

# *Dalton Parish Council*

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**Minutes of the meeting of Dalton Parish Council at 7:00 pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
in St Michael's C E Primary School.**

**Present: Cllr Iain Pearce (Vice Chairman), Cllr Gill Rainford, Cllr Chris Murphy  
and Borough Councillor May Blake.**

**1 To record apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Louise Howard. Cllr Iain Pearce took the Chair.

**2 To receive declarations of interests**

None declared.

**3 To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> March 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 asked if the website was up and running and was told that it is and can be found at [www.daltonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.daltonparishcouncil.co.uk). Also that the Keep Moat development will reach as far as the protected field. Remembering during the last boundary change examination, Cllr Blake said the Boundary Commissioner insisted that this field must remain in order and cannot be built on. She will continue to fight any development proposals on this field so that there is a separation of Dalton from the town of Skelmersdale. She also continues to be against any development in the green belt.

**5 To consider any policing issues**

The Rural Beat Officer is making regular patrols and notices about poaching had been erected on Lees Lane and other strategic sites. Police had also attended to an attempt suicide in the cemetery at the Church. No other issues were raised.

**6 To consider any road and footpath (public rights of way) issues, including  
flooding along Higher Lane/Dungeon Lane junction**

The problems outside Rookery Bungalow had been reported to LCC Highways and United Utilities had examined their pipework and reported no problems with it.

The water appears to be coming through the tarmac. Historically, the property at Pinfold used to have a stream running alongside it but it is not apparent any more so this may have

some bearing on the issue. The grids at the entrance to Rookery Farm appear blocked. When it rains water rushes down the left-hand side of Dungeon Lane.

Higher up the hill along Higher Lane near Windy Ridge also floods with water gushing down the road when it rains. There is a loose grid and the meeting heard that a member of the public is suing due to injury sustained when this grid was lifted by the water gushing out.

LCC Highways have been contacted with these concerns, particularly because they are planning to resurface Higher Lane shortly and it would seem pointless if the flooding issue is not sorted first.

It was agreed to try and photograph the flooding as it happens so that it is easy to explain to LCC Highways. Also, to write to the householder most concerned as she had tried phoning LCC Highways and did not feel her concerns were taken seriously or even logged.

## 7 Accounts for ratification and payment; receipt of statement of annual accounts

HMRC	270318	Tax for three months	d.d.	£139.62
E A Broad	290318	salary (March 2018)	s.o.	£191.14
Online Design	090318	Domain name subscription	0416	£24.00*
LALC Membership	150318	Annual subscription	0417	£67.72
Zurich Municipal	160418	Insurance renewal	0418	£167.44

\*contain recoverable VAT

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment. End of financial year summary was produced and papers prepared for submission to the internal auditor.

## 8 To discuss any planning issues

**Reference Number: 2018/0147/FUL**

**Location: Stoneacre, Crow Lane, Dalton, Lancashire, WN8 7RY**

**Proposal: First floor rear extension to dwelling**

**Parish Council Response:** Dalton Parish Council has no objection to this planning application, provided it meets with the current planning rules, is in keeping with development in the green belt, and meets the criteria in the Dalton Village Design Statement.

## 9 Consideration of WLBC consultation on Community Infrastructure Levy

The Parish Council does not know of any issues in Dalton that might be supported with the CIL monies at the present time.

## 10 Adoption of policies to ensure compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation

The draft documents were agreed and will be posted on the parish council website.

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

Councillors agreed to email the Clerk with any items.

There being no further issues, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35pm.

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*21<sup>st</sup> May 2018*

*Chairman*