

# *Dalton Parish Council*

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**Minutes of the meeting of Dalton Parish Council at 7:00 pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in St Michael's C E Primary School.**

**Present: Cllr Howard (Chairman), Cllr Pearce (Vice Chairman), Cllr Rainford, Cllr Murphy.**

**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 23rd October 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 items raised.

**5 To consider any policing issues**

Poaching and wildlife crime issues were discussed. Members of the public encouraged to report suspicious vehicles or incidents. PC 169 Stewart is assisting with reports.

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

No new items were raised.

**7 Accounts for ratification and payment**

E A Broad	301017	salary (October 2017)	s.o.	£191.14
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The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment

**8 To discuss any planning issues**

The meeting noted that there was an appeal in progress regarding development at Boydell's Farm. It was agreed to submit further representations administratively.

## **9 Update on Traffic Survey of Higher Lane**

A traffic survey has been commissioned, with agreement to repeat the survey once the homes at Woodlands, Skelmersdale are occupied.

## **10 To discuss plans for interpretation board at Beacon Point**

Ben Hargreaves, Lancashire Wildlife Trust, is heading a project which includes providing an interpretation board at Beacon Point. He will keep the Parish Council informed and liaise with Wigan Council. Some old photographs of the Beacon had been provided for use on the board.

## **11 To discuss Peter Lathom Charity**

Cllr Rainford updated the meeting on the distribution of charitable funds confirming that deserving causes in the parish were supported.

## **12 To discuss budget for Financial Year 2018/19**

The figures were adjusted slightly and a deficit identified. It was agreed that any dip into this deficit will be met from the reserves.

Consideration will be given to organising a village social event, during the summer months, which could be funded from the current reserves so does not need to be included in the budget figures.

It was resolved to keep the precept figure at £3,985.00 with an anticipated council tax support grant of £15, and concurrent grant of £390.00.

## **13 Update on legal action against Whitemoss Hazardous Waste Tip**

Update given

## **14 Discussion of WLBC Local Plan Review**

The locations (identified through the call for sites exercise), in and around Dalton were discussed. These include two fields: one bordering Newburgh parish (at the rear of Higher Lane) and one set back from Higher Lane on the other side of the road.

Parish Council's Question: once a statement is in the Local Plan, is that it set in stone or can it be altered within the lifetime of the Plan?

WLBC are organising a meeting for parish councillors from 4pm – 6pm on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 with the following objective:

- 1) To seek your views on the sites that have been put to the Council as potential development allocations (for housing and employment) in your Spatial Area
- 2) To understand your perspective on the need for land to be identified to meet local or specific housing needs and / or opportunities for employment in your Parish areas.

Cllr Howard and Cllr Rainford will attend the meeting to represent Dalton Parish Council.

Dalton is a rural village surrounded and protected by greenbelt and characterised by individual homes which could be spoiled by creating estates of houses of similar design. Small scale developments of attractive houses in keeping with the Dalton Design Statement are acceptable. The main purpose of the greenbelt policy is to protect the land around larger urban centres from urban sprawl and maintain the designated area for forestry and agriculture as well as to provide habitat to wildlife. Therefore Dalton Parish Council could not support development in areas on the fringe of the parish, which would link it to neighbouring villages of Newburgh, Parbold, Up Holland or the town of Skelmersdale.

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

Councillors were asked to email the Clerk with any items for a future agenda.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:10pm.

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*15<sup>th</sup> January 2018*

*Chairman – Cllr Louise Howard*