Didmarton Parish Council

Didmarton Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at Didmarton Village Hall.

Minutes

Meeting commenced 7.35pm
Present, Councillors H. White, S. Hewlett, J. Hammond, A Darbyshire & H. Turner (joined at 7.50pm), District Councillor, T Slater

24.07 Cllr. White was elected as Chairman of Didmarton Parish Council.
24.08 Public participation - No members of the public were present.
24.09 Apologies received from Cllr. C. Rogers
24.10 No declarations of interests.
24.11 Councillors resolved to approve the minutes from 7th May 2024.
24.12 No report from County Councillor Hirst.
24.13 No report from District Councillor Slater due to election demands on CDC.

Finance

24.14 Council noted the bank reconciliation and internal controls undertaken by the clerk and Cllr Darbyshire. Prior to the meeting, all councillors had opportunity to view the online finance folder.

	Date of reconciliation	25th June 2024	
01/04/2024	OPENING BALANCE		£20,192.91
	INCOME TO DATE		£9,665.98
	LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE		£7,744.74
25/06/2024	FUND BALANCE		£22,114.15
	REPRESENTED BY:		
	LLOYDS TREASURERS ACCOUNT		£10,060.64
	LLOYDS SAVINGS ACCOUNT		£12,053.51
	LLOYDS ACCOUNTS BALANCE		£22,114.15

24.15 Council noted and ratified the following receipts & payments.

Receipts

09/05/2024	Gross interest	£12.85
09/06/2024	Gross interest	£13.72

Payments

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		Net	VAT	Final
15/05/2024	Zurich Insurance - last year of 3-year tie in.	£434.66		£434.66
	Simon Hale - Ink Cartridge	£11.94		£11.94
	Grass cutting grant to Parochial Church Council	£500.00		£500.00
	Hathaway Groundcare – inv. 0427	£116.25	£23.25	£139.50
	GAPTC annual subs	£117.56		£117.56
	GAPTC internal audit fee	£180.00		£180.00
	DVHCC D-Day grant	£1,050.00		£1,050.00
04/06/2024	DVHCC Driveway grant	£3,272.72		£3,272.72
	Hathaway Groundcare – inv. 466	£116.25	£23.25	£139.50
24/06/2024	Keith Harrison - Joyces Pool benches	£200.00		£200.00

24.16 Council considered and resolved to award a supplementary grant to DVHCC for £105.00 to cover extra attendees for the D-Day commemoration event. Payment to come from General Reserve

24.17 Cllr. Turner arrived at the meeting. Council considered and resolved not to award a grant of £1,424.00 to DVHCC for decorating in the village hall at this time. It was noted that no other grants had been applied for, and this should be done before resorting to an application to the parish council. DVHCC are welcome to reapply if still necessary once other grants opportunities have been explored and applied for.

Planning Matters

24.18 A request was previously circulated for councillors to consider the sale of an ex-local authority house to someone from outside the area. No objections were raised.

Highways Matters

24.19 Council noted that the clerk's request of Highways to repaint faded road surface signs (centre lines, SLOW, 30, Give-Way and 'Dragons Teeth') has all been completed. Double yellow lines are now on the works list. The clerk was asked to contact GCC Highways to ask why Didmarton has double yellow lines along the entire length of the village.

24.20 **Policies & Procedures**

No request has been made for an election for the vacant councillor position. Council can now consider co-option of a councillor. Clerk to devise a co-option advert which will be circulated on social media and in the Dyddi by the new Chairman and also on the PC website. Applications to be considered at the next meeting. Applications are particularly sought from under-represented groups.

Assets

24.21 Salt bins. Council resolved to replace 5 salt bins with yellow lids from Roadware at an estimated cost of £92.95 x 5 = £464.74. Council delegated spending authority to the clerk to get the bins swapped over. Bins to be delivered to Cllr. Turner to await installation.

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24.22 Council considered winter preparations as requested by GCC Highways –

- Snow-plough operators to be contacted by the clerk.
- Cllr. Darbyshire agreed to take on responsibility as the Snow Warden.
- Clerk to complete a winter plan.
- Cllr Darbyshire to hold a dozen bags as the parish salt reserve contingency.

24.23 The two new benches which were fixed on the plinths at Joyce's Pool at a cost of £200 have been stolen. This crime has been reported to the police. Clerk to make an insurance claim. Councillors to canvass local opinion as to whether they should be replaced, being mindful that any replacement may not be as nice to look at, in order to make them less attractive to thieves.

24.24 Planters. Council resolved that the planters shall remain in their current location.

24.25 Council agreed to donate the official portrait of King Charles III to be donated to DVHCC to hang in the village hall.

24.26 **Training**

24.27 Council considered individual CPD training opportunities but decided that the clerk should email the NALC 'Good Councillors Guide' pdf to all council members.

24.28 Council resolved to authorise 'New Councillor Toolkit Training' for a coopted councillor. Delegated authority to spend given to the clerk to the clerk.

24.29 **Matters Arising – no spending decisions can be made**

24.30 **Date of next meeting** - Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Concluded at 9.10pm.

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Chairman Signature -