

MINUTES OF DYMOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE PARISH HALL ON MONDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2016

Present: Cllr T Ball (Chairman), Cllr T Blandford, Cllr T Boon, Cllr J George, Cllr A Perry, Cllr N Thick, District Cllr Yeates and 12 members of the public.

Open Forum:

- (a) It was reported that the land behind the Crypt was for sale and concern was expressed the residents that it would be developed for housing.

35. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Eagle.

36. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

37. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 July 2016

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 July 2016 were agreed as a true record with one amendment regarding the wall at the Beauchamp Arms which was not cracked but **leaning**. They were signed by the Chairman.

38. Matters arising out of the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 4 July 2016

a) Affordable Housing ① The new play area in Winding Pool Close was very untidy and it was disappointing that the Canal Trust had not made more progress. It was noted that the new permanent pump had been ordered and that once it was installed the PC would renovate the area, importing top soil and levelling it out. The site would be an area of play with no equipment following advice from GPFA not to split resources.

b) Highways ① The new gates had been installed and seemed to be having an impact on the speed of traffic. Volunteers had cleaned the area during July but further work was required. **②** Gravel had been laid on the path from Bayfield Gardens as agreed. **③** The pavement to Pound Corner had been cleared by GCC as requested but was still very narrow in places with no room to cut the verge back further. No progress had been made on reducing the speed there to 30mph. **④** Highways had done some work on the road from Broomsgreen but the water run-off still needed addressing if the problems with flooding were not to reoccur. **⑤** Trees on Maypole Farm land near Long Bridge needed reducing to 15' in height to improve visibility. The Chairman would see the tenants to request action. **⑥** The stench pipe for the Beauchamp Arms needed attention to prevent people falling over it. STWA should be asked to remedy the problem. **⑦** There was a problem with bus drivers reversing on the Tillers Green road.

c) Beauchamp Arms ① Following the meeting with the insurers, a valuation of the pub would be done on 6 September. **②** The leaning wall at the rear had been inspected by A Winterbotham Ltd the day following the previous meeting. Recommendations included the removal of the tree and regular monitoring but the leaning was not believe to be serious or recent.

d) Public Lavatories Nothing to report.

e) Play Area ① Cllr Boon reported that new equipment had been installed and inspected and that the old equipment had also been inspected. All equipment could be used. The insurers had expressed some concern about the bank slide but deficiencies would be remedied. Cllr Boon was pleased with the results achieved although a

working party was required to finish minor items. It had been disappointing that there were manufacturing faults with some of the new equipment which had been resolved. Parishioners present expressed thanks, especially to Cllr Boon for his tireless work.

f) Telephone Boxes No progress to report.

g) Cricket Club The new pavilion was in use and looked well; the official opening was on 17 September. The Club was still short of funds. There had been a match, with poems, the previous day to commemorate those sportsmen who went to war in 1914.

h) Canal The Chairman had met the Canal Trust and noted that evaporation from the basin was a problem as the rate of evaporation was higher than water being pumped in. The path damaged by the rig had been measured for replacement stone.

i) The Crypt Nothing had been heard from 2RH about the garages although there was a rumour that they were to be demolished. Residents would like a meeting with 2RH to discuss buying them.

j) Church Clock Cllr George suggested that another firm should be sought to maintain the clock in future, although noted that the current service agreement did not finish until 2020. He agreed, with the help of Mr Ian Brown, to seek alternatives; Cllr Thick considered Smith of Derby to be a reliable and well-respected firm.

k) Came and Company visit The Chairman reported that the visit from the insurers, at the PC's request, had been extremely useful. Various recommendations had come from it, including regular recorded H&S audits for the play area, and Cllr Perry was working on that.

39. Receipts/Payments

| Payments | £ |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Greenfields - Play Area & Mowing | 1908.06 |
| Windcross Dairies | 378.00 |
| Came and Company | 1512.47 |
| npower | 86.79 |
| Greenfields - Play Area | 24662.40 |
| D Capewell - car park sweep | 25.00 |

Receipts - General

Beauchamp Arms

Payments

A Winterbotham Ltd 72.00

Receipts

August rental 1836.45 ex VAT

September rental 1836.45 ex VAT

Balance at 31.08.2016: £41692.41

40. Planning Applications

- 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.
- 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.

3. **P0934/16/LBC The White House** Retrospective Listed Building Consent for the erection of a glass and timber verandah on the rear, replacement of a slate roofed covered way to the rear and enclosing of a bay window and the installation of a boiler flue to the western wall of the building.
4. **P0935/16/PLANOB 2 Veldt House Cottages, Preston Cross.** Modifications to planning obligation dated 10 February 1992 attached to planning permission DF8645/B to discharge and rescind Clause 2(v)
5. **P1081/16/TCA The Old School, The Village** Fell x2 Italian Cypress, x1 Silver Birch - reduce by 2m (to 8m tall) and crown lift by 3m, x1 Yew tree - crown lift to 3m, x1 Norway Maple - crown lift to 2.5m and reduce by 10% x 1 Apple tree - fell at The Old School.

41. **Planning Decisions**

1. **P0442/16/FUL School House, Haffield, Beach Lane, Bromsberrow Heath** Proposed barn and polytunnel. **Decision: Granted Permission**
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 **Decision: Granted Permission**
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42. **Matters to be raised at next meeting:**

1. The Chairman suggested spending time looking at ways for the Parish Council to move forward (eg communication and Health & Safety) and do the best for the parish. This may involve forming a small sub group to consider the detail.

43. **Any Other Business/Correspondence for information**

1. **Came and Co** - letter re Change of Trading Style to Stackhouse Poland Limited.
2. **Young Gloucestershire** - letter and Annual Report 2015-2016.
3. **Environment Agency** - letter following request for information on recent pollution of the River Leadon at Dymock. The pollution had extended to 30 kilometres and had been devastating to wildlife and the environment. Cllr Boon reported an outbreak of knotweed at Ketford and would take advice from the Environment Agency on its eradication.
4. **GCC/Amey** - Notice of road closure. 24 October to 11 November: Normansland road.
5. **Gloucestershire Homeseeker** - notice of new arrangements. Change of name to Homeseeker Plus (because West Oxfordshire has joined the partnership). Will have new website available from 8 September.
6. **The Playing Field** - Newsletter for August.
7. **Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association** - agenda for AGM on 4 October: 6.30 at Cheltenham Rugby Club. Cllr Thick would attend.

44. Date of next meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____