

Dalton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Dalton Parish Council at 7:00 pm on Monday 10th September 2018 in St Michael's C E Primary School.

Present: Cllr Louise Howard, Cllr Iain Pearce, Cllr Chris Murphy, Cllr Gill Rainford.

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 25th June 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)

Borough Councillor May Blake attended and commented that residents had told her about the speeding problems along the main roads whilst she has been delivering leaflets about the Local Plan..

5 To consider issues relating to LCC Highways

It was agreed to respond to County Councillor Iddon, thanking him for his attention but pointing out the discrepancies between his response and the original question. An earlier offer to attend a parish council meeting will be kept open for him. The letter will also reiterate that parish funds were available for contribution to any improvements. The meeting appreciated Cllr Blake's support and agreed to keep her informed.

6 To consider any policing issues

The meeting recorded thanks to police who have recently responded promptly to residents need of assistance.

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

It was resolved to ask Homelands to cut the verges as the quotation was lower than the current contractor.

It was resolved to inform LCC Highways that the top dressing of the recently resurfaced roads has been brushed off but into the roadside drains and gullies which are now blocked. Higher Lane has at least 16 blocked grids running from the Church towards Parbold.

8 Accounts for ratification and payment

E A Broad	270718	Salary	s.o.	£ 194.25
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Online Design	100918	Website costs	0424	£117.60

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

9 To discuss any planning issues

There were no current planning applications. However, the meeting discussed anticipated application below and agreed to respond administratively to meet the deadline.

Application Number: 2018/0908/FUL Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling. Location: Quinta, Higher Lane, Dalton, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7TW

10 To consider WLBC Local Plan Preferred Options Paper

The preferred options paper had no land allocation within the parish however, the status of the field opposite Dalton Church had not been preserved as protected from development as had been requested by the parish and instead is re-designated as an ‘alternative housing option’.

This is of great concern to residents who see this field as a natural boundary separating the village of Dalton and the town of Skelmersdale. They do not wish to have housing here, directly in front of the parish church and immediately adjacent to the county park as it would encroach upon the village, joining it up with the Skelmersdale settlement.

There is some evidence that alternative housing option sites have been built on before preferred option sites and this field would command a higher purchase price for dwellings there so would be more desirable for developers. The preferred options paper does not include projected dates for development of the areas of land identified and this omission would seem critical.

It was resolved to issue a leaflet to residents explaining the possible impact of adopting this Preferred Options paper, how to participate in the public consultation and object if they wish to do so.

It was resolved to seek professional advice in drawing up an appropriately worded response to the consultation, which is expected to commence in October, so that the objection is put into coherent, planning terms.

11 Consider quotations for Interpretation Boards

Three quotations had been obtained for consideration however there is uncertainty as to how many boards will be required. The Clerk was instructed to ask Ben Hargreaves of Lancashire

Wildlife Trust to confirm what is required and whether land owner permission had yet been obtained.

12 Matters introduced by Members for inclusion on a future agenda

Members will inform the Clerk in advance of the next meeting if there are issues they wish to draw attention to.

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

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Chairman – Cllr Louise Howard