

**MINUTES OF DYMOCK ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE
PARISH HALL ON MONDAY, 9 MAY 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 7 members of the public.

Open Forum:

- (a) Concern was expressed about the pavement to the cricket club which was narrow and dangerous to walk along. The grass beside it needed cutting out to allow safe access.
- (b) The pub sign was ready to re-hang when time allowed.
- (c) Some slates had slipped from the pub roof which Cllr Thick would replace.

01. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

02. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

03. Register of Members' Interests

The Clerk would circulate the forms to be completed by all Councillors.

04. Election of Chairman

Cllr Ball was elected as Chairman, with all Councillors in favour.

05. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Perry was elected as Vice Chairman, with all Councillors in favour.

06. Representative of Wintours and Murrell Charities

It was agreed that Mrs Brooke should be the representative on behalf of the PC, liaising with Cllr Perry.

07. Representative on Dymock Parish Hall Committee

Cllr George confirmed he was happy to continue as the representative for the coming year. All Councillors in favour; agreed.

08. Footpaths Representative

Cllr Perry confirmed he was happy to continue as the representative for the coming year. All Councillors in favour; agreed.

09. Planning Representatives

Cllr Blandford and Cllr George were elected as the representatives for the coming year. All Councillors in favour; agreed.

10. FOBA Representative

Cllr Thick was elected as the representative for the coming year. All Councillors in favour; agreed.

11. Grants Representative

Cllr Thick was elected as the representative for the coming year. All Councillors in favour; agreed.

11. Beauchamp Arms Representative

Cllr Eagle and Cllr Boon were elected as the representatives for the coming year. All Councillors in favour; agreed.

12. Representative for Public Lavatories

Cllr Ball confirmed he was happy to continue as the representative for the coming year. All Councillors in favour; agreed.

13. Representative for Play Area

Cllr Boon was elected as the representative for the coming year. All Councillors in favour; agreed.

14. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 March 2016

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

15. Matters arising out of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 7 March 2016

a) Affordable Housing ① The transfer of the land had still not taken place although delays were not caused by the PC. An easement was required by Severn Trent Water and matters should be concluded within the week. Some residents were living there on licence. ② The site had won an award because of the harmonious way in which the various parties had worked together to achieve such an excellent result.

b) Highways ① Problems with parking outside No 1 Batchfields continued and road surfaces & verges were worse than ever. 2RH now had to obtain the tenants' consent in writing to have their garden dug out and hopefully this would be forthcoming. ② The travellers by the M50 were still there and numbers had increased lately. The Chairman had again spoken to FODDC who had done nothing recently but had now promised to act quickly. There were serious concerns about sanitation on the site and damage to adjoining agricultural land. ③ The B4215 would be closed for resurfacing from the junction at the pub to Whittingtree Farm on 25 & 26 May. ④ Mr May reported on behalf of CALM about plans for gateways at the Shakesfield end of the village. The PC had already agreed to pay up to £650 towards costs; Highways would fund 50%. It was agreed that the PC would pay the cost and then reclaim half on behalf of CALM. Mr May had obtained a high quote from Glasdon for aluminium gates and would now seek a further quote from Morlock in a different material. CALM was frustrated by further delays and conflicting advice from GCC. It was hoped that a change of personnel at GCC may allow wooden gateways which could be built locally and would be much cheaper. It was essential that CALM had the necessary funding required for the whole project before any orders were made. ⑤ The ditch opposite No. 6 Batchfields still required clearing and the Chairman would remind the landowner of her responsibility.

c) Beauchamp Arms ① Quotes for repairing the roof by the chimney, as raised in the March meeting, had been obtained. Storm Roofing - £755 and Wynn Roofing £1000, both including scaffolding. It was agreed to accept the Storm Roofing quotation. ② The damp in the tenants' accommodation had not improved but Cllr Thick considered it would not until the roof problems had been solved.

d) Public Lavatories A new fence had been erected along the boundary by the residents of Crown Close.

e) Play Area ① Approval had been given from the Public Works Loans Board for the sum of £30,000 repayable over 10 years. Interest rates remained low but varied daily.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Boon for the tremendous amount of work he had undertaken on this project to upgrade the play area. ② Cllr Boon detailed the planned equipment which had been designed with the help of Greenfields and after consultation with some parents. Greenfields had quoted £20,599 and the equipment would be in steel so that it could be moved when the Canal came through the existing play area. There would be other expenditure on various ground works etc. Some of the loan would be used on the other play area by the Canal basin. That area was very stony and would need improvement before turn could be laid. Greenfields had also recommended using a different company for the annual inspections which inspected equipment they installed and were cheaper than Play Safety.

f) Church Clock The Chairman had expressed concerns about the continual breaking down of the clock to Smith of Derby who had agreed to waive charges if the recent fault was a continuation of the previous one. However that had not been the case. There was discussion about finding another firm to maintain the clock once the current service agreement had ended.

g) Telephone Boxes Cllr Thick reported that the Ryton box now had a notice board; work had not been started on the one at Four Oaks. Mrs Tweedale had asked whether she could put information about the Poets in the Brooms Green box which was agreed on a non-permanent arrangement. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Thick.

h) Canal The Chairman reported that disappointingly the 500 trees planted by the Canal Trust had been ripped out and throw into the water with the stakes. It was agreed that there would be a stone picking working party and tidy up on 28 May.

i) Parish Council Solicitor It was agreed that because of the unsatisfactory service received from Masefields, enquiries should be made from other Councils about alternative firms.

16. Receipts/Payments

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Payments	
Since previous meeting:	
Windcross Dairies	210.00
Parish Hall	30.00
HMRC Tax	786.57
S Simkin - salary £2082.72	
postage refund 27.92	
contribution to electricity/stationery	2210.64
At May meeting:	
Windcross Dairies	168.00
Smith of Derby	276.00
Greenfields	144.06
Gloucestershire Playing Fields Assoc	50.00
STWA	120.69
PWLB	10546.51
TWB Contracts	450.63
GSM - stone for path	101.08
Receipts - General	
Council Tax Support Grant	520.00
Precept	8562.50

Beauchamp Arms

Payments

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Receipts

April rental	1836.45 ex VAT
May rental	1836.45 ex VAT

Balance at 30.4.2016: £14,382.77

17. Audit of Accounts

Paperwork from Grant Thornton had not been received and duplicates should arrive the following week. The accounts had therefore not been audited. A separate meeting to approve the figures would therefore be required. The unaudited balance to carry forward to the new financial year was £12246.84.

18. Planning Applications

1. **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.
2. **P0406/16/FUL Faiview Cottage, Preston Cross** Proposed ground floor extensions to front, side and rear and installation of a boiler flue.
3. **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).
4. **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.
5. **P0532/16/FUL 6 Batchfields** Erection of a timber garage building.
6. **P0514/16/LD1 New Rock, Kempley Road** Application under Section 191 to confirm that planning application DF1895/H and Listed Building Consent LBC355/A have been implemented for the purposes of Section 56 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

19. Planning Decisions

1. **P0048/16/PQ3PA Burtons Farm** Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house. **Decision: Prior Approval Approved.**
2. **P0147/16/FUL Tawneys Farm, Hill End Green** Proposed extension to existing building for livestock and storage. **Decision: Granted**
3. **P0181/16/LDC Hambeth House, The Village** Application under S195 for a single storey rear extension to provide garden room. **Decision: LDC issued**

20. Matters to be raised at next meeting:

No matters were suggested.

21. Any Other Business/Correspondence for information

1. **CALM - letter from Bob May, Chair** - requesting funding for speed calming gates.
2. **CPRE Gloucestershire** - Spring issue of Gloucestershire Views magazine and 2015 Annual Review.
3. **Came & Co.** Spring Council Matters magazine.

4. **Pensions Regulator.** Letter and booklet explaining new law on workplace pensions, effective from May 2017.
5. **Gates on car park opposite pub** - these should remain closed unless there was an event on. The village owed it to Mr Bennion to use the space responsibly.
6. **Benches** - It was agreed that benches behind the Crypt, which was once a play area, would not be used.

22. Date of next meeting

Monday, 4 July 2016 starting at 7.45pm (plans available from 7.30pm).

Remaining meetings for 2016:

5 September

7 November

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____