of riparian owners to maintain their watercourses. Also hard copies of leaflets etc . There had been no further information regarding the pollution of the Leadon.
3. **Dymock Pilgrims** - email dated 8 December requesting grant from PC. (late submission). It was agreed to discuss this at the March meeting.
4. **FODDC** - email re changes to Allocations Plan Submission draft. Available to view at Council Offices and all local libraries during opening hours.
5. **Dymock Parish Hall** - letter requesting permission to erect signs to publicise the following events: 1/2 April (Spring Fayre and Daffodil Weekend), 4 June (Dog Show and Strawberry Fayre), 17 September (Late Summer Flower Show), 28 October (Dymock and District Chrysanthemum Show). This was agreed.

6. **Clerk to Parish Council** - letter of resignation from post of Clerk from Su Simkin. It was noted that the notice period was 3 months, and agreed that a new Clerk should be recruited to take over from 1 April.

65. Date of 2017 meetings

Monday 6 March

Monday 8 May

Monday 3 July

Monday 4 September

Monday 6 November

starting at 7.45 (plans available from 7.30pm).

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____