

Minutes of the  
Didmarton Parish Council  
Held 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Didmarton Village Hall

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

**21/285.Co-option of Councillor – council to consider application from Mr H White**

Decision: H White was proposed by Cllr J Pearce and seconded by Cllr C Hathaway. Agreed by all. H White signed is declaration of office form and took up his position of Councillor and joined the meeting.

**21/286.Apologies for Absence** - Glos. CC S Hirst

**21/287.Declarations of Interest under the Localism Act 2011**

Cllr C Hathaway declared an interest in agenda item 8 Maintenance Contract

**21/288.Reports from County Councillor S Hirst on matters relating to the Parish**

(To include discussion of The Build Back Better – Councillor Scheme)

In the absence of Cllr S Hirst a provisional list of schemes were agreed for submission under The Build Back Better Councillor Scheme:-

Toddlers – equipment and running costs £2000

Cricket – support for youth players and suitable equipment £1000

Play area – refurbishment/replacement of youth shelter £1000

Village Hall – replacement of paving surrounding the hall which is in a very poor state £5000

Community – holding of a village day £700

**21/289.Reports from CDC Councillor R Morgan on matters relating to the Parish**

None

**21/290.Confirm Minutes of meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Decision: proposed by Cllr J Hammond and seconded by Cllr S White. Agreed by all

**21/291.Finance**

a) Payment of accounts

F Thornton – quarterly clerk fees £624

Decision: proposed by Cllr R Goodwill and seconded by Cllr C Rogers. Agreed by all.

b) Council to note expenditure and bank reconciliation as at 30.09.2021

- Expenditure as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 21

	PRECEPT 2021/22	EARMARKED BALANCES	TOTAL BUDGET	SPEND TO DATE	VARIANCE
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
STAFF COSTS	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,248.00	-1,252.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	150.00		150.00	110.29	-39.71
INSURANCE	450.00		450.00	514.01	64.01
AUDIT FEES	200.00		200.00	60.00	-140.00
S137 PAYMENTS	300.00		300.00	0.00	-300.00
COMMUNITY PROJECTS	3,000.00	8,523.20	11,523.20	0.00	-11,523.20
VILLAGE GENERAL MAINTENANCE	2,800.00		2,800.00	1,125.00	-1,675.00
WEBSITE		422.00	422.00	28.78	-393.22
PWLB	2,658.00		2,658.00	1,328.63	-1,329.37
DEFIBRILATOR	200.00		200.00	323.00	123.00
ROOM HIRE/ADMIN	200.00		200.00	0.00	-200.00
GATEWAY PROJECT		2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	-2,000.00
WAR MEMORIAL		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
GENERAL RESERVES		6,507.35	6,507.35		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>12,458.00</b>	<b>18,452.55</b>	<b>30,910.55</b>	<b>4,737.71</b>	<b>-19,665.49</b>

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- Bank reconciliation as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 21

01.04.2021	OPENING BALANCE		18,403.39
	ADD TOTAL INCOME		12,527.16
	LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURE		4,837.31
	FUND BALANCE		26,093.24
	REPRESENTED BY:		
30.09.21	TREASURERS ACCOUNT		26,093.24
	BUS BANK INTEREST		
	LESS CHEQUES OUTSTANDING		0.00
	ADD UNCLEARED CREDITS		0.00
	FUND BALANCE		26,093.24

## c) Council to set budget and agree precept sum for 2022/23

	TOTAL	SPEND	ESTIMATE		PRECEPT	EARMARK	GRANTS	TOTAL
	BUDGET	TO DATE	YEAR END		2022/23	BALANCE		BUDGET
EXPENDITURE				EXPENDITURE				
STAFF COSTS	2,500.00	1,248.00	2,500.00	STAFF COSTS	2,600.00			2,600.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	150.00	110.29	110.00	SUBSCRIPTIONS	150.00			150.00
INSURANCE	450.00	514.01	514.00	INSURANCE	600.00			600.00
AUDIT FEES	200.00	60.00	60.00	AUDIT FEES	100.00			100.00
S137 PAYMENTS	300.00	0.00	300.00	S137 PAYMENTS	300.00			300.00
COMMUNITY PROJECTS	11,523.20	0.00	0.00	COMMUNITY PROJECTS	3,000.00	11,523.00		14,523.00
VILLAGE GENERAL MAINTENANCE	2,800.00	1,125.00	2,800.00	VILLAGE GENERAL MAINTENANCE	2,800.00			2,800.00
WEBSITE	422.00	28.78	160.00	WEBSITE		260.00		260.00
PWLB	2,658.00	1,328.63	2,658.00	PWLB	2,658.00			2,658.00
ROOM HIRE/ADMIN	200.00	35.00	35.00	ROOM HIRE/ADMIN	237.00			237.00
DEFIBRILLATOR	200.00	323.00	323.00	DEFIBRILLATOR	200.00			200.00
GATEWAY PROJECT	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	GATEWAY PROJECT - RESERVE		2,000.00		2,000.00
WAR MEMORIAL	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	WAR MEMORIAL		1,000.00		1,000.00
GENERAL RESERVES	6,507.35	0	0.00	GENERAL RESERVES		6,667.55		6,667.55
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	30,910.55	4,772.71	9,460.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	12,645.00	21,450.55	0.00	34,095.55
CALCULATION								
Opening balance			30,910.55	INCREASE IN PRECEPT	1.50%			
Less projected year end spend			9,460.00					
Estimated closing balance 2021/22			21,450.55					

Decision: Proposed by Cllr R Goodwill and seconded by Cllr C Rogers, the budget was set and the precept set at £12,645. Agreed by all.

### **21/292.Maintenance Contract – council to review**

(See additional papers Hands Property Maintenance and Hathaway Gardenscapes)

Cllr C Hathaway, having declared an interest in this item, left the room prior to any discussion.

Decision: proposed by Cllr J Pearce and seconded by Cllr C Rogers, council accept the quotation from Hathaway Gardenscapes to fulfil the maintenance contract for the sum of £2700. Agreed by all.

Cllr C Hathaway returned to the room. Having a pecuniary interest in this item, he tendered his resignation as a councillor. Clerk to inform Cotswold District Council of the vacancy.

### **21/293.Council to consider funding for a village community day and horticultural show in 2022 and then annually.** Cllr S White

It was agreed that this item first be considered under The Build Back Better Councillor Scheme. If unsuccessful it will revert back to Council for discussion.

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**21/294.Joyces Pool Update**

Cllr S White - The pool has now been cleared with over 30 trailer loads removed to a quarry at park wood Oldbury. Old sludge was removed down to the clay liner, and this was then smoothed out to try and reseal the base. It would seem that the outer pond area does not have the clay so visible and its thought that over the last 20 years the pond has increased in size through winter flooding.  
Cllr S White also suggested that a wildflower area be created at the rear of the site.

**Council recorded their thanks to Cllr S White for his time and effort in ensuring these works were carried out.**

**21/295.Speed Watch**

Cllr S White - we continue strong with our programme and are fully supported by Gloucestershire constabulary who are also making regular visits to the village.  
Things look to be improving slightly and we have 14 volunteers currently helping the cause.

**21/296.Council to discuss requesting a 40mph speed limit at both ends of the village prior to the 30mph supported with extra street lighting.** Cllr S White

Council discussed this matter and were in agreement to the extension of the 40 mph limits and also the benefit to changing the vehicle activated speed sign to one that actually displayed the speed the vehicle was travelling along with a face.  
Cllr S White to liaise with the Clerk to approach all the relevant parties.

**21/297.The coffee cup at Oldbury garage – council to consider requesting relocation.** Cllr S White  
Council were all in agreement that this effects the visibility splay when pulling out from the garage. Clerk to contact highways as well as planning to see what permissions are in place.

**21/298.Planning Applications for consideration**

20 The Street, Didmarton

**21/299.Correspondence/Communication with Parish Council**

Cold calling re: grant to change heating taking place in village. Cllr R Morgan of CDC gave support and followed the matter through CDC's systems to establish it was a scam.

**21/300.Items to report**

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

- Blocked drain opposite Joyces Pool reported to highways who have checked and water is now running through it.
- Next agenda – identify area/s for sowing wildflowers
- Next agenda – review of speed signage
- Collapsed gully by Joyces Pool/Creephole on Leigherton Road – cones have been there for months
- Corroded gully outside 18 The Street, cover is about to collapse causing a trip hazard for both horses and cyclists
- Road requires sweeping opposite Joyces Pool to remove debris, otherwise it will flow into the drain and block it.

**21/301.Date of next meeting** – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Signed .....

Dated .....