

Minutes of the
Didmarton Parish Council
Held 29th July 2021
Didmarton Village Hall

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

21/274.Apologies for Absence

None

21/275.Declarations of Interest

Cllr R Goodwill declared an interest in agenda item 7

21/276.Report from Glos C C Cllr S Hirst

STAY VIGILANT TO STOP COVID IN ITS TRACKS.

The county council is encouraging people to go forward with caution, as Covid cases continue to rise.

Monday the 19th July was the next step in the corona virus summer 2021 roadmap, which will continue to play a key role in managing the virus and reducing the risk of it mutating and new variants developing. It's not the last step in overcoming Covid and with cases increasing, people must be encouraged to move forward with caution.

Getting both doses of the COVID – 19 vaccination remains our best chance of protecting ourselves from the most severe symptoms of COVID-19 and those people who are most at risk from the virus. Rapid testing will also help to stop Covid in its tracks whilst reassuring you that you are still doing everything you can to ensure you don't pass the virus onto those you care about.

Although no longer a legal requirement, face coverings, social distancing and regular hand washing remain effective ways to help the risk of spreading COVID.

£2 MILLION BUILD BACK BETTER FUND SET TO LAUNCH.

A £2 million Build Back Better Fund is set to be launched by the county later this month, subject to a Cabinet sign off on 21 July. The fund has been developed to help communities recover and rebuild from the impacts of Covid-19. The fund is set to be allocated evenly across the county's 53 divisions to allow each county councillor to support bids in their area and to ensure the benefits of the investment are shared across Gloucestershire. Each councillor will be allocated a total of £40,000 in grants to support their local area.

Recognising the diverse nature and needs of Gloucestershire's communities and neighborhoods, criteria for bids is likely to consist of key themes including community health and well-being'

RECYCLING METAL REALLY MATTERS.

In a countywide social media campaign, residents are being encouraged to recycle their metal packaging to make every can count.

Metal can be recycled endlessly so the county and all six councils have teamed up with Metal Matters to highlight the benefits of recycling our metal packaging to inspire everyone to get involved and do their bit.

With more than 12 billion items of aluminium packaging alone sold every year in the UK, householders are being encouraged to recycle their cans, foil empty aerosols, trays, tubes, and metal screw tops. Every district in the county provides a frequent and convenient door-to-door recycling service so it's never been easier to recycle our metal packaging; and once recycled, it takes around 60days for a drinks can to return to the supermarket shelf.

EFFICIENT AND GREENER SCHEME FOR FOOD WASTE

The County Council is to award a contract with Ubico to take Gloucestershire's food waste to a recycling plant in Bishops Cleeve. All six district councils in the county provide a weekly kerbside food waste collection service for their residents and it is the county councils job to recycle this waste. Currently four of the districts have their food waste taken to the plant by different providers but under new streamlined plans it would be collected by just one company.

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STATE OF THE ART 999 SYSTEM IN PLACE AT GLOUCESTERSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE.

A new 999 system which uses the latest technology has been implemented at Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) enabling crews to continue providing the best possible service to the county.

The system called Vision 5 can locate where a member of the public is calling from without the need for any extra software. Mobile phone signals can be pinpointed within 50 meters of their location and landlines identified with their addresses when calling. GFRS is the only county-run fire and rescue service to have switched to Vision 5, the only others in the country using it are London, South Wales and Merseyside who are much larger services in comparison.

FIRE STATION TO BECOME SEARCH AND RESCUE CHARITY'S NEW COTSWOLD BASE.

A growing partnership between Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) and the Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA) has led to the search and rescue charity being given a new base.

It has been offered the use of the premises at Cirencester Fire Station by GFRS to help SARA establish a base in the Cotswolds.

IT'S THE REAL DEAL – TRADING STANDARDS AND CIRENCESTER MARKET BACK SCHEME TO PROTECT CONSUMERS.

A national campaign to stop shoppers being duped into buying rip-off fakes of designer goods and other illicit items is being backed by Gloucestershire County Council's trading standards department, Cirencester Town Council and Cotswold Markets.

BE A 'WILD WORLD HERO' WITH GLOUCESTERSHIRE LIBRARIES

The national event led by the Reading Agency began on Saturday 10 July and runs until Friday 10 September, with the aim of encouraging children to enjoy reading and visiting their library.

Children are invited to borrow at least six books over three visits and are offered rewards and opportunities to get involved with many other events and activities.

This year's theme is 'Wild World Heroes' which aims to inspire families and children to enjoy reading as well as to get outside to visit their local nature reserves and wildlife parks. Nearly 10,000 families took part in the Summer Reading Challenge in 2019, when it last took place in Gloucestershire's libraries. As well as borrowing books, children can take away the popular makeaway packs which include crafty bits and pieces, plus instructions for families to make their own nature-inspired crafts at home.

More information is available from your local library.

21/277. Report from CDC Cllr R Morgan

None

21/278. Confirm Minutes of meetings held on 6th May 21

Decision: proposed by Cllr J Hammond and seconded by Cllr S White, agreed by all, the minutes were approved.

21/279. Payment of accounts

- F Thornton – quarterly clerk fees £624
- Hands Property Maintenance – quarterly maintenance contract fee £562.50
- REG 123 website domain name £28.78
- Data Protection fee £35

Decision: proposed by Cllr C Hathaway and seconded by Cllr C Rogers, agreed by all, the payments were approved

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21/280.Planning Applications for Consideration

21/01324/FUL

Full Application for Erect glazed orangery to rear of property at Bargate The Street
Didmarton Badminton Gloucestershire

21/02603/TCONR

Works to trees in conservation areas for T1 - Large Cherry to be sympathetically reduced and shaped by a maximum reduction of 2 - 3m all round. at The Old Forge 18 The Street Didmarton Badminton Gloucestershire
Cllr R Goodwill, having declared an interest in this item, left the meeting for the duration of the discussion of this application

21/00643/LBC

Listed Building Consent for Change of use from games room to staff accommodation
Kingsmead House The Street Didmarton Badminton Gloucestershire

21/02706/FUL 21/02707/LBC

for Single storey extension at 45 The Street Didmarton Badminton
Gloucestershire GL9 1DS

Decision: No comments made

21/281. Correspondence

- **Cllr S White** - I've had a request from a villager who wants to rub down and paint the rusty Road post just above the Hathaways house opposite the flashing sign. The hamerite colour would be a grey/light green.
As a parish council, would anyone have any objections to this being done at no cost to us.
- **Cllr S Hirst** - latest Hot Weather Alert
- **Glos CC Highways** – winter update 2021 (can council confirm details held are correct)
- **P Morrish** – 20mph correspondence. Council noted the comments made but most is not applicable to the village as the road as an A classification
Cllr S White – Speedwatch report - April to July 2021.
14 sessions, so 14 hours.
221 vehicles caught at 36mph or above.
Fastest speed recorded at 56mph on July 2nd and 2 vehicles recorded at 53mph on June 18th..
The police speed van has also caught over 100 vehicles this year in addition and we are half way through a week of action this week and have conducted some early morning session.
Several companies have been contacted in relation to this and have taken further action against their drivers.
Action: Cllr S White to thank the Police on behalf of Council for their support. Also, latest report and statistics will be published in the Dyddi.

21/282.Joyces Pool update re: removal of reeds

Clerk reported that in principle Badminton Estate agree the works need carrying out and are happy to instruct the contractor and then recharge the parish council. R Meehan is going to visit the site and confirm the removal of the reeds to another section of land still owned by the Estate. This is in line with EA guidance.
Cllr S White reported that the cost will be £400.

Decision: Cllr S White to act as Council liaison with the contractor and oversee the works. Cllr S Hirst was advised that Highways will need to jet wash the grills/drains running under the road.

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21/283. Other items to report

- Cllr R Goodwill raised the unsightly state of the cut trees on the verges opposite the garage
- Cllr S Hirst to forward funding application form for circulation to members

21/284. Date of next meeting – October 2021 (to be decided nearer the date)

Signed

Date