

DUMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting Wednesday, 17th July 2019 in Dumbleton Village Hall.

Present: Mr J Harmsworth Cowles (Chairman), Mr R Price (Vice Chairman), Mrs K Risdale, Mr D Easter, Mr T Risdale, Mrs K Hending and Mrs M Campbell.

Apologies: No apologies were received.

In Attendance: D Roscoe (Parish Clerk), Councillor Gore and 14 members of the public.

958 Declarations of Interest:

- 958.1 Cllr K Risdale declared an interest in Agenda Item 19 " The area of land to the western side of Wormington church known, locally as the open space be transferred to the Wormington Village Society..."
- 958.2 Due to information obtained by the Parish Council, Cllr Campbell was invited to declare an interest in Agenda Item 19 also. Cllr Campbell did not feel that she had to declare an interest as she had resigned as a committee member of Wormington Village Society on the 20th May 2019. Reviewing the information available to Council **it was resolved that** the Council felt that Cllr Campbell should declare an interest in Agenda Item 19 and this was put to the vote. Four councillors voted in favour of the resolution that Cllr Campbell should declare an interest and 3 against. The motion was carried and Council considered that Cllr Campbell has an interest and could not take part in the discussions on Agenda Item 19.

959 Requests for Dispensation:

- 959.1 No written requests for Dispensation were received.

960 To approve the minutes of the last meeting

- 960.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

961 County Councillors Report:

- 961.1 No report.

962 Borough Councillors Report:

- 962.1 Cllr Gore introduced herself and gave her report. No decisions were required of council.

963 Clerk's Report:

- 963.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

964 Finance:

- 964.1 **It was resolved that** the following cheques were offered for signature or had been issued since the last meeting. Payment of these cheques was proposed by Cllr Easter and seconded by Cllr Hending. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Chq No	Amount incl VAT	VAT	Reason
20/05/2019	S Brown	OB106	200.00	0.00	Speed Sign Maintenance
12/07/2019	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	425.78	0.00	Clerks Salary
29/05/2019	1&1 Internet	DD	35.96	5.99	Web Hosting
14/06/2019	C Newman	OB107	170.00	0.00	Mowing
17/06/2019	Pine Gardens	OB108	75.00	0.00	Mowing
12/08/2019	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	425.78	0.00	Clerks Salary
08/07/2019	S Brown	OB109	200.00	0.00	Speed Sign Maintenance
08/07/2019	C Newman	OB110	170.00	0.00	Mowing
18/07/2019	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB111	214.02	17.25	Clerks Expenses

- 964.2 **It was resolved that** the Financial Statement be accepted. Proposed by Cllr Easter and seconded by Cllr Hending. Unanimous.
- 964.3 **It was resolved that** the clerk's salary and expenses be approved. Proposed by Cllr T Risdale, seconded Councillor K Risdale. Unanimous.
- 964.4 The Budget was reviewed and accepted.

965 Planning:

- 965.1 The following plans were considered:

Appl Number	Location	Application
19/00010/LBC	Dumbleton Mill Dumbleton Dumbleton Evesham	Renovation of Grade II listed mill building and associated conversion works. Permit.
19/00009/FUL	Dumbleton Mill Dumbleton Dumbleton Evesham	Change of use and renovation of former mill to C3 dwelling house and associated works. Permit.
18/01229/FUL	Dumbleton Hall Hotel Dairy Lane Dumbleton Evesham	Installation of freestanding wooden wedding gazebo. Permit.

966 To consider Highways issues:

- 966.1 **Action:** The clerk to chase up the repairs to the pot holes on the Dumbleton to Beckford road.
- 966.2 **Action:** The clerk to report the breakup of the road surface again at the end of Nutmeadow.

These minutes have yet to be approved by the Parish Council.

966.3 **Action:** The clerk to request that redundant and broken Highway signs be removed.

967 To agree position regarding the Village Green/associated piece of land in Wormington.

967.1 Issue still in abeyance.

968 To review the Risk Register

968.1 No issues reported.

969 The Staffing Committee proposes to the Council the use of a paid Parish Clerk locum, to be recommended by GAPTC, in the case of any enforced absence of the Parish Clerk.

969.1 **It was agreed that** the possible use of a Parish Clerk Locum be explored. Proposed Cllr Harmsworth Cowles, seconded Cllr T Risdale. Unanimous..

970 To discuss the provision and maintenance of one additional electronic speed sign for use throughout the Parish.

970.1 **It was agreed that** this issue will be revisited later in the financial year taking into account budget constraints.

971 To discuss the increase in the volume of National Grid traffic in the parish and any Council action that can be taken.

956.1 **Action:** The clerk will contact Nat Grid expressing concerns.

972 To update the status of the request from the Churchwarden of St Katharine's Church, Wormington for pruning of a tree that is causing a health and safety issue for residents using the entrance to the church

972.1 **It was agreed that** [REDACTED] should contact Chris Arnold to send a quote to the Parish Council.

973 To agree actions regarding storage and noise issues in Great Washbourne

973.1 Councillor Price gave his report following contact with Tewkesbury Borough Council Enforcement but was advised that the issue was unenforceable and that there was no breach identified.

974 To consider the grant application from Dumbleton PCC

974.1 **It was agreed that** the grant request of £155 be approved. Proposed Cllr Price, seconded Cllr Risdale. Unanimous.

975 To consider the following motion proposed by Cllr Tim Risdale:

- a. **The area of land to the western side of Wormington church known, locally, as the open space be transferred to the Wormington Village Society. This action would enable the Society to pursue their aim of constructing a village hall for the use of residents and for church functions. The transfer would be drawn up to absolve Dumbleton Parish Council of any further liability, legal or financial. The Society have stated that the legal costs for both parties arising from this transfer would be met by the Society. This proposal has the agreement of Mrs Barbara Smith, who would have gifted this land to Wormington Village Society in 2000 had it been in existence at that time.**

975.1 Cllrs K Risdale and M Campbell withdrew from the meeting.

975.2 The chairman read out the following statement: "The Council always gives careful and due consideration to any community project and, where it is responsible and possible to do so, supports it. In this instance, the Council has received comprehensive and extensive legal advice as to why this piece of land, designated legally as Open Space, cannot be leased or transferred to any organisation and the Council sees no reason why this legal advice should be ignored. Under the Code of Conduct, the Council is required to act lawfully and with accountability. The Council's auditors also require us to manage legal and financial risk and it has a duty and responsibility to protect and maintain its Open Spaces and greens. This motion presents nothing that changes these circumstances. The Council also has to have regard to the opinion of others, especially as we have received letters of objection to this motion. The Council is completely satisfied with the legal advice provided and, as a responsible Council, will continue to adhere to that advice. I recommend that this motion be rejected."

975.3 The motion was put to the vote. Four councillors voted against, one councillor in favour. The motion was therefore rejected.

976 Items for Future Agendas

976.1 To discuss vehicular access across the village green in Wormington.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date and location of Next Meeting: 16th October 2019 at Dumbleton Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

These minutes have yet to be approved by the Parish Council.