

# Dumbleton Parish Council

This Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 held at Dumbleton Village Hall.

**Present:** Mr J Harmsworth Cowles (Chairman), Mr C Brown and Mr B Thompson.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Mr Richard Price (Vice Chairman) and Mrs K Hending.

**In Attendance:** David Roscoe (Parish Clerk) and County Councillor Gray.

**1339 Declarations of Interest:**

1339.1 No declarations were received.

**1340 Requests for Dispensation:**

1340.1 No written requests for Dispensation were received.

**1341 To approve the minutes of the last meeting 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

1341.1 Amendments were made to the Minutes and initialled by the Chairman. The Minutes were then agreed and duly signed by the Chairman.

**1342 County Councillors Report:**

- 1342.1 Councillor Gray gave his report. No decisions were required of the Parish Council.
- 1342.2 He confirmed that more money was available to repair potholes and for road resurfacing.
- 1342.3 The Borough and County Councils were in good shape financially.
- 1342.4 He confirmed that Tewkesbury Borough Council's five year Housing Land Supply data had been challenged in court by developers and has been ruled invalid..
- 1342.5 The Garden Town was going ahead following more consultation.

**1343 Borough Councillors Report:**

1343.1 Councillor Gore distributed her report via email (see attached).

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

**1344 Clerk's Report:**

1344.1 The clerk's report was reviewed and updated.

**1345 Finance:**

1345.1 **It was resolved that** the following payments had been made since the last meeting. Payment of these were approved. Proposed Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Thompson. Unanimous.

Date	Payee	Cheque No	Amount inc VAT £	VAT £	Description
07/09/2023	C Newman	OB287	245.00	0.00	Mowing
16/09/2023	Pine Gardens	OB288	100.00	0.00	Mowing
23/09/2023	Signs of Cheshire Ltd	OB289	1,029.00	171.50	Replacement Noticeboards (50% deposit)
28/09/2023	S Brown (July/Aug)	OB290	200.00	0.00	Speed Sign Maintenance
12/10/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	517.66	0.00	Clerks Salary
01/10/2023	DVH	OB291	20.00	0.00	Hall Hire
06/10/2023	C Newman	OB292	245.00	0.00	Mowing
09/10/2023	CHT	OB293	56.34	9.39	Defibrillator Pads
02/11/2023	Netwise UK	OB294	396.00	66.00	Web Hosting
12/11/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	517.66	0.00	Clerks Salary
24/10/2023	Signs of Cheshire Ltd	OB295	1,029.00	171.50	Replacement Noticeboards (balance)
30/11/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary) Backpay	DD	286.00	0.00	Clerks Salary Backpay
12/11/2023	C Newman	OB296	245.00	0.00	Mowing
23/11/2023	D Roscoe (Clerks Expenses)	OB297	150.47	0.00	Clerks Expenses

1345.2 **It was resolved that** the Financial Statement be accepted. Proposed Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Thompson. Unanimous.

1345.3 **It was resolved that** the clerk's salary and expenses be approved. Proposed Councillor Thompson, seconded Councillor Brown. Unanimous.

1345.4 The budget and bank reconciliation for 2023/24 was reviewed and approved.

1345.5 The budget for 2024/25 was discussed and approved.

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

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- 1345.6 The Precept for 2024/25 was agreed at £18,700. Proposed Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Thompson. Unanimous.
- 1345.7 **It was resolved that** Ian Selkirk would be appointed internal auditor for the 2023/24 audit at a cost of £120. Proposed Councillor Harmsworth Cowles, seconded Councillor Brown. Unanimous.

### 1346 Planning:

- 1346.1 An update of the current Planning Applications was reviewed and the following comments were made on current outstanding applications:

Appl Number	Location	Description	Result
23/00921/TCA	The Gate House Main Street Dumbleton Evesham	T1 Self seeded Beech tree Remove to just below hedge level.	No objections
23/00943/TCA	The Thatched Cottage 41 Main Street Dumbleton Evesham	T1 & T2 - 2 x Lawson Cypress growing in very close proximity and forming a single canopy	No objections
23/00943/TCA	The Thatched Cottage 41 Main Street Dumbleton Evesham	T1 & T2 - 2 x Lawson Cypress growing in very close proximity and forming a single canopy. tall.	No objections

### 1347 To discuss progress on the Neighbourhood Plan.

- 1347.1 The Chairman confirmed that the grant application for £10,000 had been submitted to Locality. The queries that were raised have been addressed and we are now awaiting their decision.

### 1348 To consider Highways issues:

- 1348.1 It was agreed that parking in the village was still an issue.
- 1348.2 The clerk will ask Chris Newman to check the level of the grit bins and loosen the grit.

### 1349 To review the Risk Register

- 1349.1 No issues reported.

### 1350 To discuss changing banking facilities.

- 1350.1 **It was agreed that** the Clerk should explore alternative banking arrangements with Lloyds Bank at the end of the financial year. Proposed Councillor Harmsworth Cowles, seconded Councillor Brown. Unanimous..

### 1351 To discuss the cancellation of the AdvantEDGE platform due to poor service levels.

- 1351.1 **It was agreed that** the clerk and the Chairman should look at the cancellation of this contract due to poor service levels and a recent data breach. Alternatives will be explored. Proposed Councillor Harmsworth Cowles, seconded Councillor Thompson. Unanimous.

### 1352 To discuss the purchase of a new speed sign.

- 1352.1 It was agreed that solar Speed Indicator Devices be purchased, one for Dumbleton and one for Gt Washbourne at a cost of £2339 plus VAT each from Elan City. Proposed Councillor Harmsworth Cowles, seconded Councillor Thompson. Unanimous.
- 1352.2 It was suggested that Max Kelly from Highways be invited to undertake a site assessment.
- 1352.3 Councillor Gray offered to provide £500 financial support as a maintenance grant.

### 1353 To discuss the use of “20 is plenty” signs.

- 1353.1 Sticker signage is available from the County Council (Max Kelly) but this may not be used on street furniture.
- 1353.2 **It was agreed that** the Parish Council should push the 20s Plenty Limit to the local community to gain support.

### 1354 To discuss progressing the new email platform.

- 1354.1 A new Email System, Mailchimp, is available and the Chairman will train the clerk on its usage in the New Year.

### 1355 To progress the PC introductory collateral.

- 1355.1 The Chairman confirmed that he would distribute the design and copy to members of the Parish Council.

### 1356 To progress dog fouling issue campaign within the Parish.

- 1356.1 It was noted that the Borough Council had introduced a Protection Order with fines up to £100 for failure to pick up and remove dog waste.
- 1356.2 **It was agreed that** A4 notices would be reduced and displayed above the dog bins/dispensers using a “warning” approach rather than advisory.

### 1357 To discuss the designation of Golden Hay field as an ACV (Asset of Community Value).

- 1357.1 The Parish Council has been notified that the Designation had been withdrawn due to an error in the TBC process. The Conservation Group are going to resubmit the application in order to gain designation.

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**1358 To receive an update on the telephone box.**

1358.1 The Parish Council has written to BT to object to the removal of the telephone box and is awaiting the decision.

**1359 To discuss the appointment of a Footpath Warden.**

1359.1 The Dumbleton Parish footpath warden is Phillip Griffiths [phillipgriffiths@ymail.com](mailto:phillipgriffiths@ymail.com). The Clerk will ask him to attend one of our meetings.

**The meeting closed 21.20pm.**

**Date of Next Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 commencing at 19.30pm.**

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## PC Updates November 2023

### **JOINT CORE STRATEGY AND THE NEW COMBINED LOCAL PLAN**

The Joint Core Strategy was adopted in 2017 – the strategic planning policy document which includes the areas of Tewkesbury, Cheltenham & Gloucester is currently under review.

The joint authorities are currently working on a timetable for this plan to be delivered, but I believe it will be going forward for inspection in early summer 2025.

The next Regulation 18 public consultation will be in December 23/Jan 24. This consultation to be on how much growth is needed in the combined areas, and how it will be delivered for instance, Garden town, urban concentrations & extensions, new settlements – a whole range of different ways to delivery housing and employment for the plan area. As you will be aware our Borough has large swathes of Greenbelt, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, other landscape designated areas, Flood plain. It is therefore vital that we consider all options when delivering our housing and employment need.

### **A copy of the reg 18 document went to Full Council on the 11 November 2023, and has been approved.**

There will be a comprehensive engagement strategy for consulting with everyone. I will forward details of when the consultation is being launched and will provide links to the appropriate section on the website.

### **Five Year Housing Land Supply**

Following several appeal decisions that have gone against Tewkesbury. They have now accepted that we no longer have a 5 year housing land supply.

An Interim Housing position statement has just been approved by Full Council. I understand that within the document was discussed at the last Parish Forum meeting held at TBC.

### **Garden Town**

The first round of the new engagement workshops and events have now been completed, with a report being completed by Cratus to give a summary of the feedback and findings which is available on the GT website. These findings will be integrated into the Garden Town Charter which will help guide the team in creating the new communities.

A New Governance Structure has also been approved by Full Council, and are now working on who will be sitting on each Liaison Group, and Boards.

I have a place on the Assurance Board and am advised that this board will

Act as a driver of the programme

Oversee the programme Plan

Provide guidance and direction to the programme direction

Final decision is always with Full Council.

### **National Highways and Laurence Robertson MP**

Looking to book a further meeting with both to discuss A46 area.

Also looking to discuss the introduction of a pedestrian crossing for the Barleyfield estate (opposite the Ashchurch Army Base).

### **Enforcement Parish Seminar**

I am going to arrange Parish Seminar for Isbourne ward with the Enforcement team to discuss all procedures, powers, etc.

Also to include Air BNB discussion.

I will email everyone to get an idea on what days/times are most suitable. Will be an in person meeting at TBC.