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# APPROVED MINUTES
# DYMOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held on
**Tuesday, 14th July at 7.30pm in Dymock Parish Hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs Tony Eagle (in the Chair); N Fairburn; J George; T Blandford.

**In attendance:** Rachel Freestone - Clerk

**Public:** 2

1. **To receive and accept apologies for absence:**
   Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllrs Ian Bruce and Becky Rose. They had also been received and accepted from the Footpaths Officer and County Cllr Gill Moseley.

2. **To receive any declarations of interest or written applications for dispensation from Councillors on agenda items:** There was none.

3. **Public Participation:**
   A MofP commented that large lorries are using the Ledbury-Dymock Road (B4216) rather than the B4215. The lorries are filling the road especially over the narrow bridge, could there be an advisory to show not suitable? **Action:** Clerk to put on the agenda for the next meeting.
   A MofP explained that some homes are shared equity through Guiness Partnership on Western Way. Guiness Partnership have told owners that the parish council are responsible for them not being able to own 100%. Members were unaware of this and asked for the MofP to request this in writing so that it can be investigated. The Parish Councillors present had not heard of Guiness Partnership before the meeting.

   19.40 Cllr Gill Kilmurray arrived.

4. **Reports:**

a. To receive a report from County Councillor Gill Moseley: In her absence she had sent an email informing members that a decision on the Unitary was expected later that week.

   19.50 a member of the public arrived.

b. To receive a report from District Councillor Gill Kilmurray: She commented that not much to report. The FoDDC Local Plan has been withdrawn. An FODDC meeting scheduled for later in the week will address how the FoDDC want to progress. 'Glynchbrook' could appear in a new plan in a different form, they may now focus on smaller developments.
   Cllr Fairburn requested that District Cllr Kilmurray raise the issue of the language used in the FOD Friends of Palestine literature at District Council level. **It was RESOLVED:** District Cllr Kilmurray agreed to raise this.

5. **Minutes:**

a. Members considered the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th June 2026**. It was RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting. They were duly signed by the Chairman.
b. Members considered the minutes of the Parish Council Extra meeting held on the 23rd June 2026**. It was RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

6. **Dymock Parish Council Policy and Procedure:**

a. Finance Controls and Risk Assessment: **It was RESOLVED:** to approve the Financial Controls and Risk Assessment for 2026/27.
b. Risk Schedule: **It was RESOLVED:** to approve for the first quarter of 2026/27.

**7. Beauchamp Arms:**

a. Beauchamp Arms Working Group: Cllr Kilmurray informed members that the floor has been completed. *A MofP asked what social media presence they have and offered help if needed.* Cllr Eagle informed that he still needs to copy the drawings for the Building Regs. The local contractor asked to provide a quote to paint the exterior does not want the work. The render at the front of the property also needs addressing. The porch needs some work and his opinion is that the uprights need replacing. **Action:** Cllr Eagle to contact for quotes re the porch. **Action:** Clerk to obtain quotes for the exterior painting. A quote has been obtained for the drain to be addressed item 8f.

b. To receive a report from the FOBA representative: In her absence, Cllr Eagle informed that 'Proms on the Green' went well although the dog show had to be cancelled due to the heat. Currently, the BA tenant pays for the band and provides food for purchase. The tenant has commented that does not want to hold it again. *A MofP added that it wasn't clear on social media that there was going to be food until they arrived.* The Clerk added that the parish council could organise the band if want to hold the event next year.

**8. Common Land/Assets:**

a. Members NOTED the playground inspection for July 2026. Cllr Eagle added that the catch has been removed from the big gate and needs a new bolt. **It was RESOLVED:** Cllrs Eagle and Blandford to mend. It was also NOTED that the PC are very unhappy with current service provided by Greenfields and the playground is in poor condition. **Action:** Clerk to complain again as the banks and under the equipment are overgrown.

b. Members NOTED that the adult defibrillator pads are in place at Brooms Green telephone box and the defib reinstated on the Circuit.

c. Members NOTED that the benches on Wintours Green and in the Playground need cleaning and treating. *A member questioned who is responsible if an item is donated to the community?* If the PC have accepted as a donation, then it is ours. A local parishioner offered to clean and treat the benches on Wintours Green, he was thanked. *A MofP asked if possible to get a group of volunteers to do jobs like this?* Have tried in the past and it has not been successful.

d. Members considered the telephone box quote (previously circulated) for £1180 to repair the rotten wood at Hallwood Green, Brooms Green and Ryton. It was NOTED that other contractors contacted had not been interested in the work. **It was RESOLVED:** to approve the quote received and the Clerk to inform the contractor.

e. Members considered the email from FoDDC requesting consent for them to contact Royal Mail and add 'Hallwood Green' to their address dataset. **It was RESOLVED:** to approve their request.

f. Members considered the quote to repair the urinals and also to install a drain collar. **It was RESOLVED:** to approve both quotes and the Clerk to inform the contractor.

g. Members NOTED that the village gates need cleaning and are property of GCC. **It was RESOLVED:** Cllrs Eagle and Bruce to jet wash the gates.

h. Members considered adding the access codes to the Defib cabinets so can be accessed quickly. **It was RESOLVED:** put the code on them.

i. Members NOTED the Risk Assessment of Wintours Green completed by Cllr Eagle prior to the event on 11th July.

**9. Biodiversity:**

a. FoDDC UNESCO Biosphere proposal: Cllr Fairburn informed members that the proposal has been put on hold for 6 months to allow for a public consultation process. The PC wrote to FoDDC following the last meeting and they did respond quickly highlighting the Biosphere website. There are benefits to a UNESCO status but how will FoDDC capitalise on this? It is a large area of the FoDDC which will be taken over. Cllr Fairburn referred to a further letter he has written on behalf of the parish council (shared by email that day). Cllr Chris McFarling has offered to visit us to discuss the Biosphere further. Could we offer to invite other local parish councils to such an event? *A MofP asked if there are any restrictions with a UNESCO Biosphere?* FoDDC are saying no changes? *A member asked what are the benefits if no changes?* District Cllr Kilmurray added that there are a lot of unknowns and FODDC are not clear on some of the answers, there is no demonstrative benefit on what is being proposed. **It was RESOLVED:** Letter to be sent to Cllr McFarling and Clerk to check availability for a meeting.

b. To consider any other matters arising: Cllr Rose has sent a request for a budget of £50 to spend on seeds ahead of the next meeting. **It was RESOLVED:** to approve the expenditure.

**10. Planning:**

a. To consider Planning Applications for Determination by the Forest of Dean District Council.
- P0647/26/FUL Potting Shed, Old Rock Farmhouse, Dymock. They are not letting anyone onto the property from FoDDC planning until the end of the month. Setting a precedent for retrospective applications. **It was RESOLVED:** to send the letter of OBJECTION.
- P0674/26/LBC Cider House, Greenway, Dymock. Repair 2no. internal trusses. **It was RESOLVED:** No further comment required.

b. Members NOTED no Planning Responses Submitted between Meetings under Devolved Powers.

c. Members NOTED no Planning Decisions made by Forest of Dean District Council.

d. To consider any other items arising: Cllr Fairburn advised that two further applications had been received that day, one is an amendment to previous permission granted with the other being an application for 7 houses on the right as leave the village on the Leominster Road. Needs looking at further. It is outside the settlement boundary (NDP). **It was RESOLVED:** the planning working group to look at this application further and inform the parish of its receipt via Facebook.

**11. Highways/Footpaths:**

a. **It was RESOLVED:** To approve the letter (previously circulated) to be sent to landowners to remind of responsibilities with PROW.

b. Footpaths Officer: In her absence there was none. Members NOTED that she is very good.

c. Speed camera between Dymock and Preston Cross following the recent accident: members NOTED that the incident occurred between Bennions and the layby. **Action:** the Clerk to contact the police to see if a possibility.

d. Members NOTED the 2 x Community Speedwatch licences are due for renewal by the 6th August 2026 with the invoice for subscription received.

**12. Finance:**

a. Members NOTED the Bank Reconciliation and total Bank Balances of £44830.09 at 30th June 2026. Cllr Kilmurray as a non-bank signatory duly checked and signed the statements, invoices and bank reconciliation as a true record.

b. Members NOTED the Finance Working Group minutes from the 24th June 2026.
20.45 MofP left.

c. Members considered the outstanding PWLB: Members were informed that the Finance Working Group had also reviewed the loans. **It was RESOLVED:** look to repay the smaller loan at the end of 2026 if finances allow.

d. **It was RESOLVED:** To approve the embankment slide payment to be taken from earmarked reserves leaving an earmarked playground reserve balance of £1139.

e. Members NOTED the acceptance of Greenfields quote £166net/£199.20gross to strim the embankment.

f. Members NOTED the Greenfields credit note for 1 x June missed visit taken from the invoice received.

g. Members considered the Budget versus Actuals report to June 2026 with no additional comments.

h. **It was RESOLVED:** to approve the following invoices for payment:

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| • Dymock Parish Hall hire to July 2026 | £160.00 |
| • PATA payroll April-June | £51.30 |
| • Perpetua Road Signs | £195.25net/£234.30gross |
| • Public Conveniences Clean June | £140.00 |
| • Greenfields June | £265.65net/£318.78gross |
| • Greenfields embankment | £166net/£199.20gross |
| • Autospeedwatch – 2 x data licences | £358net/£429.60gross |
| • GALC – internal audit | £250 |

i. Members NOTED no payments made between meetings.

j. **It was RESOLVED:** To approve the following regular payments made between meetings:

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| • Clerk's salary June | £as per contract |
| • Bank Charges June | £7.00 |
| • Waterplus | £47.77 and £27.11 |
| • PWLB Loan repayment | £1653.22 |

- Bank Charges savings cheque credit charge £3.50

k. Members NOTED the income received:
- Beauchamp Arms Rent – June £1890net/£2268gross
- Interest £204.44

l. Members NOTED the Virements made between meetings:
- Instant Access to current £1000.00
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**13. Training:**

a. To receive feedback from any training undertaken and to consider any training needs. There was none.

**14.Correspondence:**

- FoDDC – notice of withdrawal from the Local Plan Reg 18.
- FoDDC – UNESCO Biosphere Status update.

**15. To consider items for the next meeting.**

Overgrown Pathway towards Newent and whether could be included in the grounds contract.
First Responder.

**16. Members NOTED the next meeting as being the Parish Council Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7.30pm.**

**Signed:……***T Eagle* **……. Date:……**08.09.2026 **…..**
**Chair**

**The meeting closed at 20.50**