DYMOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 18th July 2022 at 7:00pm in Dymock Parish Hall

Present:

Councillors:	Trevor Blandford (Chairman), Terry Ball (Vice-Chairman), Andrew Perry and Tony Eagle
GCC Councillor:	Gill Moseley
Officer:	Dave Kent (Parish Clerk and RFO)
In attendance:	G Kilmurray, M Boon and other members of the community.

1. Cllrs MCGibbon, Dobson and George sent their apologies

2. No declaration of interests or requests for dispensations were received.

3. The minutes of the previous meeting on 20th June 2022 were approved and signed by the Chair.

4. Public Forum

M Boon presented a report on a disintegrating footpath in the village, which the Clerk would take up with the County Council.

He also announced community events which would be held by the Friends of Beauchamp Arms, which would require some funding and publicity from the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council would set up a bank account to hold these funds.

It was advised that a group had been set up to repair and restore the War Memorial, and to add additional names of those from Dymock dying in the First World War and in subsequent conflicts.

GC Councillor G Moseley presented information on waste recycling, electric charging station locatiomns, flood and pollution management, footpaths and the Community Speed watch.

5. Beauchamp Arms

Approval was given for the payment of various invoices in respect of the maintenance of the Beauchamp Arms, confirmed in item 9 below. It was noted that serious drainage issues had arisen, and that urgent action had to be undertaken, which had been carried out. There would need to be further action to prevent this situation from arising again, but this was not urgent and would be considered at the nest meeting.

It was also agreed that the contract for the refurbishment of the exterior of the Beauchamp Arms would be awarded to Martin Holford of Newent at a cost of £2,400.00.

The terms of the bank account for holding the tenant's deposit were agreed. The contract with the lessee, as presented by Council's solicitors was approved for Council signatories. The Clerk would arrange for Council signatories, cosisting of the Clerk and 2 Councillors, to authorise the document.

Three invoices for remedial work in respect of the premises were approved, for the replacement of sanitory equipment, window replacement and unblocking of drainage. (See also item 7 below).

It was noted that at some time in the future the drainage system would need a thorough treatment at a current cost of £280.00 plus VAT. This was not an urgent issue.

6. Play Area Inspections

It was noted that the July inspection had not yet been completed.

It was agreed that Cllr Perry (August) and Cllr Blandford (September) would conduct the next Play Area inspections.
Consideration would be given to providing an additional circular chair at the site.
It was noted that a professional inspection was overdue. The Clerk would contact the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association and Gordon Playground Inspections LTD for advice.

7. Finance
7.1 The following payments were approved:

DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
A Winterbotham	Electronic	Defib Equipment	£392.40
GAPTC	Electronic	Internal Audit	£197.70
D Kent	Electronic	Clerk Expenses	£110.49
Ecosystems	Electronic	BA Sanitaryware	£151.80
First Drainage	Electronic	Unblocking drainage BA	£ 95.20
Dave Williams	Electronic	Replacement Windows BA	£144.00

It was noted that the payment for defibrillation equipment was on the basis of a partial delivery of ordered items. A further £174.00 payment will be required when the outstanding equipment is delivered.
7.2 To note recent payments (Bank transactions July 2022)

LDA Meats	£1,035.45	Jubilee expenses	Bank transfer
HMRC	£692.88	VAT	Bank transfer
NEST	£20.00	Clerk Pension	Direct debit
HMRC	£99.60	Clerk PAYE	Standing order
Water Plus	£24.05	Water Services	Direct debit
Unity Bank	£18.00	3 months bank charges	Direct debit
D Kent	£398.00	Salary	Direct Debit

7.3. Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return
It was noted that this had been submitted to the External Auditor

7.4 Bank Statements/Transactions
Received by the meeting.

8. Highways Issues
Problems with cyclists were noted, and it was also noted that the Greenway Bridge would be closed for 8 hours later in the year.

9. Footpaths
It was reported that a response on footpath matters was awaited from the local highways officer.
A land owner had erected a pig netting fence topped with barbed wire across a public footpath. The stile provided is too high and not easily accessible. It is the responsibility of the land owner(farmer) to provide an accessible means of crossing the fence on a public right of way.
It was noted that the Windcross Path Group were active in the area.

10. NDP
Little to report. Post Meeting note: a new password for Dropbox had been created and was available to access and store NDP information.

11. Issues of Hardship in the area.

It was noted that it was difficult to identify the extent of hardship in the parish, and that since the Community bus that had replaced the service 132 bus did not run at times which synchronised with the open hours of the foodbank in Newent it would be difficult for potential users of the scheme to take advantage of it. Council to seek further information.

12. Web Site Development.
It was noted that invitations had been extended to Councillors to provide brief biographical details and a photo to be displayed. It was intended that the new web site would be available for the next Council meeting. The Web site Committee was delegated with powers to select the parish logo and to carry on with developing the system.

13. Grant Awards
The Clerk would present policy and application forms for approval at the next Parish Council meeting.

14. Schedule of Future Meetings

Monday 12th September 2021 at 7:00pm
Monday 10th October 2021 at 7:00pm
Monday 14th November 2022 at 7:00pm
Monday 9th January 2022 at 7:00pm
Monday 13th February 2023 at 7:00pm
Monday 13th March 2022 at 7:00pm

15.Future Meetings
It was agreed that the following would be standing items on the Parish Council agenda:
Hardship Issues and The War Memorial
The Winter plan would be an item on the next Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed 8.40pm

Signed (Chairman) Date