

Dumbleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday, 18th January 2023.

Present: Mr J Harmsworth Cowles (Chairman), Mrs K Hending, Mr R Price (Vice Chairman), Mr T Risdale and Mr B Thompson.

Commencement of the meeting, the Council passes its condolences to Charles Matthews and family following the death of Lynda Matthews. She was a stalwart of Dumbleton and St Peter's Church and will be much missed by many of us

The Council would also like to acknowledge and thank around 20 Dumbleton residents for their community spirit, time and effort in December in helping to clear Dairy Lane of dangerous ice. This allowed a resident to return home from a local hospice and fulfil his wish to be at home with his family for his death. Without the efforts of the residents who turned out at night and spent over two hours clearing the road, this return would not have been possible and I know that the family are incredibly grateful to all those who helped. Thanks also to Councillors David Gray and Mel Gore for their contributions in pursuing help with Highways.

Apologies: Apologies received from K Risdale.

In Attendance: David Roscoe (Parish Clerk), Councillor David Gray, Councillor Mel Gore and 2 members of the public.

1255 Co-option of a new Parish Councillor

- 1255.1 It was resolved that Mr Christopher Brown be elected as a member of the Parish Council with immediate effect Proposed Councillor Harmsworth Cowles, seconded Councillor Price. Unanimous.
1255.2 Councillor Brown took his position with the Parish Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance..

1256 Declarations of Interest:

- 1256.1 No declarations were received.

1257 Requests for Dispensation:

- 1257.1 No written requests for Dispensation were received.

1258 To approve the minutes of the last meeting

- 1258.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

1259 County Councillors Report:

- 1259.1 Councillor Gray gave his report which included:
- confirmation that the Budget will be increased by 4.99%.
 - more money has been budgeted to improve the state of the roads.
- 1259.2 No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

1260 Borough Councillors Report:

- 1260.1 Councillor Gore gave her report which included information regarding the Warm Spaces Community Fund, details of which can be found on the TBC website.
1260.2 No decisions were required of the Parish Council.

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

1261 Clerk's Report:

- 1261.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

1262 Finance:

- 1262.1 **It was resolved that** the following payments had been made since the last meeting. Payment of these cheques was approved. Proposed Councillor T Risdale, seconded Councillor Thompson. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Cheque No	Amount inc VAT £	VAT £	Description
21/11/2022	PCC Dumbleton	OB256	155.00	0.00	Donation
12/12/2022	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	517.66	0.00	Clerks Salary
05/12/2022	C Newman (Oct)	OB257	200.00	0.00	Mowing
11/12/2022	Netwise UK	OB258	24.00	4.00	Web Domain Name Renewal
15/12/2022	Pine Gardens	OB259	175.00	0.00	Mowing
12/01/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	517.66	0.00	Clerks Salary
19/01/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB260	144.20	0.00	Clerks Expenses
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These minutes have yet to be approved by the Parish Council.

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- 1262.2 **It was resolved that** the Financial Statement be accepted. Proposed Councillor T Risdale, seconded Councillor Thompson. Unanimous.
- 1262.3 **It was resolved that** the clerk's salary and expenses be approved. Proposed Councillor Hending, seconded Councillor Price. Unanimous.
- 1262.4 The budget for 2022/23 was reviewed and approved.

1263 Planning:

- 1263.1 An update of the current Planning Applications was reviewed and the following comments were made on current outstanding applications:

Appl Number	Location	Description	Result
22/01155/TCA	The Wellow Dairy Lane Dumbleton Evesham	T1 Liquid Amber Reduce by 3m and shape. T2 Beech remove to ground level as suppressed by the adjacent larger beech tree	Permit
22/00836/FUL	Dumbleton Hall Hotel Dairy Lane Dumbleton Evesham	Internal and external alterations	No objections submitted 27/11/22
22/00837/LBC	Dumbleton Hall Hotel Dairy Lane Dumbleton Evesham	Internal and external alterations	No objections submitted 27/11/22
22/00902/FUL	Greenway Dairy Lane Dumbleton Evesham	Like for like replacement wooden gates to be installed in the same position occupied by the previous gates (now rotted beyond repair) at the end of the house driveway.	Approved
22/01353/TCA	Willowthorn Main Street Dumbleton Evesham	Beech tree located in front garden - reduce height to 5m and span to 3 metres (approx 20%). To ensure no overhang onto pavement, keep clear of hedge and overhead telephone line	No objections
22/01305/APP	Glebe Cottage Main Street Wormington Broadway	Approval of reserved matters pertaining to access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in relation to outline consent reference 21/00183/OUT.	No objections

1264 To consider Highways issues:

- 1264.1 Councillor Gray agreed to assist the Parish Council in progressing the long outstanding issues regarding the pot hole & road surface water leak in Wormington. The clerk will forward the latest email from Highways to Councillor Gray.
- 1264.2 Councillor Gray agreed to assist the Parish Council in progressing the long outstanding issue regarding the blocked drain opposite Manor Farm Wormington. The clerk will forward the latest email from Highways to Councillor Gray.
- 1264.3 It was confirmed that the blocked drain along Main Street, Dumbleton had been cleared. This had been caused by a build-up of fat and baby wipes.

1265 To review the Risk Register

- 1265.1 No issues reported.

1266 To update the Council on the progress and process of the degrouping of Wormington from the parish.

- 1266.1 Tewkesbury Borough Council Services have now confirmed that the existing Dumbleton Parish Council will be abolished on 31 March 2023.
- 1266.2 Details of the degrouping which can be found in the appendix at the end of these minutes.
- 1266.3 It was confirmed that the precept for the new Dumbleton Parish Council would be £18,700.
- 1266.4 It was also confirmed that the precept for the new Wormington Parish Meeting would be £4300.

1267 To discuss Grass Cutting Tender for 2023/26

- 1267.1 **It was resolved that**, in view of the volatility of energy and other costs and being unsure what effect the future inflation rate will have upon Parish Council budgets, the PC wish to proceed with a one-year contract only at a cost of £245 per month for the period 2023/24.

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1268 To discuss adoption of AdvantEDGE software platform for the maintenance of Council business including finance.

1268.1 **It was resolved that** the Parish Council would proceed with the installation and training of the software over a 5 year contract at a cost of £1833.20 (ex VAT) in year 1, followed by annual cost of £593.20 (ex VAT). Proposed Councillor Harmsworth Cowles, seconded Councillor Brown. Those in favour 5 councillors, Councillor T Risdale abstained.

The meeting closed 20.30pm. Date of Next Meeting: 15th March 2023 commencing at 19.30pm.

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