

Dalton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Dalton Parish Council at 7:00 pm on Monday 18th September 2017 in St Michael's C E Primary School.

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

Borough Councillor May Blake,

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 3rd July 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 concerns raised.

5 To consider any policing issues

There have been recent reports of burglaries, particularly outbuildings. The Dalton Watch scheme continues to be a useful tool for warning residents and suspicious vehicles are being noted. PCSO Andy Holderness is in close contact with the Parish Council but was unable to attend this meeting due to other work commitments.

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

The meeting discussed Footpath 29 and noted that land owners had placed some misleading directional notices.

There was discussion also about the quarry lorries particularly relating to their working hours as they often travel much earlier than the agreed times. The unsuitable roads in Dalton was again raised as an issue and a reason to restrict the speed limits further.

There is a flooded field drain near Higher Lane, and the culvert under the road on Lees Lane is blocked.

7 To decide any required winter maintenance of assets (street furniture)

It was resolved to ask that the bench at the top of Lees Lane be repainted. Also to ask the garden maintenance company to quote for repainting the signposts and notice-board; also the fingerpost at the junction of Higher Lane and Lees Lane and tightening up the fingers.

8 Accounts for ratification and payment

E A Broad	290717	salary (July 2017)	s.o.	£191.14
E A Broad	300817	salary (August 2017)	s.o.	£191.14
Garden Rescue	050917	grass verge cutting	0405	£60.00
Online Design	050917	Website building	0406	£399.60*
E A Broad	050917	12 x 1 st and 12 x 2 nd class stamps	0407	£14.52

*contains VAT

Balance of accounts as at 6th September 2017 Current = £3,374.16 and Reserve = £7,050.19
TOTAL = £10,424.35

A VAT claim of £137.21 has been submitted to HMRC.

9 Receipt of External Audit Report

Both the Internal and External Audit Reports were considered by the meeting. There were no issues of concern to address. The report noted that the Asset Register had amounts recorded by the Auditor as insurance values, however, the clerk confirmed that these are fixed asset values and have not changed over time.

10 To discuss any planning issues

There were no current planning applications in Dalton.

11 To discuss Whalleys development and the buffer zone with Dalton village

The meeting noted emailed correspondence with WLBC regarding the alterations to the drainage plan which has some intrusion into the buffer zone. WLBC were satisfied that there would be no detrimental effect.

12 To discuss issues surrounding flytipping on Long Heys Lane

There continues to be flytipping on Long Heys Lane and the landowner has been informed. The Clerk was asked to inform him that there is still more. The proposal that the track be closed off is not universally agreed. Some residents use this as an access on occasion. The exact status of the road is not known, it would appear not to be highway and perhaps gating the road would be preferable to stop people fly tipping down there. There are old quarries to either side so some form of access for those quarries must exist.

13 Update on a website for Dalton Parish Council and new computer equipment

The meeting heard that the website is fully operational and suitable computer equipment will now be sought.

14 To discuss Traffic Survey of Higher Lane

Unfortunately the County Councillor had not returned with details for arranging a traffic survey so the Clerk was asked to contact officers at LCC for their advice.

15 Matters introduced by Members for inclusion on a future agenda

Discussion of speed limits throughout the village to be included on the next agenda.

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

23rd October 2017

Cllr Louise Howard (Chairman)