

Dumbleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 held at Dumbleton Village Hall.

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

Apologies: No apologies were received.

In Attendance: David Roscoe (Parish Clerk plus 1 member of the public.

1403 Declarations of Interest:

1403.1 No declarations were received.

1404 Requests for Dispensation:

1404.1 No written requests for Dispensation were received.

1405 To approve the minutes of the last meeting 20th March 2024

1405.1 The Minutes were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

1406 County Councillors Report:

1406.1 No report.

1407 Borough Councillors Report:

1407.1 No report.

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

1408 Clerk's Report:

1408.1 The Clerk's Report was reviewed and updated.

1409 Finance:

1409.1 **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
12/04/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	553.41	0.00	Clerks Salary
05/04/2024	GAPTC	OB314	122.96	0.00	Subscription
05/04/2024	Dumbleton Village Hall	OB315	20.00	0.00	Hall Hire
09/04/2024	C Newman	OB316	100.00	0.00	Mowing
14/04/2024	S Brown	OB317	120.00	0.00	Speed Sign Maintenance
15/05/2024	Zurich Municipal	OB318	871.66	0.00	Insurance
17/04/2024	Groundwork UK	OB319	8,128.00	0.00	Repayment of NP Grant
23/04/2024	Iain Selkirk	OB320	120.00	0.00	Audit
23/04/2024	P&H Services Ltd	OB321	95.95	15.99	Repairs
01/05/2024	EdgeIT	OB322	796.86	132.81	Cancellation Costs
12/05/2024	D Roscoe (Clerks Salary)	DD	553.41	0.00	Clerks Salary
02/05/2024	Chris Newman	OB323	270.00	0.00	Mowing
16/05/2024	D Roscoe (Expenses)	OB324	165.61	0.00	Clerks Expenses

1409.2 **It was resolved that** the Financial Statement be accepted. Proposed Councillor Brown, seconded Councillor Thompson. Unanimous.

1409.3 **It was resolved that** the bank reconciliation be approved. Proposed Councillor Hending, seconded Councillor Harmsworth Cowles. Unanimous.

1409.4 **It was resolved that** the clerk's expenses be approved. Proposed Councillor Harmsworth Cowles, seconded Councillor Thompson. Unanimous.

1409.5 The budget and bank reconciliation for 2024/25 was reviewed and approved.

1409.6 **It was resolved that** the Annual Governance Statement be approved. The document was signed by the Chairman.

1409.7 **It was resolved that** the Annual Accounting Statement be approved. The document was signed by the Chairman.

1409.8 It was agreed that the audit papers now be forwarded to the External Auditor.

1410 Planning:

1410.1 An update of the current Planning Applications was reviewed. Decisions have been recorded in the minutes below.

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

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Appl Number	Location	Description	Result
NONE			

1411 To discuss Highways issues.

1411.1 To discuss the junction of Beckford Road and the A46. It was agreed that this issue should be reported directly to Worcestershire County Council by the complainant as it was not within the Dumbleton Parish Council Parish.

1411.2 To discuss report of issue with stile near entrance to Dumbleton Hall. It was agreed that the issue be reported to Highways at Gloucestershire County Council and the footpath warden.

1412 To review the Risk Register.

1384.1 No issues reported.

1413 To discuss the Neighbourhood Plan kick-off meeting and creation of team.

1413.1 Following the previous Council meeting in which it was agreed to set up a kick off meeting, the Council contacted its consultant Andrea Pellegram Ltd. Disappointingly, the Council received a reply that Andrea, the lead consultant in the business, is retiring and can no longer take on the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan implementation. She has recommended another partner in the business to take over so the Council needs to approve this before proceeding. Failing that, the Council must seek a new consultant to work with.

1413.2 As a result of this, it has also meant that the funding the Council received has had to be returned unused. The process will start again once we have a decision on consultants.

1414 To discuss the non-determination of planning application 23/00569/FUL - Golden Hay.

1414.1 This application has yet to be determined after nearly one year. The government's statutory maximum time limit for determination is 26 weeks (and recommends no longer than 16 weeks) for major developments. Council believes that the non-determination is wholly unacceptable and the Council should request that Planning make a determination on the existing application. Any new submissions must be treated as a new application with all the requirements that comes with it.

1414.2 Two days before this meeting, the Council has received new documentation from TBC showing the new submissions. Regardless of this the Council should still request a determination of the existing application and require a new application to be made.

1414.3 **It was agreed that that** the Council makes a Freedom of Information request to see the communications between the Planning dept and the applicant to help with its new response. Proposed Councillor Thompson, seconded Councillor Brown. Unanimous.

1414.4 It was agreed that, notwithstanding the existing application, a further public meeting be held for the reconsultation to gather the parish views and see if there has been any material change to the circumstances. The date of the 28/5/24 was proposed.

1415 To discuss new car parking at Dumbleton Cricket Club.

1415.1 The new car park is now in full use and, as a result, there has been a significant increase in vehicle movements through the village and particularly on Dairy Lane. The original plans for the fencing were changed during the development of the car park with electric fencing replacing the original plan for wooden fencing.

1415.2 Concerns include:

- The speed of vehicles on Main St and Dairy Lane.
- The volume of traffic – the Council's own estimate is of an additional 4-5,000 vehicle movements in the six months of the cricket season with the resultant increase in vehicle safety including the increased potential for accidents or injury in addition to the increase in noise and pollution.

1415.3 The main request from residents is that the use of the Hall road is reinstated by the Estate and the Council should make a formal approach with the residents' request.

1415.4 To date, the Council's enquiries to TBC Planning and Enforcement have had no meaningful responses and it was agreed that the Council should raise a formal complaint.

1415.5 It was agreed that the Council should attempt to make a request to the Club to ask that all drivers take into consideration their speed when in the village.

1416 To discuss councillor vacancies.

1416.1 The Council can now co-opt a new member.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Date of Next Meeting: 17th July 2024, commencing at 7.30pm.