

Minutes of the Meeting
Didmarton Parish Council
Held 30th January 20 Village Hall Didmarton

Members present: - Cllrs J Hammond, , R Goodwill, C Hathaway, S White, C Rogers
Officer: -Clerk Fiona Thornton.
Glos. C Cllr S Hirst,

In the absence of Cllr J Pearce, Cllr J Hammond chaired the meeting

19/327. Apologies for Absence Cllr J Pearce

19/328.Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011 None

19/329.Reports from County Councillor on matters relating to the Parish

Cllr S Hirst reported as per appendix

Matters raised at the meeting:-

- Fastershire reinstatement works by Complete Utilities are substandard. List of specific areas provided
- Overhanging vegetation is still a problem in the village – obstructing pedestrians on pavement forcing them out into a busy road
- Grant for Didmarton Cricket Club is recommended for approval by CDC

19/330.Reports from CDC Councillor on matters relating to the Parish none

19/331.Reports from Parish Councillors on matters not on this agenda none

19/332.Confirm Minutes of meeting held on 17th October 2019

Decision: Proposed by Cllr S White and seconded by Cllr R Goodwill. Agreed by all.

19/333.Finance

Payment of accounts

- Amazon – Bushnell speed gun £115.83 net £139 gross
- DHF Products – speed camera signs £154.80 net £185.76 gross
- Hands Property Maintenance – annual contract works £582.00
- P Barnes – annual website maintenance fee £150
- F Thornton – Clerks fees £624.00
- 123Reg – domain name renewal (3yrs) £35.97 net £43.16 gross

Decision: Proposed by Cllr C Rogers and seconded by Cllr C Hathaway. Agreed by all.

19/334.Planning Applications for consideration

Applications circulated between meetings:-

- 19/04464/FUL Full Application for Erection two storey side extension and insertion of x1 dormer window to the front and x2 dormer windows to the rear at 1 Berthas Field

19/335.Correspondence/Communication with Parish Council

- Cotswold District Council Budget Consultation 2020/21 Briefing Pack
- Have your say on Cotswold District Council services
- Council launches new recycling campaign urging residents to prepare for change
- Westonbirt Arboretum - Purchase of Silk Wood House

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19/336. Traffic Signage within village

Speedwatch group still require yellow signs which Cllr S White has still not been able to obtain. Cllr S Hirst to progress. New signage in village appears to be working.

Decision: proposed by Cllr R Goodwill and seconded by Cllr S White to purchase 2 additional repeater signs. Agreed by all

Speedwatch update – there have been 9 sessions since the last council meeting. Over 90 vehicles were recorded at over 36mph, with 51mph being recorded as the highest speed.

Overall there has been a decrease in the number of vehicles speeding.

19/337. Website Accessibility Compliance

Council has **until 23rd September 2020** to either comply with these new regulations or having done an accessibility assessment and concluded that this would be a disproportionate burden on the council, explain why in an accessibility statement and provide alternative arrangements

Preparing to do a basic accessibility check

1. Text content
2. Images, video and audio content
3. Interactive tools and transactions
4. PDFs and other documents
5. Technology
6. HTML checks

Our website purely publishes PDF's of agenda minutes and accounting documents. Clerk to progress

19/338. Community Event Funding Request – Cllr S White

Cllr S White reported the organisation of a village family fun day for Didmarton.

A possible date for the show is August 22nd and would consist of a horticultural show in the village hall, family fun on the field with an evening cricket match, bbq and small live band.

Do the council have any type of funding for this type of community event?

Decision: Proposed by Cllr J Hammond and seconded by Cllr R Goodwill that Council will in principle agree to initial funding of £200. This matter to be discussed further at the May meeting when more information will be available. Agreed by all

19/339, War Memorial – update Cllr J Pearce None

19/340. Items to report

(Items can be discussed but members can make no decisions)

- Cllr R Goodwill outlined the possibility of purchasing an Interactive 'smiley face' speed sign
Cllr S Hirst to establish protocol. AGENDA item next meeting
- Cllr C Rogers asked if the postcode could be written on the exterior of the defibrillator cabinet

19/341. Date of next meeting

28th May 2020 Annual Parish Meeting (7.30pm) followed by Annual General Meeting

Signed

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S. HURST REPORT.

Gloucestershire County Council Budget 2020-21

Total Draft Budget: £468million a net increase of £31million on 2019/20.

Adult Services: £149.6 million

Children's Services: £117.9 million

£73.6m for schools and children and family services

An additional £12.9mill towards protecting the county's vulnerable children

Community and Infrastructure Services: £91.63mill

£14.5m into Gloucester South West Bypass, Arle Court, Junction 11 and additional cycle tracks around Gloucester and Cheltenham.

£700K towards extra flood alleviation work making a total budget of £5.3mill to reduce the risk of flooding.

£3.1m to ensure further delivery of Broadband across the county.

£5mill to upgrade streetlights and traffic signals

£49.8mill to deliver the third year of the local Council's Road Improvement Programme.

Prevention and wellbeing Services: £34.31mill

£1.5m to ensure that Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue has new and improved life-saving equipment and to increase the level of services' prevention and protection work.

Corporate Resources: £34.94mill

Technical and Countywide Budget: £39.66mill

£1m for councillor's local investment in local highway schemes.

£1mill Action Fund will be set up to tackle climate change.

The budget proposes to raise around £6.3m to help fund services through a 1.99% increase in council tax. The Council is also proposing to apply the national social care precept at 2% raising an additional £6.3mill to help manage the increased demand for adult care services. In total these changes will result in an increase of under £1 per week for the average Band D taxpayer.

The County Council has carried out the annual Budget Consultation which ran until 5pm on January 17th.

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Gloucestershire County Council Report to Didmarton Parish Council
January 2020.

Investment in tackling climate change and
vulnerable children set to be agreed.

At its meeting on January 29, Gloucestershire County Council's cabinet has agreed investment of £12.9 million into children's services and an initial £1 million Action Fund to help tackle climate change as part of a £31 million overall increase to the council's 2020/21 budget.

The £468 million budget for 2020/21 also sets aside more than £73.6m of capital investment for schools and children and family services, bringing total expected capital investment to around £160m by 2023. A further £49.8m has been allocated to deliver on the third year of the council's £150m Your Highways programme.

For the past four weeks people across Gloucestershire have been commenting on the councils proposed budget plans. 506 responses were received, of which 69% agreed with proposals, and 77% agreed we had the correct priorities.

The council continues to challenge itself to work more efficiently and effectively and as a result has identified £9.58m savings for next year, helping to meet increased demand and costs.

Cllr Mark Hawthorne, leader of the county council, said, "Following valuable feedback from people across the county, cabinet will now consider if our draft budget meets the priorities and expectations of Gloucestershire residents, "The proposed budget for next year shows that we can deliver – investing in quality services now and for a successful tomorrow. Thank you to all who took the time to comment on our budget proposals – we will listen carefully to what you have told us."

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