

Didmarton Parish Council

Didmarton Parish Council Meeting

7.30pm on Tuesday 6th January 2026 at Didmarton Village Hall.

Draft Minutes

Meeting commenced at 7.38pm

Present: Councillors; H. White, S. Hewlett, A. Darbyshire, J. Hammond, H. Turner, S. Hardy, W. Green.
District Councillor T. Slater. Clerk, Mr. S. Hale

- 26.00 No members of the public present.
- 26.01 Apologies for absence. County Councillor I. Watson who is at a Fairer Funding Review meeting.
- 26.02 No declarations of interest.
- 26.03 Council approved the minutes of 4th November 2025.
- 26.04 Consider County Councillor's reports as received were circulated and published.
- 26.05 Council considered a bin lorry update from the District Councillor. CDC Local Plan consultation has concluded. Cllr's Darbyshire and Turner joined the meeting.

Finance

- 26.06 Council noted the clerk has applied to GAPTC for a partial refund of membership fees. The council is entitled to a 10% discount on fees as the clerk is CILCA qualified.
- 26.07 Council considered and resolve to reappoint Mrs Irena Litton (CILCA) as the independent and competent auditor. Her fee remains unchanged at £200.00
- 26.08 Council noted that a new defibrillator carry-case has been purchased and installed. Cllr. Darbyshire to prepare an article on defib use for the Dyddi.
- 26.09 Council noted that CDC Heritage Officer, and Planning Department have agreed with the LBC application for cleaning and renovations to the Grade II listed war memorial. Cleaning and names restoration will be paid by 50% deposit and 50% on conclusion of each task. Council resolved that management of the project and payment authority remains delegated to the clerk.
- 26.10 Council noted that an invoice for £125 has been received from DVHCC for room hire for the financial year to date. The invoice has been paid as a pre-authorized payment. Invoices will henceforth be received and paid on 'per hire session' frequency.
- 26.11 Council considered and resolved to settle an invoice for £200 received from DVHCC for previously un-invoiced hall hire from February 2024 to March 2025.
- 26.12 Council noted the clerk has sent details of a new GCC Grassroots Neighbourhood Fund to DVHCC.
- 26.13 Council noted internal controls and bank reconciliation, as completed by the clerk and Cllr. Hardy, from 29th October to 29th December 2025. Councillor Hardy was unable to provide signed copies. All councillors had opportunity to view invoices, bank statements and the cashbook in the online folder, in advance of the meeting.

29/12/2025 **Date of Reconciliation**

01/04/2025 OPENING BALANCE £19,196.00

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INCOME TO DATE	£13,928.63
LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE	£8,303.19
FUND BALANCE	£24,821.44

REPRESENTED BY:	
LLOYDS TREASURERS ACCOUNT	£12,606.76
LLOYDS SAVINGS ACCOUNT	£12,214.68
LLOYDS ACCOUNTS BALANCE	£24,821.44

26.14 Council resolved to ratify receipts and payments as follows,

	Receipts	
10/11/2025	Interest	£6.42
09/12/2025	Interest	£5.82

04/11/2025	Hathaway Gardenscapes - inv 1002	£139.58	£27.92	£167.50
	CDC for dog poo bin	£225.00	£45.00	£270.00
11/11/2025	HugoFox email	£2.49	£0.50	£2.99
14/11/2025	Clerk reimbursement for 50 % of SLCC membership	£95.00	£0.00	£95.00
	Intermedical UK ltd - defib carrycase	£60.95	£12.19	£73.14
17/11/2025	Bank Charges	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25
11/12/2025	HugoFox email	£2.49	£0.50	£2.99
	Hathaway Gardenscapes - inv 1038	£139.58	£27.92	£167.50
15/12/2025	DVHCC room hire	£125.00	£0.00	£125.00
16/12/2025	Bank Charges	£4.25	£0.00	£4.25
18/12/2025	PATA Payroll	£20.25	£0.00	£20.25

26.15 Council reviewed and resolved to agree the budget for 2026 / 2027. The amount is £13,672.00

26.16 Having set a budget, council resolve to set the precept for financial year 2026 – 2027 of £13,672.00

Policies and Procedures

26.17 No matters for consideration

Planning Matters –

Council considered and resolved the following planning matters.

26.18 25/02431/FUL *
Application Validated Mon 11 Aug 2025
Old Manor Farm House, The Street, Didmarton.
Convert former stables and adjoining barn to single dwelling
Status - Application permitted

26.19 25/02432/LBC *

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Application Validated Fri 08 Aug 2025
Old Manor Farm House, The Street, Didmarton
Convert former stables and adjoining barn to single dwelling
Status – Application permitted

- 26.20 Reference 25/02875/FUL *
Application Validated Mon 29 Sep 2025
Tumbledown Barn, Knockdown, Didmarton
Conversion of barn to dwelling including reinstatement of traditional roof pitch and glazed link single-storey extension (revised scheme to 16/00886/FUL)
Status – Application permitted
- 26.21 Reference 25/03046/LBC *
Application Validated Wed 01 Oct 2025
Didmarton War Memorial, The Street, Didmarton
Renovation of the faded and illegible lettering, carved and painted onto War Memorial
Status – Application permitted.
- 26.22 Reference 25/03081/LBC *
Application Validated Fri 03 Oct 2025
31 The Street, Didmarton,
Renovation & extension of existing outbuilding, erection of new garden shed and repair work to render to front and side elevation of dwelling
Status – Application permitted.
- 26.23 Reference 25/03493/TCONR
Application Validated Mon 03 Nov 2025
31 The Street, Didmarton
(T1) - fell to favour the better ash tree next to it and to which it is growing too close
Status – Decided, no objection
- 26.24 Reference 25/03080/FUL *
Application Validated Fri 03 Oct 2025
31 The Street, Didmarton
Renovation & extension of existing outbuilding, erection of new garden shed and repair work to render to front and side elevation of dwelling
Status - Application Permitted
- 26.25 Reference 25/03081/LBC
Application Validated Fri 03 Oct 2025
31 The Street, Didmarton
Renovation & extension of existing outbuilding, erection of new garden shed and repair work to render to front and side elevation of dwelling
Status - Application Permitted
- 26.26 Reference 25/03671/TCONR
Application Validated Tue 18 Nov 2025

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Old Didmarton Farm House, The Street, Didmarton

T1 - large Cypress tree to be removed as it is impacting one the neighbour building

T2 - Large multi-stem Silver Maple tree to be reduced by approx. 40% to reduce the risk of stem failure

Status – Decided, no objection.

26.27 Reference 25/03521/FUL
Application Validated Mon 10 Nov 2025
Verlands, The Street, Didmarton
Erection of single storey rear garage outbuilding
Status - Awaiting decision
No PC objections

26.28 No applications were received since the date of this agenda.

Assets

26.29 **New Dog Poo Bin – Oldbury Lane** – council noted that the new bin has been installed.

26.30 **Annual Asset Checks** - Council to note the update from the clerk and resolve as necessary. Checks were to be completed as follows.

Assets	Councillor	
War memorial	Clerk	AIO – Awaiting cleaning and recarving / painting
Defibrillator and cabinet	Clerk	AIO – Circuit regularly updated
Bus shelter	Cllr. Darbyshire	AIO
Bus stop sign	Cllr. Darbyshire	AIO
Noticeboard	Cllr. White	AIO
Roadside planters	Cllr. White	AIO – need a clean
Milestone	Cllr. White	Needs paint refresh
Dog poo bins	Cllr. Turner	AIO
Creephole kissing gate	Cllr. Turner	AIO
PC owned salt bins	Cllr. Hammond	AIO
Joyce’s Pool benches	Cllr. Green	AIO
Joyce’s Pool Plaque	Cllr. Green	Needs attention – held on by cable ties

Updates were received by Cllr’s White, Green and Hammond prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Darbyshire – stated that the bus shelter and bus stop are AIO.

Cllr Turner – stated the dog poo bins and kissing gate are AIO.

Cllr. White to look at resecuring the plaque at Joyce’s Pool.

Highways Matters

26.31 **Joyces Pool drainage improvements** – Council noted that Highways continue to press landowners to improve highway drainage at this location. The clerk will retain an oversight until matters are resolved.

Other Matters

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- 26.32 **Tetbury Council, Devolution Working Group** – no updates from Cllr. White who was unable to attend their meeting. or from Tetbury Council.
- 26.33 **CDC Local Plan** – Council to note that details of CDC Local Plan consultation were circulated by the clerk via the parish council website news broadcast facility, and to all councillors. The consultation deadline was 2nd January.
- 26.34 **Matters Arising – no spending decisions can be made**
“Children playing” signs at The Street are faded and need replacing. Cllr. Hewlett to report through FixMyStreet
- 26.35 **Date of next meeting.**
Council to note, 7.30 pm Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at Didmarton Village Hall.

Meeting concluded at 8.35pm