DYMOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held in the Village Hall
on Tuesday 18th July 2023

Present:		
Chairman	A Eagle	
Councillors	T Blandford	I Bruce
	N Fairburn	J George
	G Kilmurray	
Also Present	D Baldwin	Clerk to the Council
	G Moseley	County Councillor
	7 members of the public	

51. Apologies for absence -: No apologies received; all Councillors were present.

52. To receive Declarations of Interest.
Councillor T Blandford declares a personal interest to item 16a on the agenda.

53. Public Participation
A resident expressed his concerns over the possible issue with the oak tree in Hall Carpark. The presence of large Fungi growing around the trunk was noted. Also, the signpost opposite the Beauchamp Arms is damaged and needs repairing.

54. Minutes
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 22nd June 2023 were approved as correct record of that meeting and be signed by the Chairman.

55. Vice Chairman
Councillor T Blandford nominated, and Councillor J George seconded, Councillor G Kilmurray for the office of Vice-Chairman. Councillor Kilmurray accepted the office of Vice Chairman to the Parish Council.

56. Co-Option
The Clerk reported that no election had been called by the electorate and the returning Officer had instructed the Council to Co-opt. Councillors considered the application of James Jackson for Co-option on to the Council.

RESOLUTION: That James Jackson be Co-opted onto Dymock Parish Council.

57. Neighbourhood Development Plan
Councillor Fairburn presented the NDP working group report. The draft plan has been presented to the Parish Councillors for their comments, due back by the 21st July 2023. Following will be the informal review process by Forest of Dean District Council and the local community, allowing for residents to comment at a series of drop-in sessions between the 5th and the 13th August. Regulation 14 will commence 4-6 weeks later with a formal 6-week consultation period involving statutory consultees and the community.
The main concerns are the associated costs of £7906.80 to progressing the NDP with the current grant funding not forthcoming. The NDP working group requested that these costs are covered by the Parish Council considering how close the NDP is to completion. Councillors agreed that it would not be in the best interest of the Parish not to continue with the NDP after all the hard work and dedication put into the plan by the working group and the community.

RESOLUTION: That Parish Council cover the costs £7906.80 for the completion of the Dymock Neighbourhood Development Plan.

58. Public Conveniences/Play areas

Councillor Eagle requested approval for £1800 of work needed for the play area.

RESOLUTION: That the work of £1800 be approved.

59. Beauchamp Arms

59.1 Councillor Eagle reported that the work on the drains had been completed with the need to line and replace pipes in excess to what was thought would be needed. In view of the need of repairs being in the public interest and for Health and safety reasons the costs are £10,864.89.

RESOLUTION: That in view of public and Health and Safety reasons the costs of £10,864.89 be approved.

59.2 FOBA

Councillor Bruce informed Councillors that there is a possibility of a Community Ownership grant available to help towards costs of the pergola. He offered assist FOBA with applying for the grant.

RESOLUTION: That Councillor I Bruce assist FOBA with applying for the Community Ownership Gran.

60. War Memorial

The representative of the War Memorial Group reported that the Unveiling Ceremony on the 15th July was well attended and a great success. The service at the church, the unveiling carried out by a VIP guest, the lunch in the Beauchamp Arms followed by a BBQ and live music was enjoyed by all who attended. Councillor Bruce suggested that the War Memorial Account should continue so funds raised can be added for future maintenance.

61. Ward Report

Councillor Moseley presented her report of June 2023 with the main points being:
County Councillors have declared a Highway Emergency with the condition of the roads especially with the many large potholes. The suggestion is that Highways maintenance gangs are sent out to repair an area rather than each individual pothole. Also, the introduction of the new Jet Patching machine. £1500 has been made available for the placement of Grit bins. Councillors to let Councillor Moseley know of any sites for grit bins.

62. Forestry England Dymock Woods

Councillors further considered commenting on the New Forest Plan for Forestry England`s Dymock Woods survey. |It was felt that the recommendations contained within the survey were acceptable and should be approved.

RESOLUTION: That the recommendations contained within the survey be accepted.

63. Climate Adaption & Resilience Project

Councillors considered appointing a representative to be involved in the Climate Adaption and Resilience Project. Councillor Kilmurray volunteered for the post.

RESOLUTION: That Councillor Kilmurray be appointed as the Parish Council representative for the Climate Adaption and Resilience Project

64. Winding Pool Close

Councillor Eagle reported that he had approached the resident who was parking his van and lorry in the Carpark and asked that they do not do so in the future.

65. GAPTC AGM

Councillors consider the invitation to attend the GAPTC AGM on the 22nd July 2023. Councillor N Fairburn offered to attend if free to do so.

RESOLUTION: That Councillor Fairburn accept the invite to GAPTC AGM if free to do so.

66 Planning

To consider the following planning application.

a) Site	Wind Cross Barn, Leominster Road, Dymock
Description	Change of use of single storey barn to No 2 dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and works. .
P0807/23/FUL	**No Objections**

67. Highways/Footpaths

67.1 Councillor Moseley reported that, as the footpath had not been addressed yet, she would chase the clearance of the footpath with the Senior Highways Officer.

67.2 Councillor Fairburn presented the quote of £48.34 for the purchase of two "Do Not Park on the Pavement" signs.

RESOLUTION: That the quote for the two parking signs of £48.34 be accepted.

67.3 Councillor Eagle informed the Council that the road sweeper had been through the village and that the potholes had been marked up by Highways.

68. Financial Items

68.1 **Summary of receipts and payments**

Councillors considered the summary of receipts and payments to the 30th June 2023.

RESOLUTION: That the summary of receipts and payments be approved.

68.2 **Bank Reconciliation**

Councillors considered the bank reconciliation to the 30th June 2023 showing a total balance of £35,606.18 in the main bank account, £5,068.26 Beauchamp Arms Deposit account, and £899.87 War Memorial Account.

68.3 **Invoices for Payment**

The Clerk presented a list of invoices for payment.

Greenfields	£915.60
Windcross Dairies	£140.00
Perpetua Press	£291.00
A1 Noticeboard	£79.99
Parking signs	£48.37
Staff Salaries July 2023	£669.60
Clerks Expenses	£35.80

RESOLUTION: That the Parish Council approve the payment of invoices as listed.

69. Correspondence

Gloucestershire Road Bulletin

RESOLUTION: That the list of Correspondence be noted.

70. Matters to be raised for the next meeting

Footpaths, Footpath Officer, Environment Working Group, Speed Watch.

It was also noted that with the resignation of Councillor Dobson and the co-option of Councillor Jackson there was a need to fill the vacancies on the working groups. It was decided to add members as follows:

Environment and Conservation: Gill Kilmurray, James Jackson
Beauchamp Arms: Nick Fairburn, James Jackson, Gill Kilmurray
FOBA: James Jackson

71. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting, is currently scheduled for the 12th September 2023

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman _____ Date_____

Tony Eagle