

# *Dalton Parish Council*

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**Minutes of the meeting of Dalton Parish Council at 7:00 pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 in St Michael's C E Primary School.**

Present: Cllr Louise Howard (Chairman), Cllr Iain Pearce (Vice Chairman), Cllr Gill Rainford, Cllr Chris Murphy.

West Lancashire Borough Councillor David Whittington asked that his apologies be recorded.

**1 To record apologies for absence**

None, all present.

**2 To receive declarations of interests**

None declared.

**3 To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**

The Minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

**4 To hear matters introduced by members of the public (Time Limit – 10 Minutes)**

No issues raised.

**5 To consider any policing issues**

No recent issues.

**6 To consider any road and footpath (public rights of way) issues**

Concern was raised that the road closures for maintenance listed wide periods without focussing on dates that the work would actually be done. Also, some of the alternative routes presented their own difficulties, for example the alternative to Cobbs Brow closure was not suitable for HGVs. The Clerk was asked to contact LLC and ask exactly when Higher Lane is going to be closed.

There are overgrown hedges on Higher Lane which will be reported to LCC to contact the landowner to cut them back. LCC reference number is 247818.

There are further problems at Long Heys Lane, with regard to flytipping. The land that has been tipped onto is owned by Ruttles Plant Hire and WLBC will not clear this. The problem might be alleviated if the No Through Road were actually blocked off, though locally it is

used on a very infrequent basis to access Lees Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact Rutbles to discuss options for addressing the issues.

On Hillock Lane large stones are used to protect the roadside grass verges for encroachment and erosion. Some of these are currently on the carriageway, possibly having been moved there whilst the verges are cut. A Parish Councillor offered to return these to the verge.

There are further reports of youngsters on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions causing issues for residents. It was noted that some of the footpaths were not absolutely clearly marked, so volunteers will cut back any overgrown foliage and ensure that the signs are visible. In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to write to local schools and scout groups to ensure that they are aware of the issues and instruct the candidates to stick to the Country Code.

## **7 Accounts for ratification and payment**

E A Broad	300517	salary (May 2017)	s.o.	£191.14
E A Broad	300617	salary (June 2017)	s.o.	£191.14
HMRC	300617	Three months tax	s.o.	£ 139.62
Garden Rescue	030717	Grass cutting	0403	£60.00
L Howard	030717	Ink and paper	0404	£79.80

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

The Clerk was asked to request Garden Rescue to quote for some general maintenance around the parish to include repainting the Dalton signs and maintaining the notice-board during the winter months. The black-and-white Dalton signs are located at: Beacon Lane, Lees Lane, Higher Lane towards the junction with Ash Brow, lower Beacon Lane and Crow Lane, with a fingerpost on the corner of Lees Lane/Higher Lane junction.

## **8 To discuss any planning issues**

There are no current applications for planning.

The Clerk was asked to contact Keepmoat development because the new development on the Whalleys site is being marketed as The Woodlands, Dalton rather than The Woodlands, Skelmersdale. The Parish Council feels that this is misleading and could cause confusion for new home owners. The Clerk was asked to contact Royal Mail to request what official addresses the development will have once built.

The Parish Council understands that this development has been planned for many years and it is to be welcomed if affordable homes in the locality can be created. The concerns are merely that building on green fields and not maintaining a buffer between communities risks the rural nature of Dalton.

The meeting noted that the Judicial Review of the extension at Whitemoss Hazardous Waste Tip was decided in favour of Whitemoss Ltd so they now have permission to extend the site. However, the ARROW-sponsored claimant has lodged an appeal to the Supreme Court.

**9 Update on a website for Dalton Parish Council**

The website is nearing completion.

**10 To discuss Traffic Survey of Higher Lane**

The Clerk was asked to check with County Councillor Greenall if LCC can undertake a traffic survey, even if the parish council pays for it. The expenditure was justified because it will be useful evidence for taking forward road traffic improvements and help to protest any further development encroaching further into the greenbelt. The major problem residents have raised is the effect of new development on increasing road traffic so this survey should assist in evidencing any perceived increase.

**11 To complete new bank mandate following co-option of new councillor**

It was resolved to complete the new bank mandate updating the signatories to include all current Parish Councillors and the Clerk.

**12 To consider response to student's questionnaire regarding Whitemoss Hazardous Waste Tip**

It was resolved to respond to this questionnaire administratively.

**13 Matters introduced by Members for inclusion on a future agenda**

No items raised but Councillors were encouraged to email the Clerk if there are any issues they wish to raise on a future agenda.

*18<sup>th</sup> September 2017*

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*Cllr Louise Howard (Chairman)*