

## **DYMOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**Present:**

<b>Chairman</b>	T Ball	
<b>Councillors</b>	T Blandford	J George
	A Perry	N Thick
<b>Also Present</b>	D Baldwin	Clerk to the Council
<b>Councillor</b>	R Yeates	Ward Member
	10 members of the public	

**38. Apologies for absence -:** Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors T Boon and A Eagle.

**39. To receive Declarations of Interest.**

No Declarations of Interest were received at this point in the meeting.

**40. Public Participation**

A resident asked the meeting if anyone knew of any available rentable land to run a camping business from. It was suggest that she approach the owner of the land at the back of the Cricket Club.

Residents raised concerns over the proposed Canal spur in the field opposite the Beauchamp arms, with the main area of concern being the height of the embankment.

The proposed abattoir was again a main area of concern and residents requested that the Parish Council consider using planning consultants to help with building a case for submission to Forest of Dean Planning. It was requested that the Parish Council hold a public consultation on the plans when the application is re-submitted.

**41 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were confirmed and approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**42. Ward Member Report**

Councillor Yeates gave a verbal report on the actions of Forest of Dean District Council with the main points being: The proposed change to ward boundaries with a reduction in wards from 48 to 39 and the setting up of a Wild Boar Committee. He informed Council that he was unable to speak for this council on matters relating to the parish. It was proposed that the Parish Council ask Forest of Dean District Council for an explanation of why the elected member is unable to represent his parish in matters concerning them.

**RESOLUTION: That Councillors request an explanation of why their elected ward member is not allowed to speak for this parish on matters relating to the parish or on their behalf.**

**43 Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities**

Councillors considered the adoption of the Transparency Code for Smaller Authority. After due consideration Councillors decided:

**RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council adopt the Transparency Code for Smaller Authority**

#### **44. Parking**

In the absence of Councillor Eagle, Councillor Ball gave a verbal report on the one quote provided for resurfacing the Council car park by the side of the village hall. A price of £850 for the car park and £250 for the pathway in Winters Green, was given by the contractor who has previously carried out work for the Council. It was also suggest that this needed to be investigated on whether the path had been paid for from previous work not completed.

**RESOLUTION: That this item be further considered on the return of Councillor Eagle.**

#### **45. Wellingtonia Tree**

Councillor Thick gave a report on the poor condition of the Wellingtonia Tree in the Churchyard. He informed the Council that the Diocese had appointed a professional tree surveyor to carry out a survey and any issues would be addressed.

#### **46. Local Government Boundary Commission**

Councillors reviewed the published draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for the Forest of Dean District. It was noted that the recommendations were for a reduction on the number of wards to from 27 to 21 wards, which be represented by 38 councillors, 10 fewer than there are now. The aim being that each councillor represents approximately the same number of voters meaning that the boundaries would need to be re-drawn. After consideration it was decided to submit the following comments.

**RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council feel that this recommendation would lead to a much larger ward making it more difficult for the elected ward member to cover his area for the purposes of his electorate.**

#### **47. Beauchamp Arms**

**47.1** Councillors consider the report provided by the professional architect for the plan of works required for the refurbishment of the rear entrance at the Beauchamp Arms. The report highlighted areas in need of attention including the need to re-roof, lining of the walls, encasing the boiler and window openings. It was suggested that the council could proceed to obtaining quotes from builders to carry out the recommendations.

**RESOLUTION: That three quotes be obtained and brought to the next meeting for consideration.**

**47.2** Councillor Thick reported that FOBA progressing with the front door and would come back with proposals for the other doors.

#### **48. War Memorial**

Councillor Thick informed Councillors that the grant application was completed and ready for submission and hopefully would be considered in the next round of funding in December.

#### **49. Health and Safety Audit**

It was proposed that this item be looked at by the Chairman, Councillor Perry and the Clerk in a working party meeting and recommendations brought back to the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION: That the proposal be accepted and a working party meeting be arranged with the Chairman, Councillor Perry and the Clerk to review the Health and Safety Audit and recommendations be produced for the next meeting.**

**Vote: Unanimous**

## 50. Planning

### 50.1 Canal Basin

With the constraints of the land levels in the proposed canal extension for the land opposite the Beauchamp Arms it was noted that this proposal would unlikely to be a possibility for development.

50.2 Councillor Ball reported that the application for the abattoir at Green Hill Farm was on hold and suggested that he contact Mark Harper MP to ask for his help in this matter.

**RESOLUTION: That the Chairman contact Mark Harper MP to request his aid in this matter.**

### 50.3 Planning Decisions from Forest of Dean District Council

Planning consent: Hunts Court, Brooms Green, Dymock GL18 2DP.

## 51. Highways

51.1 Councillors A Perry and T Ball met with a representative from AMEY and Gloucestershire Highways to discuss traffic calming measures for Beach Lane in Bromsgreen. They requested, as agreed with local residents, that the use of road restriction white lines to narrow the road would help to slow traffic down.

**RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council request the use of white lines in Bromsgreen to help with traffic calming measures.**

51.2 In the absence of Councillor Boon this item to be placed on the next agenda and also to consider the contract.

51.3 Councillor Thick asked Council to consider requesting the addition of a bus stop at the Newent end of the village to help with the safety of passengers living at that side of Dymock.

**RESOLUTION: That the Council enquire if Stagecoach would consider stopping at that end of the village or meet with councillors to discuss.**

51.4 At the meeting with Rhodri Grey the following items were reported:  
The flooding problem on the lane between Bromsgreen and Bromsberrow Heath.  
Trees by the Golf Club, road closures have been applied for to carry out necessary work.  
Soft section in road opposite the garage.

51.5 The date of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 was suggested for a working party to meet at the Play area and Winding Pool close to carry out work needed.

**RESOLUTION: Councillors, able to attend, to contact Councillor Ball.**

## 52. Financial Items

### 52.1 Annual accounts

The Clerk presented the annual accounts for 2016/17 for consideration.

**RESOLUTION: That the annual accounts 2016/17 be approved. Vote: unanimous**

### 52.2 Parish Council Bank Accounts

In view of the low interest received for of the Instant business bank account Councillors considered its closure to leave the one current working account.

**RESOLUTION: That the Instant Business bank account be closed and monies transferred in to the current account. Vote: unanimous**

### 52.3 Summary of Receipts and Payments

As no bank statement was available this item to be noted and placed on the next agenda.

**52.4 Invoices for Payment**

The Clerk presented a list of invoices for payment.

**RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council approve the payment of invoices as follows:**

<b>N Thick</b>	<b>£65.00</b>
<b>Windcross Dairies</b>	<b>£378.00</b>
<b>Parish Hall Hire</b>	<b>£30.00</b>
<b>PATA</b>	<b>£32.50</b>
<b>Npower</b>	<b>£102.05 pd by DD</b>

**53. Correspondence**

Councillors reviewed the list of correspondence received.

GAPTC News and Gossip

**RESOLUTION: That the list of correspondence be noted.**

**54. Matters to be raised for the next meeting**

Signatories on bank account

Quotes for Car Park surface

Quotes for work to the Beauchamp Arms.

**55. Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting, is currently scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**Meeting closed at 9.08pm.**

**Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_