

Didmarton Parish Council

Didmarton Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 7th January 2025 at Didmarton Village Hall.

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 7.35pm

Present - Councillors, A. Darbyshire, J. Hammond, S. Hardy, H. Turner. District Cllr. T. Slater. Clerk, Mr. S. Hale

Cllr Hammond acted as chairman

- 24.108 No members of the public were present.
- 24.109 Apologies received from Cllrs. H. White, S. Hewlett
- 24.110 There were no declarations of interests.
- 24.111 Council resolved to approve the minutes from 5th November 2024
- 24.112 No report from County Councillor Fifield.
- 24.113 Report for December had been received from District Councillor Slater – Govt are looking at making charges to Local Government structure so one to keep an eye.

Finance

- 24.114 Council noted that Mrs Litton has accepted instruction as council's competent and independent auditor.
- 24.115 Council noted the bank reconciliation and resolved to defer this period of internal controls to the next meeting. Cllr. Turner joined the meeting.

31/12/2024 Date of Reconciliation

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| 01/04/2024 | OPENING BALANCE | £20,192.01 |
| | INCOME TO DATE | £14,456.00 |
| | LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE | £14,657.13 |
| 31/12/2024 | FUND BALANCE | £19,991.78 |

REPRESENTED BY:

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| LLOYDS TREASURERS ACCOUNT | £7,873.46 |
| LLOYDS SAVINGS ACCOUNT | £12,118.32 |
| LLOYDS ACCOUNTS BALANCE | £19,991.78 |

- 24.116 Council resolved to ratify the following payments and noted receipts.



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| Date | Receipts | Amount |
|------------|----------------|--------|
| 11/11/2024 | Gross interest | £10.94 |
| 09/12/2024 | Gross interest | £9.29 |

| Date | Payments | Net | VAT | Gross |
|------------|--|---------|--------|---------|
| 11/11/2024 | GAPTC - inv 470 Being a better Councillor Training | £90.00 | £0.00 | £90.00 |
| | Keith Harrison - Installation of new benches | £250.00 | £0.00 | £250.00 |
| | Hathaway Croudcare - inv 623 | £116.25 | £23.25 | £139.50 |
| 19/12/2024 | Reimburse clerk for 50% of SLCC fee | £91.50 | £0.00 | £91.50 |
| | Hathaway Croudcare - inv 672 | £116.25 | £23.25 | £139.50 |
| 30/12/2024 | PATA Payroll - Q3 | £31.85 | £0.00 | £31.85 |
| | Clerk salary - Q3 | | | |

- 24.117 Council noted that no correspondence has been received from DVHCC regarding any planned projects or grant applications results from other sources.
- 24.118 Council resolved to make an annual payment of £143.86 (£119.88 + vat) to HugoFox websites as is currently due, and to set this up as an annual direct debit.
- 24.119 Council considered the scope of the current village grass cutting and maintenance contract; Council resolved to go ahead with the same contract with Hathaway Gardenscapes at a cost of £1,675 + £335 VAT = £2,010 to be paid in monthly instalments.
- 24.120 Council considered and resolved to adopt a budget for 2025/2026 of £13,310.
- 24.121 Having resolved to approve the budget a 2025/26 financial year, council resolved to set the precept demand for 2025 / 2026 at £13,310.
- 24.122 Council noted that Mr. C. Rogers has been removed as a Lloyds payment authoriser.

Planning Matters – Council considered the following applications.

- 24.123 Reference 24/03189/TCONR
Didmarton House 39 The Street Didmarton Badminton GL9 1DT
T1 & T2 - Silver Birch trees that have grown too big and are pushing over a very large stone wall, to be felled
Status Decided – no objection.
- 24.124 Reference 24/02494/LBC
Application Validated Tue 10 Sep 2024
Kingsmead House The Street Didmarton Badminton Gloucestershire GL9 1DT
Change of use of ancillary games room to staff accommodation
Status - Awaiting decision
- 24.125 Reference 24/02493/FUL
Application Validated Tue 10 Sep 2024
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Status - Awaiting decision

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24.126 Reference 24/03742/TCONR
Alternative Reference PP-13629991
Application Received Wed 11 Dec 2024
Application Validated Wed 11 Dec 2024
Orchard Grove, The Street, Didmarton.
Proposal T1, T2 - birch trees. Proposed work is to remove both trees... T3, T4 - golden cypress trees. Proposed work is to remove both trees...
Status - Awaiting decision

Assets

- 24.127 **Joyce's Pool** – update. Still awaiting action from Highways and Badminton Estate. Highways have been chased following recent flooding but still no reply received. Clerk to contact Badminton Estate and Highways to keep trying to progress.
- 24.128 **War Memorial** – Council resolved that the clerk should write to the supplier of the memorial plaque and thank them for their kind gesture.
- 24.129 **War Memorial** – Council considered the response from the War Memorials Trust (WMT) and resolved that in the first instance, the clerk should obtain estimates for works from WMT approved stonemasons, for consideration at the next meeting.
- 24.130 **Defibrillator** – Council noted that our unit has been repaired and returned. The loan unit has been returned to the supplier.
- 24.131 **Defibrillator Cabinet Relocation** – Cllr. White to obtain an email address for the pub's maintenance contractor, and pass it to the clerk so that he can progress relocation.

Highways

- 24.132 **Missing Road Signs** – Council noted that missing road signs had been identified and reported to Highways who are taking action to replace.
- 24.133 Council noted that a local resident had kindly unblocked the drains at Joyces Pool during recent flooding.

Other Matters

- 24.134 Council resolved to formally accept Cllr. Rogers resignation from the council. Clerk to inform CDC Monitoring Officer, and have delegated authority to advertise for a replacement as necessary.
- 24.135 Chapel Walk weeding and Village Gateway signs have been attended to as per the terms of the grass cutting and maintenance contract.
- 24.136 Review and readopt Risk Assessment Schedule.
- 24.137 **Matters Arising – no spending decisions can be made.**
- 24.137.1 HugoFox are offering free, “.gov.uk” domain names as part of our package. To be considered at the next meeting.
- 24.137.2 Cllr. Hammond reported a near miss on The Street with a wheelchair user hitting a dropped man-hole cover and falling out into the road. Incident reported to a councillor and Highways telephoned; the inspection cover has been marked for remedial work.

24.138 **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 4th March 2025. Meeting con