

# *Dalton Parish Council*

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**Minutes of the meeting of Dalton Parish Council at 7:00 pm on Monday 5th March 2018  
in St Michael's C E Primary School.**

**Present: Cllr Louise Howard (Chairman), Cllr Iain Pearce (Vice Chairman), Cllr  
Gill Rainford**

**1 To record apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Chris Murphy

**2 To receive declarations of interests**

None declared.

**3 To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

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**

Dalton Parish Council thanks PC169 Patrick Stewart and Sgt Darren Carr, Lancashire  
Constabulary Wildlife Officers who worked so hard during the recent operation in the village  
and for their continued, ongoing efforts to protect local wildlife.

**6 To consider any road and footpath (public rights of way) issues, including a  
proposal for more road signage and a reduction in speed limit on some routes**

The unauthorised diversion at Rookery Cottage was discussed following correspondence with  
LCC Footpath Officer.

Whilst no-one wants to push for reinstatement of the original route in particular, there is a  
general feeling of unfairness that this diversion has not followed the proper procedure and the  
Parish Council want the land owner to complete the required paperwork and change the map  
officially.

The main reason for this is that other residents have had to do so and are annoyed that this  
has been avoided here.

Chairman .....

However, according to LCC a land owner may always provide a permissive path and so long as the original is still available for use, there is no need for official diversion, so in this case no paperwork is required. In each of the other cases cited residents had blocked the original path, not merely dissuaded walkers from using it.

Higher Lane needs more 30mph repeater signs on the lamp-posts between the church are bend in the road and LCC will be requested to put these up. The 30mph written onto the floor is counterproductive as it doesn't last long enough. If it is a matter of money, some parish funding may be committed to this.

Dalton Parish Council want LCC to consider imposing a 30mph speed limit down Lees Lane from Higher Lane to the end of Dungeon Lane, which is currently a road of national speed limit. Similarly, Hillock Lane.

Higher Lane has flooded again from the school down the road towards Parbold and it crosses the road. The bottom of Higher Lane where it meets Ash Brow at the mini roundabout is not suitable for HGV's but they still use it and often bring down large branches from over hanging trees.

The meeting understood that there would be road closure for resurfacing in the coming months and advise that gully sucking will be required before this is done.

**7 To consider donation to St Michael's School for continued support and use of the meeting room**

It was resolved to issue a £150 cheque payment to St Michael's School to assist cover meeting room costs.

**8 Accounts for ratification and payment and appointment of internal auditor**

E A Broad	300118	salary (January 2018)	s.o.	£191.14
E A Broad	280218	salary (February 2018)	s.o.	£191.14
Dalton St Michael's School		Donation to school in lieu of room hire	0414	£150.00
E A Broad	050318	Gloves for litter pick - 20 pairs	0414	£ 31.20*

Balance of accounts as at 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (latest available bank statement)

Current Account: £3,278.63. Reserve Account: £4,273.56 **Total: £7,552.19**

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment

**9 To discuss any planning issues**

No current planning applications.

**10 To confirm arrangements for the community litter-pick**

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Arrangements were confirmed, including the risk assessment.

Construction at Woodlands had created builders waste litter, with cement bags, big yellow bags gathering on the verges and hedgerows along Higher Lane. Residents are contacting the local council and it was agreed to write to Keepmoat Homes explaining that our attention has been drawn to the poor impression this is creating and ask that they ensure workers do give time to cleaning up after themselves.

**11 To consider solutions for problem of fly-tipping at Long Heys Lane**

The land owner has considered closing the road but was reluctant in case it is of use remaining open. He has also been asked to consider installing large boulders to deter vehicles as it would restrict them turning here. Having exhausted ideas to deter fly-tipping here it was resolved to simply inform the land owner (Ruttles) whenever fly-tipping occurs at the site.

**12 Introduction to the implications for parish councils of the General Data Protection Regulations to be implemented in May 2018**

It was resolved to use Society of Local Council Clerks proforma documents to ensure compliance with the new legislation. A Data Protection Officer may need to be employed from outside the parish council if the rules prevent the clerk from fulfilling such a role. Independent advice was being taken.

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

No items raised.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.49pm

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*16<sup>th</sup> April 2018*

*Cllr Louise Howard (Chairman)*