

Minutes of Meeting
Didmarton Parish Council
Held 17th January 2019 Village Hall Didmarton

Members present: - Cllrs J Hammond, A Nightingale, C Rogers, R Goodwill,
Officer: -Clerk Fiona Thornton.

19/260.Apologies for Absence

Cllrs C Hathaway, J Pearce, A Turner

19/261. Declarations of Interests under The Localism Act 2011

None

19/262. Reports from Gloucestershire County Councillor on matters relating to the parish

None

19/263. Reports from Cotswold District Councillor on matters relating to the parish

None

19/264. Reports from Parish Councillors on matters not on this agenda

Cllr J Hammond reported:-

Highways

Richard Gray, Highways Manager, has contacted me requesting a meeting to seek our views on the priority areas within the Parish. He has been looking at his budgets and spend profile and may have some "float" left; it's early days as not all the invoices are in so he is cautious about raising hopes.

I have agreed to meet him on Friday, 18 January at 0930 in Kings Arms car park. Gill Portlock, the Area Supervisor, will be with him as will Stephen Hirst. You are welcome to attend.

Nothing further to report from Highways Manager regarding resident's request via the MP for the installation of cameras to try and address traffic speeds through the village.

Speedwatch

Latest session was 24 November to 1 December 2018. We recorded details of 58 speeding vehicles over six sessions were recorded and the data submitted to Gloucestershire Police. The highest recorded speed was 48 mph.

The next session is being planned for later this month.

Planning

Permission for the amended plans for the new build at the Playing Field entrance were approved by the Planning Officer. Our concerns/objections, particularly regarding the post and rail fence to the playing field boundary have been largely ignored or dismissed as not significant.

The reason given was that the post and rail fence was in the original permission, which wasn't objected to, and so it would be 'unreasonable to ask the applicant to remove it'.

I have emailed Rich Morgan, our CDC Councillor, to express my disappointment, not least because it calls into question why the Parish Council is consulted in the first place.

Footpaths

Margaret Greenwood has provided an update report, summary copy attached

The path between White House Farm and Kingsmead House is currently clear of garden rubbish and thanks to JTs work during the summer the weeds are more under control

The gate between Chapel Walk and Kingsmead (the cause of so much angst last year) seems to be working well and there are no issues now about being able to access the path through to Chapel Walk.

The Kingsmead horses have completely demolished the new stile over the wall/fence which gives access to the path from the Folly through to the Street. It is now completely unusable and arguably dangerous to both man and beast as nails are sticking out of the chewed-up wood.

Options are to:

- ask Kingsmead to replace the stile asap
- liaise with Mike Barton, GCC Rights of Way/Footpaths Officer, to replace the stile with a metal kissing gate (GCC's preferred option now presumably because they facilitate access in the light of the requirements of the Equality Act 2010)

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[Comment - Another option is to replace the stile using surplus items from the previous work and coat it with suitable horse deterrent]

She is also asking what progress is being made on the issues identified in my October 2018 report, previously circulated; in particular repairing broken stiles such as the one onto Sopworth Lane which remains an issue because the access onto the Lane is via a steep slope, up through the hedgerow, and anyone relying on the (broken) rail for support may end up tumbling down the bank.

[Comment – Parish Council agreed at the October meeting to replace the stile using surplus items from the previous work. It seems that it is the rail that is the main problem, not least because there are protruding nails.]

The other issue which relates to paths around the village are the horse jumps which have replaced gates and stiles - for the annual hunt race. There are three in total - they are identified on the map in my report. Has any contact been made with the estate about these?

[Comment - P Council could make direct representations to the Estate Office and request that Mike Barton also takes the matter up with them]

19/265. Confirm Minutes of meeting held on 11th October 2018

Decision: Proposed by Cllr R Goodwill and seconded by Cllr C Rogers, agreed by all.

19/266.Finance

a) Council to set and agree budget for 2018/19

Decision: proposed by Cllr R Goodwill and seconded by Cllr C Rogers agreed by all, the budget was approved. (see appendix)

b) Council to agree and ratify precept sum for 2018/19

Decision: proposed by Cllr R Goodwill and seconded by Cllr C Rogers agreed by all, the precept sum for 2018/19 was set at £11,958

c) Payment of accounts

- F Thornton – Clerking Fee - £416 (due November)
- Hands Property Maintenance – maintenance contract £375.00 (due November)
- F Thornton – Clerking Fee - £416 (due January)
- Hands Property Maintenance – maintenance contract £375.00 (due January)
- F Thornton – Clerking Fee - £416 (due March)
- Hands Property Maintenance – maintenance contract £375.00 (due March)
- P Barnes – website works £300

Decision: proposed by Cllr A Nightingale and seconded by Cllr R Goodwill , agreed by all, the payments were approved

19/267.Planning matters

Land to The East of 49 The Street Didmarton - this application was approved by Cotswold District Council, totally ignoring the comments submitted by this Council and also DVHCC.

This begs the question as to why we are even consulted in the first place. Extremely disappointing when the council are elected to represent the parish and are hindered in their pursuance of this remit when they are simply ignored.

19/268.Correspondence/Communication with Parish Council

- CDC Press Release: Please don't place broken glass in your kerbside recycling box
- CDC Press Release: CDC seeks Environmental Impact Opinion for Waterloo car park project
- CDC Press Release: Council signs up to Green Infrastructure Pledge

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19/269. Website

The platform that the website is built is changing and the old technology will not be available, so we need to change it to the new site. The process involves:

Initiate the process for migrating old websites to the New Google Sites.

The migration process does not give an exact copy of the old website, so each page must be checked and adjusted to match as near as possible to the originals.

Finally, the domain name is verified, and the website is published ready to view on the web.

The cost of this work is £300. This will be covered by the transparency funding grant we received from CDC for website production.

19.270. War Memorial – update by Cllr J Pearce

No update

19/271. Traffic Signage within Village

Cllr J Hammond to meet with highways. Cllr R Goodwill to also attend.

Request that speed signs are installed asap

Cllr J Hammond to report to other councillors on outcome of meeting

19/272. Footpaths update – Cllr A Nightingale

Cllr A Nightingale reported that he had met contactors on site to obtain quotations for reinstatement of the strip of land measuring 230ft tapering from 2-4ft

1 quote has been received. 2 quotes still outstanding. Cllr A Nightingale to circulate quotes for approval once received so council can approve the preferred quotation and the works can be carried out without further delay

The hedge has been cut back – Clerk to thank Mr Edwards on behalf of this council for carrying out these works

19/273.Items to report

- Repairs to Giggleswick play equipment has been undertaken by DVHCC
- Defibrillator has received accredited certificate. Cllr R Goodwill will act as 'guardian' and carry out weekly and monthly checks

19/274.Date of next meeting

4th April 2019 – Annual Parish Meeting

16th May 2019 – Annual General Meeting

Signed

Dated.....

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Appendix

DIDMARTON PARISH COUNCIL - PRECEPT CALCULATION 2019/20							PRECEPT 2019/20				
	PRECEPT	EARMARK	INCOME	TOTAL	SPEND	ESTIMATE					
	2018/19	BALANCE	RECEIVED	BUDGET	TO DATE	YEAR END		PRECEPT	EARMARK	GRANTS	TOTAL
								2019/20	BALANCE		BUDGET
EXPENDITURE								EXPENDITURE			
STAFF COSTS	2,500.00			2,500.00	1,664.00	2,500.00		STAFF COSTS	2,500.00		2,500.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	150.00			150.00	110.67	110.00		SUBSCRIPTIONS	150.00		150.00
INSURANCE	450.00			450.00	446.40	447.00		INSURANCE	450.00		450.00
AUDIT FEES	400.00			400.00	55.00	55.00		AUDIT FEES	200.00		200.00
S137 PAYMENTS	300.00			300.00	0.00	300.00		S137 PAYMENTS	300.00		300.00
COMMUNITY PROJECTS	3,000.00	2,735.00		5,735.00	187.69	3,000.00		COMMUNITY PROJECTS	3,000.00	2,721.00	5,721.00
VILLAGE GENERAL MAINTENANCE	2,050.00			2,050.00	1,655.40	2,500.00		VILLAGE GENERAL MAINTENANCE	2,500.00		2,500.00
WEBSITE		1,183.00		1,183.00	0.00	120.00		WEBSITE		1,063.00	1,063.00
PWLB	2,658.00			2,658.00	1,328.63	2,658.00		PWLB	2,658.00		2,658.00
ROOM HIRE/ADMIN	200.00			200.00	35.00	50.00		ROOM HIRE/ADMIN	200.00		200.00
DEFIBRILLATOR	0.00		-625.00	-625.00	1,880.00	1,255.00					
GATEWAY PROJECT		2,000.00		2,000.00	0.00	0.00		GATEWAY PROJECT - RESERVE		2,000.00	2,000.00
WAR MEMORIAL		1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00	0.00		WAR MEMORIAL		1,000.00	1,000.00
IDDOLLS		8,266.00		8,266.00	8,227.26	8,227.00		IDDOLLS			0.00
GENERAL RESERVES	-2668	8,210.17		5,542.17	0	0.00		GENERAL RESERVES		4,428.17	4,428.17
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	9,040.00	23,394.17		31,809.17	15,590.05	21,222.00		TOTAL EXPENDITURE	11,958.00	11,212.17	0.00 23,170.17
CALCULATION											
	£										
Opening balance	23,394.17							INCREASE IN PRECEPT	32%		2,918.00
Add precept	9,040.00										
	32,434.17										
Less projected year	21,222.00										
Estimated closing balance	11,212.17										