

Dalton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Dalton Parish Council at 7:00 pm on Monday 10th April 2017 in St Michael's C E Primary School. .

Present: Cllr Louise Howard (Chairman), Cllr Iain Pearce (Vice Chairman), Cllr Gillian Rainford.

Borough Councillor May Blake also in attendance.

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 27th February 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

Following a daytime break-in on Hillock Lane, the perpetrators were caught following Dalton Watch and residents intervention. Many thanks to the police for a prompt response. The Clerk was asked to enquire if anyone has replaced Sgt Beverly Lodge and whether there is an informal contact that could be linked into Dalton Watch notification. There have been a number of suspicious vehicle incidents that are notified to those signed up to Dalton Watch but not to the police because it is doesn't seem worthy of a 101 call. However, some of these vehicles have then been used during a crime so it would be good to have a police link in to the Dalton Watch scheme.

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

Residents have complained that the verges on the smaller lanes – Hillock Lane, Dungeon Lane, require attention. It was agreed to report to Lancashire County Council Highways that these grassed verges need cutting.

Along Lees Lane there is a broken drain that has resulted in water flowing across the road, where the road dips, near to Blackbirds Farm. Resident living at Lakeside, WN8 7RE had

also reported a similar issue closer to his home. This is causing road erosion and will be reported to Lancashire County Council Highways on the Report It system through their website.

It was reported to the meeting that there are 16 vehicles for sale at Blackbirds Farm and the footpath route is not clearly marked at present. It is understood that an enforcement notice with the compliance date in June has been issued. The appeal is also noted.

Rookery Cottage on Hillock Lane is now up for sale. Some time ago the footpath was informally marked up incorrectly, so that it runs along a neighbouring field rather than across the front of the house. It is not clear if this was followed up by formal application but if not the next owner needs to be aware of the issue.

7 Accounts for ratification and payment

E A Broad	250317	Reimbursement for litter-picking gloves	398	£24.00*
E A Broad	270317	Salary for March 2017	s/o	£189.29
HMRC	010417	Tax for three months	s/o	£138.00
Information Commissioners Office		Annual fee Data Registration	s/o	£35.00
Vince Brady	100417	Grass verge cutting	399	£60.00

*Contains VAT

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

8 To receive end of year accounts and annual governance statement for 2016/7

The provisional figures were received and the annual governance statement agreed, the forms will be signed once the Internal Audit is completed.

9 To discuss any planning issues

Application Number: 2017/0229/FUL
Location: Mount Farm, Higher Lane, Dalton, WN8 7RA
Proposal: Demolition of existing extension and erection of a single storey oak frame extension

Parish Council Response: The extension is within permitted limits so as long as the proposal meets all the planning criteria and is in line with Dalton Village Design Statement this council has no objection.

10 Update on a website for Dalton Parish Council

The website design is complete and will be online as soon as possible.

11 Matters introduced by Members for inclusion on a future agenda

County Councillor David Westley is standing down at the next election in May and it was resolved to send him formal thanks for working so hard for Dalton village, particularly for his work in relation to getting the speed limit through the village reduced.

12 Review of Clerk's Salary

The salary increase in line with NALC guidelines was agreed by the meeting.

13 To discuss any issues arising following WLBC Local Plan workshops

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

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22nd May 2017

Chairman