

Dumbleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Thursday, 10th February 2022.

Present: J Harmsworth Cowles (Chairman), M Campbell, K Hending, R Price and. B Thompson

Apologies: Apologies were received from T Risdale and K Risdale.

In Attendance: D Roscoe (Clerk via Zoom) and 46 members of the public plus 9 via Zoom.

1173 Declarations of Interest:

1173.1 Cllr T Risdale declared an interest and did not attend the meeting.

1174 Requests for Dispensation:

1174.1 No written requests for Dispensation were received.

The Parish Council Meeting was suspended for the period of Public Question Time.

Representatives from Dumbleton Cricket Club were invited to present their points in favour of the application. The Chairman then asked questions in clarification of those points and the DCC Representatives were given an opportunity to respond. Members of the public were then given an opportunity to raise questions that DCC were allowed to respond to.

1175 Planning:

1175.1 An update of the current Planning Applications was reviewed and the following comments were made on current outstanding applications:

Appl Number	Location	Description	Result
21/01545/LBC	Dumbleton Cricket Club Dairy Lane Dumbleton Evesham	Creation of a second cricket pitch for Dumbleton Cricket Club.	
21/01544/FUL	Dumbleton Cricket Club Dairy Lane Dumbleton Evesham	Creation of a second cricket pitch for Dumbleton Cricket Club.	

1176 Chairman's Summary

1176.1 As we consider these applications, it's important to acknowledge the significant contribution that Dumbleton Cricket Club has made and continues to make to both the village and the parish.

1176.2 When we consider the applications under discussion, it's important to remember that we are assessing them on as to whether they meet the requirements of the numerous guidance documents for planning and development within the Conservation Area and the Cotswold AONB, alongside local policies such as the Joint Core Strategy, the Tewkesbury Local Plan, Emerging Borough Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework alongside the merits of the applications for the development of the Cricket Club

1176.3 There are concerns that the applications have not adequately responded to the guidance in both the Conservation Area Character Statement and the Joint Core Strategy.

1176.4 There is also the lack of reference in the Design and Access statement to Natural England's National Character Profile for the Cotswolds and the Cotswold Conservation Board's Land and Strategy Guidance both of which highlight the need to conserve historic parks and gardens amongst other recommendations

1176.5 The Council also must be guided by the weight of public opinion as it is answerable to the electorate and represents the view of the parish. In this instance, the majority opinion – over 82% at the opening of the meeting based on comments received by the Council – is to object to these applications.

1176.6 The Chairman welcomed the views of the councillors to the application before moving on to a vote on how to respond.

1177 The vote

1177.1 The resultant vote was as follows:

In support of the applications: Cllr Campbell

To object to the applications: Cllrs Harmsworth Cowles, Hending, Price and Thompson

1177.2 **It was therefore resolved** to submit an objection to the applications to Tewkesbury Borough Planning Department

The meeting closed 21.23pm.