

# Dumbleton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**Present:** J Harmsworth Cowles (Chairman), M Campbell, K Hending and T Risdale.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from K Risdale, B Thompson and R Price.

**In Attendance:** D Roscoe (Clerk via Zoom), Debbie Brookes from DB Land and Planning Consultants, Yan Gittins from Fisher German and 21 members of the public plus 9 via Zoom.

**1178 Declarations of Interest:**

1178.1 None were declared.

**1179 Requests for Dispensation:**

1179.1 No written requests for Dispensation were received.

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

Debbie Brookes from DB Land and Planning Consultancy was invited to make a representation on the application. During the period allowed by the Council, Ms Brookes explained her background as a former employee in the Planning department at Tewkesbury Borough Council and her subsequent move into the private sector working on affordable and social housing developments. The Chairman asked questions in clarification of a number of points in the application and DB Land and Planning Consultants were given an opportunity to respond. Members of the public were then given an opportunity to make comments and raise questions that DB Land and Planning Consultancy and Fisher German were allowed to respond to.

**1180 Planning:**

1180.1 An update of the current Planning Applications was reviewed, and the following comments were made on current outstanding applications:

Appl Number	Location	Description	Result
22/00009/FUL	Land To The Rear Of Golden Hay Main Street Dumbleton	Proposed development of 8 affordable dwellings and associated works	

**1181 Chairman's Summary**

1181.1 In considering this application and the Council's response there are several significant factors to consider. These include:

- Does the housing need exist that this application aims to fulfil?
- Is a development of this nature appropriate to a non-service village with very low Service and Accessibility scores?
- Does the application fulfil the requirements of the necessary guidance and policies, including:
  - Tewkesbury Emerging Borough Plan 2011-2031
  - Joint Core Strategy 2011-2031
  - National Planning Policy Framework
  - Dumbleton Conservation Area Character Statement 2002
  - Cotswold Conservation Board Land Strategy and Guidelines
  - Natural England's National Character Area profile for the Cotswolds
- Is this development a precursor to further impactful development that is out of kilter with a non-service village?

1181.2 The Council also needs to consider views that it has received from the parish – prior to the meeting it has received the following comments:

In favour: 3

Against: 13

1181.3 The Council also needs to consider the view from the Borough Cllr regarding development in villages

1181.4 As three councillors were unable to attend the meeting, the Chairman believed it was sensible to provide them with an update from the meeting and to gather their views prior to submitting the Council's response.

1181.5 There were further answers following from the meeting that the Council needed for its report to Tewkesbury Borough Council – as there were a further seven days to respond, the Chairman wanted to take that time to ensure that all the facts were in place to respond properly.

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- 1181.6 The Chairman also encouraged all members of the parish to provide their comments to the Parish Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council as soon as possible so that the Council can consider the views of as many residents as possible.
- 1181.7 It was agreed that the proposed development has great significance to Dumbleton and it is important that the Council's response is informed, relevant and addresses all of the concerns that the Council has and that are being highlighted to it via public comments.
- 1181.8 The Council would update the parish on its response before the consultation period ends and the Chairman thanked all the participants for attending.

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm**