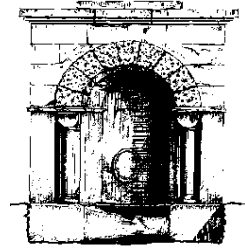


Dowdeswell Parish Council



The Full Meeting of Dowdeswell Parish Council held on the 19th March 2024 at 19.30 at Allingham House

Present:

C. Smyth - Chairman Parish Council

P. Banyard – Councillor

P. Evans – Councillor

N. Jones – Councillor,

K Graves - Councillor

Sue Green (Clerk)

Parishioners present: 0 members of the public

Declaration of interest on items on the agenda –

1. Apologies for absence –

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson, Jeremy Thayer District Councillor

2. Minutes from the last full meetings

Cllr Smyth signed the minutes dated 10th January 2024

3. Matters arising

Action 1 for the Clerk to send off the paperwork to CDC requested for the new councillor - this has been actioned.

Action 2 Cllr Jones is prepared to attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council and was asked if he could put the questions raised to them. Cllr Jones updated that he attended the meeting on the date he had been given but it had been cancelled and re-arranged. He did eventually attend the meeting. The works are due to commence in the Sprint of 2026. Planning permission has not yet been sought but dates have already been arranged to cut of power and so their dates will need to stand.

There will be a 80 metre wide scar on the landscape, a 7 meter road will be built to cut down traffic off the main roads, as there will be up to 100 lorries a day delivering to the site. It goes from Dowdeswell woods to Winchcombe. The cables will be buried a meter deep. This will affect the traffic in the parish.

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4. Planning and related matters

Update on Highways issues – It was reported that there is a new highways manager who will take over from Dan Tiffney on the 1st April and her name is Anne Johns.

Highways update – the A436 between the air balloon and the missing link have been closed. Made it difficult to get to Gloucester.

There are some roadworks planned Cllr Smyth updated that he will get in touch with Ann Johns about the water on the hill which is still flowing down the road. Also there has been some flooding in Dowdeswell ones not cured water on the hill highways about that and flooding on the corner outside Allington House as the drain fills with mud and then floods the road. Cllr Smyth has written to highways to Dan Tiffney about the issue around the blockage, but it has done it again and will keep happening with all the mud, he will write to the new highways manager and see if she can do anything to help.

Road Closures

The Clerk updated on various road closures and these were discussed. For surface dressing and patching.

Dowdeswell to Andoversford

Garrick's Head

Upper Dowdeswell to lower Dowdeswell

Lower Dowdeswell to London Road A40

Action 1, 19/03/2024 It was agreed that Cllr Smyth will speak to Mike Payton and updated that there will be road works and road closures during the day. He will also look to put something on the website.

24/00397/TCONR - Notice has been received to manage a number of trees by coppice at Dowdeswell House, This was discussed.

5. Kilkenny Inn

Update on the Parish Council looking at the possibility to register the pub as an Asset of Community Value which may have the effect of preserving the pub for the village and surrounding area. Cllr Smyth has looked at the application process and it will required the support of the village. The PC will need to make an application to the District Council to list it as an Asset of Community Value. Gives the village the opportunity to buy and run the pub. There is a need for a separate group to raise the funds and purchase the pub and determine how it will be run. The next step for the village to create the group fund raising decide then raise it and provide plan how it will be run. Agreed, it would be good to put on the village website to see if any support for taking this forward.

Action 2 19/03/2024 Put note out to see if there is an interesting running a steering committee, CM to draft something and then put something on the website and the what's app group. This is to form a committee to examine and take this forward.

6. Finance - Clerks Salary Payment from January - February 2024 - £147.20

£36.80 HMRC

£14.40 C Smith for Shredding of old Parish Council documents.

£150.00 Burial Ground

£39.93 Mike Payton Website costs

Discussion on the budget to date.

7. Correspondence

Election team – seek recruit staff to help with the elections

Cllr Smyth updated on the Go Explore licence. Due to the lack of communication he felt it was necessary to complain to Natural England that Go explore are incapable of exercising its powers in this area.

8. Any Other Business

Clerk raised the issue of the website information needing to be brought up to date. Cllr Smyth asked SG to contact Mike Payton and get him to put the information on the website.

Action 3 19/03/2024 For the Clerk to send Mike Payton the information he needs to put on the website.

It was updated that the village What's app group have highlighted a spat of overnight robberies. It was agreed that it would be useful to gain some information from the Police. It was agreed that it is not easy to contact them. There are a few villages who currently live on their own. The Community Support Officer may be able to help.

Action 4 19/03/2024 For Clerk to find out who the Community Support Officer is and what people in the village can do. Also what information they might be able to give villagers. It was agreed that the information can then be put on the village what's app or website.

9. Date of the next meetings –

May AGM to be confirmed. Date currently not agreed.

The meeting closed a 20.45

Signed by

Date