

**MINUTES OF DYMOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH
HALL ON MONDAY, 4 JULY 2016**

Present: Cllr T Ball (Chairman), Cllr T Blandford, Cllr T Boon, Cllr A J Eagle, Cllr J George, Cllr A Perry, District Cllr Yeates and 9 members of the public.

Open Forum:

- (a) Thanks were expressed for the re-hanging of the pub sign.
- (b) It was explained that in recent years there had been no increases when the rent for the pub was reviewed because of the current financial climate.
- (c) It was confirmed that the field opposite the pub could be used for parking at any time but that the gate should be closed after use.

23. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Thick.

24. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

25. Register of Members' Interests

The Clerk circulated forms which were completed by all the Councillors present.

26. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9 May 2016

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9 May 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

27. Matters arising out of the Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 9 May 2016

a) Affordable Housing ① All legalities had been completed successfully after many delays. The development appeared to be working well although some residents had complained about parking on pavements outside some of the new houses. The Chairman had contacted 2RH to take action to stop it. **②** Work was required to the new play area in the development. Cllr Boon had obtained a price of £30 per tonne for top soil from Bromsberrow Sand & Gravel with no delivery charge; 10-15 tonnes would be required. **③** Concern was expressed about the Canal Trust's equipment for digging a bore hole being left on site, which was considered a safety hazard. The Chairman would speak to the Canal Trust.

b) Highways ① New gates had been installed at the Shakesfield end of the village to reduce speeding. Bollards would be installed and brambles cleared near Maypole Farm for parking. It was agreed to ask Greenfields to quote for cutting that area at the end of the year, for 2017. **②** The path by Pound Corner to the Cricket Club still required clearing but Highways was aware. **③** Water was still lying on the Bromsberrow to Brooms Green road; culverts and ditches needed clearing.

c) Beauchamp Arms ① Mr Winterbotham would be asked to assess the state of the retaining wall, following concerns about large cracks in it. **②** Lights in the gents had broken and Cllr Thick had ordered replacements. He had done emergency repairs to the porch which leaked badly during a heavy storm.

d) Public Lavatories Nothing to report.

e) Play Area ① Cllr Boon had ordered the equipment; delivery was 5-6 weeks. The Play Area would be closed whilst works were under way. He had removed one piece

of equipment from the order to try to keep the costs under £25,000 to ensure there was sufficient money for all necessary works; he may be able to purchase it at a later date. The quote from Greenfields had therefore come in at £21644 + VAT. The Chairman thanked Cllr Boon for the continued hard work he had undertaken on the project. There would be an official opening in due course.

f) Telephone Boxes Nothing to report. It was agreed that Kevin Bloxsome should be thanked, through his business address, for the work he did connecting the electricity to the defibrillators, free of charge.

g) Cricket Club Cllr Eagle reported that the pavilion was finished and looked splendid. There would be an official opening in October and the club was still seeking funding although had just been awarded a grant of £30,000 for parking.

h) Canal Work had started on the bore hole to fill the basin and the site was very messy and untidy as a result. The Canal Trust had been given a Queen's Award and the Chairman would attend the ceremony. Questions were raised about the safety of the water and whether there should be lifebelts etc. The Trust had provided each household with a leaflet on the prevention of accidents by Canals.

i) Parish Council Solicitor After discussion it was agreed that Masefields should be retained at the PC solicitor. Although they had been slow, it had emerged that many of the delays were caused by other parties. Cllr Perry suggested reviewing their performance annually.

j) The Crypt No progress had been made regarding the garages at The Crypt. Attempts to purchase them from residents had been unsuccessful. The bricks on the wall surrounding the green were loose and moving; 2RH had been informed as it was their responsibility.

k) Bank Accounts Since Lloyds had closed in Newent, it was difficult to transfer funds between accounts. It was agreed to close two bank accounts (Festival account [56703868] and Instant Access [04618350]) as interest rates were so low, and to have the pub rental paid into the cheque account. This would negate the need for a cheque signatory to travel to a branch of Lloyds each time money was transferred. It was also agreed to review this should interest rates rise significantly in the future.

l) Came and Company visit At the PC's request a representative from the insurers would visit on 25 July to assess insurance levels etc.

28. Receipts/Payments

Payments	£
Glasdon UK	1,409.04
R May - refund of payment to Morlock	486.01
Dymock Parish Hall	40.00
S Fowler - audit	185.00
Greenfields	320.88
VAT	728.26
npower	79.92
P Davies - salt bins etc.	250.00
Ann Cam PTFA	750.00
Preston PCC	150.00
Garland Hut	50.00
Dymock PCC	300.00
Masefields	2,017.00
Windcross Dairies	168.00
Pilgrims Group	250.00
FOBA	300.00

Broomsgreen Village Hall	150.00
Greenfields	176.82

Receipts - General

PWLB Loan	29,975.00
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Beauchamp Arms

Payments

J Griffiths - refund of payment to F Wood	387.92
J Griffiths - refund of payment to N Thick	230.00
Storm Roofing	918.00

Receipts

June rental	1836.45 ex VAT
July rental	1836.45 ex VAT

Balance at 31.5.2016: £14,733.21

29. Audit of Accounts

The paperwork having been received from Grant Thornton, the accounts had been audited by Mrs Fowler. She had applied the various tests required and confirmed that risk management procedures were completely appropriate, sufficient and well monitored. She had also found a good audit trail when testing payment procedures against receipts and invoices, cheques drawn and statement entries. The balance carried forward at the end of the financial year was £12246.84. All Councillors received a copy of the end of year accounts and it was agreed that the return should be submitted to Grant Thornton.

30. Planning Applications

1. **P0442/16/FUL School House, Haffield, Beach Lane, Bromsberrow Heath** Proposed barn and polytunnel.
2. **PP0500/16/FUL Pitt House Farm** Conversion of existing barn to dwelling served by existing access. Erection and extension of a building, alterations to existing access and change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage. Revised Plans submitted - view on line

31. Planning Decisions

1. **P0406/16/FUL Faiview Cottage, Preston Cross** Proposed ground floor extensions to front, side and rear and installation of a boiler flue. **Decision: Granted Permission**
2. **P0298/16/FUL 1 Elmbridge Villas** Demolition of existing timber shed/outbuilding and construction of a single storey extension to the rear of the existing dwelling (revised scheme). **Decision: Granted Permission**
3. **P0394/16/FUL The Woodlands, Marcle Road** Erection of a two storey extension and removal of existing single storey aspect to side. Erection of a porch and single storey extension to rear to be built under permitted development. **Decision: Granted Permission**
4. **P0532/16/FUL 6 Batchfields** Erection of a timber garage building. **Decision: Granted Permission**

32. Matters to be raised at next meeting:

1. Cllr Eagle would discuss further the points raised informally by the Chairman of FOBA and report back to the September meeting
2. Cllr George requested that the clock maintenance and upkeep was discussed.

33. Any Other Business/Correspondence for information

1. GAPTC - email regarding AGM on Saturday, 16 July in Newent, starting at 10.00am
2. email following telephone call from Chris - purchaser of No 8 Winding Pool Close
3. FODDC - email regarding Community Emergency Planning booklet
4. Forest Sensory Services - email requesting funding
5. FODDC - 2 x emails regarding Cricket Club applications for Premises Certificate and Premises Licence. Comments to be received by FODDC by 12 July.
6. Patrick Goode - email regarding Section 106 agreement.
7. Jane Hadler - email regarding excessive parking at No 4 Winding Pool Close
8. Came and Co - email from Vicky Jacomb regarding forthcoming meeting re insurance.
9. Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association - email regarding annual Award Scheme. Nominations by 2 September.

34. Date of next meeting

Monday, 5 September starting at 7.45pm (plans available from 7.30pm).

Remaining meeting for 2016:

7 November

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____