

Dumbleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Wednesday, 15th March 2023.

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

Before the commencement of the meeting, the Council passed its condolences to Annette Judge and her family following the death of her husband Dick Judge. Mr Judge served as a Parish Councillor from 2011 to 2015 and was on the Village Club committee for many years. He was a popular figure around the parish and a much-loved father and grandfather. His commitment to the village and the wider community was shown by his years of service on the Council and at the Club.

Apologies: No apologies received

In Attendance: David Roscoe (Parish Clerk) Councillor Mel Gore and 3 members of the public.

1269 Declarations of Interest:

1269.1 No declarations were received.

1270 Requests for Dispensation:

1270.1 No written requests for Dispensation were received.

1271 To approve the minutes of the last meeting

1271.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

1272 County Councillors Report:

1272.1 Councillor Gray gave his apologies but confirmed that he had raised with officers the various matters raised at the last meeting and will be pushing progress.

1273 Borough Councillors Report:

1273.1 Councillor Gore gave her report and confirmed that she would act as the contact for the Parish Council from 01/4/23 until 09/5/23 and until the new Parish Council had been elected following the May elections.

1273.2 A letter from Councillor Gore will be distributed to every household in Dumbleton and Great Washbourne.

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

1274 Clerk's Report:

1274.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

1275 Finance:

1275.1 **It was resolved that** the following payments had been made since the last meeting. Payment of these cheques was approved. Proposed Councillor Thompson, seconded Councillor Hending. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Cheque No	Amount inc VAT £	VAT £	Description
01/02/2023	Geosphere (Parish Online)	OB261	64.80	10.80	Parish Online Renewal
12/02/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	517.66	0.00	Clerks Salary
28/01/2023	S Brown (Nov/Dec)	OB262	200.00	0.00	Speed Sign Maintenance
04/02/2023	Dumbleton Village Hall	OB263	25.00	0.00	Hall Hire
20/01/2023	Information Commissioner	DD	35.00	0.00	Information Commissioner
12/03/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	517.66	0.00	Clerks Salary
16/03/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB264	163.43	0.00	Clerks Expenses

1275.2 **It was resolved that** the Financial Statement be accepted. Proposed Councillor Thompson, seconded Councillor Hending. Unanimous.

1275.3 **It was resolved that** the clerk's salary and expenses be approved. Proposed Councillor Risdale, seconded Councillor Harmsworth Cowles. Unanimous.

1275.4 The budget for 2022/23 was reviewed and approved.

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1276 Planning:

1276.1 An update of the current Planning Applications was reviewed and the following comments were made on current outstanding applications:

Appl Number	Location	Description	Result
22/01353/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	Approved
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 submitted 19//1/23
23/00057/TCA	Greenway Dairy Lane Dumbleton Evesham	Three evergreen trees at the end of the garden. Remove the two poor specimen larch to allow more light into properties and gardens but retain the larger conifer.	Approved
23/00099/TCA	Amarilli Blacksmiths Lane Dumbleton Evesham	T1 Walnut Reduce back to previous points by 1.5-2m. T2 Acacia Reduce crown by 2-3m and shape. T3 Cherry. Light prune	No objections
22/01239/FUL	College Farm Main Street Wormington Broadway	Proposed single storey side extension	No objections
23/00149/TCA	2 The Old Rectory Main Street Dumbleton Evesham	T1 Apples X 2 (next to wall) Remove as they are not in good condition and wants to replant. T2 Quince Reduce by 6-8ft and shape.	No objections
23/00180/TCA	Dumbleton Cricket Club Dairy Lane Dumbleton Evesham	Remove the small low value prunus tree at the rear corner of the groundsman shed as marked in green on plan. A replacement of same species will be planted two metres away.	No objections
23/00109/FUL	Sideways Cottage 40 Main Street Dumbleton Evesham	Erection of a single storey rear extension.	No objections

1277 To consider Highways issues:

1277.1 Councillor Gray confirmed that he would continue to progress the long outstanding issues regarding the pot hole & road surface water leak in Wormington.

1278 To review the Risk Register

1278.1 No issues reported.

1279 To update the Council on the progress and process of the degrouping of Wormington from the parish.

- 1279.1 Tewkesbury Borough Council Services have now confirmed that the existing Dumbleton Parish Council will be abolished on 31 March 2023.
- 1279.2 Councillor Gore will act as contact for the Parish Council from the 1/4/23 until the 9/5/23 and until the new Parish Council had been elected following the May elections.
- 1279.3 Reserves of £4,213.20 will be transferred on the Parish Meeting.
- 1279.4 **Action:** the clerk will enquire as to how shared assets will be handled.

1280 To discuss repair/replacement of noticeboards

- 1280.1 **It was agreed** in principle that the purchase of 2 new noticeboards AO size at £620 each plus one A1 size at £480 be approved. Proposed Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Price. Unanimous.
- 1280.2 it is intended that one noticeboard will be relocated to the Village Hall subject to planning permission and agreement of the Village Hall Committee.

1281 To update the Council on the closure of the Dumbleton base of Oakhill School.

- 1281.1 Cllr Harmsworth Cowles updated the Council on the potential closure of Oak Hill School, Dumbleton, following his attendance at a public meeting on 6 March.
- Results from two recent consultations showed the majority of consultees and residents are in favour of closure. The economic and educational case for closure was presented by the governors and other parties.
- The Monsell Trust owns the building and leased it to Gloucestershire County Council. This lease has already expired and if GCC approves the closure, the Trust will require GCC to repair to its scope of work and maintain the building until the property passes back to the Trust.
- The loss of the school has the potential to reduce Dumbleton's Service Score by 3 points from 8 to 5 (based on the previous allocation of scores).

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1282 To discuss the earthworks conducted in Golden Hay field, Dumbleton.

1282.1 It had been acknowledged that the archaeological trenching currently ongoing could be on behalf of a possible planning application. The Parish Council will await further developments.

1283 To discuss progress on the Neighbourhood Plan.

1283.1 Councillor Gore will chase up the Neighbourhood Plan Designation before the Parish Council is dissolved.

1284 To discuss May Elections.

1284.1 Election Nomination Forms were distributed.

The meeting closed 20.15pm. Date of Next Meeting: 17th May 2023 commencing at 19.30pm. This will also be the AGM and Annual Parish Meeting.