

Dalton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Dalton Parish Council at 7:00 pm on Monday 25th February 2019 in St Michael's C E Primary School.

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

1 To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Gill Rainford

2 To receive declarations of interests

None declared.

3 To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 14th January 2019

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

The meeting noted recent increase in theft of York stone and other garden ornaments and paraphernalia. Also problems of antisocial behaviour in the car park to the church and school. A rota of volunteers has been set up to lock the gates at night-time to deter such activity. The behaviour includes driving motor bikes and quad bikes along the footpath accessing the fields at the back of the Ashurst Hall site and it was suggested that one or two vehicle barriers could be installed along this footpath to prevent access through.

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

There were reports of a white tipper truck fly tipping soil and rubble at the end of Long Heys Lane. The Clerk was asked to inform the land owner, who does not reside nearby, so that he is aware of the problem.

7 Conclusion of Capital Grant Scheme project for interpretation boards

Ben Hargreaves of Lancashire Wildlife Trust has installed one board along the pathway running past Ashurst Hall and the second one will be installed closer to Beacon Point at a later date.

8 Accounts for ratification and payment

E A Broad	280219	Salary - February 2019	s.o.	£194.25
St Michael's School	250219	Room hire for the year	0435	£150.00
Safety Supplies	250219	20 litterpicking gloves	0436	£tbc
Online Design	250219	Webpage fees	0437	£24.00*

*contains VAT

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

It was resolved to set the Clerk's salary from April 2019 at £11.45 per hour for a five hour week, in line with the new grade 13 on the National Association of Local Council's agreed pay-scale.

It was resolved to ask John Stewart (Homelands) to cut the grass verges.

9 Ratification of response regarding LCC proposals to close Skelmersdale recycling Centre for two days a week

The following response was ratified and agreed for submission to the LCC online consultation:

Dalton Parish Council has no objection to making the opening hours the same across all recycling centres, so 9 to 5 all year round.

However, does object to reducing the days Skelmersdale HWRC opens to five. Skelmersdale exceeds the tonnage for reducing the opening days, and whilst there are two HWRC's in West Lancs (Burscough): the distance between them is six miles. Nobody is going to get to one Centre realise it's closed, then drive an additional 6 miles to get to the other.

A lot of the people who use Skelmersdale HWRC are from outside of West Lancashire, because the Wigan HWRC is on the opposite side of their Borough. So people from Shevington, Standish, Appley Bridge and the west side of Wigan come to Skelmersdale HWRC as it's closer. They probably don't even know there is a HWRC in Burscough, never mind know how to find it.

The instances of fly tipping are going to increase, we already have fly tipping incidents at least weekly and that's just in Dalton, given where these happen it can be assumed the majority of it is done by people from outside West Lancashire, so from the places mentioned previously, as the fly tipping typically occurs on the routes to the HWRC through Dalton.

It's false economy by Lancashire County Council, whilst they may reduce their costs, it's simply transferring the problem and costs to West Lancs Borough Council and us as West Lancs tax payers.

10 To discuss any planning issues

Application ref: 2018/1274/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory outbuilding. Erection of 1 & 1/2 storey rear extension, bay window extensions and dormer alterations.

Location: Palmyra, Higher Lane, Dalton. Amended Plan.

Parish Council Response: As the amended design, and hence volume, does not exceed the permitted maximum, then Dalton Parish Council have no objection

Application Number 2019/0067/FUL

Location: Rivoma Higher Lane Dalton Wigan Lancashire WN8 7TW

Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey side outrigger, erection of two storey/part single storey side extension, including balcony. Two storey front extension and single storey front extension. Associated external works, re-cladding of existing brickwork

Parish Council Response:

Dalton Parish Council objects to this planning application.

Whilst we do not object to this property being extended up to the maximum volume allowed, or the property being modernised. We do object to the front extension.

The extension at the front, means that the front of the house will be demolished, wiping out any trace of the original house. This will obviously totally change the visual amenity/aspect of this property and this is what we object to.

Any extensions and alterations should be done sympathetically, and in keeping with the original property. This front extension, is obviously being done to totally change how this house looks. It will be a modern contemporary facade, in fact like a new build, and would be totally out of keeping with any other property in Dalton.

This also goes against the Supplementary Planning Guidance, in the Dalton Village Design Statement.

11 Any final arrangements for Dalton Litterpick

It was resolved to purchase 20 medium sized gloves for litter picking. A new risk assessment was drafted and agreed.

12 Matters introduced by Members for inclusion on a future agenda

Councillors will inform the Clerk in advance of the next meeting if they have any issues they wish to raise. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm

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Chairman: Councillor Louise Howard

7th April