

MINUTES OF DYMOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH HALL ON MONDAY, 6 MARCH 2017

Present: Cllr T Ball (Chairman), Cllr T Blandford, Cllr T Boon, Cllr A J Eagle, Cllr J George, Cllr N Thick, and 16 members of the public.

Open Forum:

- (a) Residents of Winding Pool Close asked for clarification on who was responsible for maintenance eg leaf clearance etc.
- (b) Mrs Vizor requested more notice of the dates of working parties.

66. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Perry.

67. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

68. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 January 2017

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 January 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

69. Matters arising out of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 9 January 2017

a) Housing Development at Winding Pool Close Soil would be levelled once weather conditions allowed. Benches would be removed because they were constantly being thrown into the water. Maintenance was a general parish responsibility and it was noted that Mrs Hadler was unhappy about the response from the Canal Trust about their responsibilities for maintenance.

b) Highways ① The Chairman had met Mr Gray from Highways who would reconsider the introduction of a 30mph speed limit at Pound Corner. Agreement had been reached on altering signage to stop HGVs through the village. ② Highways had agreed to do the ditches at Broomsgreen and Bromsberrow Heath. Doubt was expressed as to the effectiveness of such work given that the pigs nearby would still be there. ③ The trees by the golf club would be cut back by Highways to improve visibility either side of the dip. ④ Highways would erect a Concealed Entrance sign at the cricket club. There were two deep holes on the triangle by the club and on the corner by Batchfields. ⑤ Concern was expressed about roadside parking on Western Way which blocked the road. The Chairman would contact Highways about a solution.

c) Beauchamp Arms ① The fault in the heating system had been rectified. ② The decorator suggested waiting a little longer before painting to allow the wall to dry completely. A dehumidifier would be used in the interim. ③ Mr Thick had mended the ridge on the garage and cleared the gutter. ④ It was agreed that the cladding in the Gents' behind the urinals required replacing with something more robust but that work should wait until after Easter.

d) Public Lavatories Electrical and asbestos reports would be done soon at a cost of £297. No sign of a leak reported by FODDC could be found.

e) Play Area Cllr Boon reported it was still too wet to work on the ground. It was hoped that someone from the village would attend a course on play areas and take responsibility for regular inspections and recording. The cost of such a course, organised by Glos Playing Fields Association, was £30.

- g) Cricket Club** Cllr Eagle reported that the landscaping was being finished and that all grants were spent.
- h) Phone Boxes** Cllr Thick reported the box at Four Oaks had been removed as the opportunity arose to do it at no cost. It was now at Longbridge Farm awaiting assessment and repair. A decision as to where to site it and future use was required and planning permission may be required.
- i) Canal** A maintenance gang organised by the Canal Trust would start soon. A request to the Trust for a floating island for birds on the basin had met with a favourable response.
- j) Church Clock** Unsatisfactorily, the clock had stopped again and Smith of Derby had taken away a part. As a result of recent press article, a horologist had contacted the Chairman about possible other contractors to maintain it in future.
- k) H&S Audits** Discussion was delayed until the May meeting due to the absence of Cllr Perry.
- m) Travellers** The Chairman had nothing further to report; a recent email from Wayne Morris had revealed little.
- n) The Cyrpt** No response had been received to a letter sent to 2RH in January so that the future of the garages could be clarified.
- o) Pilgrim Group** A late application for grant had been received which had not been included in the Precept discussion. It was noted that at present the Group was not running as there were no attendees. It was agreed that should it restart a grant of £250 should be made from reserves for the next financial year and the Group should apply in the usual way in future.
- p) Chapel** The problem with the sewage had been resolved and no action was required.
- q) Annual Parish Meeting** It was agreed it should be held on Thursday, 20 April starting at 7.30. It was also agreed that due to the low number of attendees no speaker should be invited.
- r) Dog Fouling** The Chairman had received complaints about fouling and asked anyone seeing an irresponsible dog owner allowing their dog to foul to tell him. Legally, fines could be issued. No dogs were allowed in the Play Area.
- s) War Memorial** Cllr Thick reported that he had asked for two quotes for repairs and had also applied for grant funding which had to be used within a year. He would report back to the next meeting.

70. Receipts/Payments

Payments	£
Dymock Parish Hall	50.00
Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust	25.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	30.00
Red Fox Media	168.00
VAT	420.87
GAPTC	329.76
Windcross Dairies	546.00

Receipts - General

Beauchamp Arms

Payments

Beauchamp Arms - refund of N Thick invoice (Replaces cheque 1150)	115.00
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Receipts - Beauchamp Arms

February rental	1836.45 ex VAT
March rental	1836.45 ex VAT

It was agreed that the Clerk's salary and the tax should be paid by 31 March.

Balance at 28.02.2017: £22168.64

71. Planning Applications

1. **P0058/17/AG Land off Ledbury Road, Dymock** Prior notification for the erection of a Dutch barn.
2. **P0042/17/FUL Bavenhill Mechanics Co Ltd, Preston Cross** Erection of a storage building.
3. **P0244/17/FUL 2 Longbridge Cottages, Ledbury Road** Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and porch to the front of the dwelling.
4. **P1691/16/FUL 2 High House Cottages, Preston Cross** Erection of a porch to front elevation. Change of use of agricultural land to increase residential curtilage.
5. **P0173/17/AG Hill Farm, Dymock** Prior notification for the erection of a steel portal framed grain store.
6. **P0014/17/DISCON The White House, The Village** Discharge of condition (01) photographic details of listed building consent application P0944/16/LBC.
7. **P0224/17/FUL The Old Piggery, Dymock** Retrospective application for the development of an agricultural building to form a dwelling (use Class C3) with associated outbuilding for use as a garage, store and bat loft.
8. **P1405/16/FUL Green Hill Farm** Demolition of existing poultry shed and replacement with new abattoir. It was noted that this would now go to the Planning Committee in April. Parishioners were increasingly concerned that this would be agreed with huge detriment to the village as a whole.

72. Planning Decisions

1. **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. **Decision:** Prior Approval Refused
2. **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. **Decision:** Prior Approval Refused
3. **P0058/17/AG Land off Ledbury Road, Dymock** Prior notification for the erection of a Dutch barn. **Decision:** Not required.
4. **P0173/17/AG Hill Farm, Dymock** Prior notification for the erection of a steel portal framed grain store. **Decision:** Not required

73. Matters to be raised at next meeting:

1. **H&S Audits** - follow up to Cllr Perry's work. Documents circulated for discussion and/or amendment.
2. **War Memorial** - Cllr Thick to report on possible grant funding and quotations for repair/restoration.
3. **Clock** - to report situation regarding latest breakdown.
4. **Came and Co** - to report on further attempts to contact Vicky Jacomb about queries following her visit to Dymock.

74. Any Other Business/Correspondence for information

1. **FODDC - email about PREVENT** which aims to raise awareness about the threat of terrorism and also stop complacency. Also sample venue policy hire so that hirers can consider "who" is hiring their facilities
2. **FODDC - email about electoral review.** Briefing on 7 March at 7pm at Council Offices.
3. **FODDC - report of leak in lavatories.** Nothing found on inspection.
4. **Paul Barton, Bruton Knowles** - email and letter regarding land adjacent to Station Terrace.
5. **Robert Warren** - letter re no 3 Bayfield Gardens and mowing outside the property. It was agreed that in future Greenfields should be asked to mow the area.
6. **Norris Fisher Insurance Brokers** - letter and leaflet detailing their insurance services for Parish Councils.
7. **T Haskett & Son Ltd** - Letter offering to quote for plumbing and heating works.
8. **GAPTC - Housing White Paper** Information on Government's White Paper and opportunity to comment by 2 May on planning and affordable housing. (22 page document can be emailed)
9. **GAPTC - AGM (On 15 July)** Call for Resolutions - to be received by 2 June
10. **The Playing Field** - February issue
11. **FOBA** - request to hold events on Wintours Green on 19 March (3 Wheelers so weather permitting), 17 April, 1 July and 28 August. This was agreed.
12. **Church** - request to erect sign advertising teas etc in church during Lent etc. This was agreed.
13. **Interviews for Clerk** - would take place week commencing 13 March.

- 75. Next Meeting:** Due to absences of some Councillors, it was agreed to move the May meeting to Monday, 20th.

Remaining 2017 meetings

Monday 3 July

Monday 4 September

Monday 6 November

starting at 7.45 (plans available from 7.30pm).

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____