

Dalton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Dalton Parish Council at 7:00 pm on Monday 7th April 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 5th March 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)

Resident Mrs Braithwaite asked the parish council permission to plant daffodil bulbs purchased with the proceeds of a charity event, on the section of land at the junction of Lees Lane and Hillock Lane. The Councillors thanked her for this lovely initiative and agreed permission be granted.

There is concern about the large amount of litter on (lower) Beacon Lane. Whilst not in Dalton Parish – one side is Newburgh Parish and the other Skelmersdale Town, this is the gateway into Dalton. The Parish is appreciative of the work the borough council do over there, the main roads in Skelmersdale are kept very clean but it is frustrating that this section of road is so untidy. It is mostly fast-food wrappers. – try to put some pressure on Borough Council and the – Since the new Woodlands development facing onto Beacon Lane can the borough council increase the litter picking around here, technically the increase in council tax from these new homes should contribute towards the cost of this. There was some created by the Keep Moat development as the building material and ticker-tape was never cleared up. They were meant to have used netting on the boundary fences to retain rubbish and prevent it being blown away but this was never done. The Clerk was asked to remind Newburgh Parish Council that one side of this road is within their parish.

Also, on this section of road, just past the sharp bend where it curves a little more there is a deep manhole with no cover. It is not certain if it is an LCC or United Utilities matter but we are aware of at least five phone calls reporting this and it has not been attended to.

In the heavy rain three weeks ago, there was water coming off the garden at the property Dalton Brae and flowed onto Hillock Lane. It is reported that the residents have put a drain off their garden emptying onto the road. The Clerk was asked to inform LCC Highways that this has happened.

Water is bubbling up from under the road at the Higher Lane/Dungeon Lane dungeon and a video of this happening has been sent to LCC Highways.

5 To consider any policing issues

There has been some recent antisocial behaviour on the car park of the Church and Section 59 fixed penalty notices have been issued. The car park is being closed off after dark, there is some cctv coverage and the police can seize vehicles

There have been issues also with quad bikes and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotations for a barrier or gate on the public right of way near to the new interpretation board.

Councillors and residents were incredibly impressed that PC Paddy Stewart came along to the recent community litter-picking event. He even caught people in the act of fly tipping on Lees Lane on this occasion. It was resolved to write a letter of thanks and a commendation to his Commanding Officer that the residents report good communication with service above and beyond expected.

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

Water is bubbling up from the tarmac along Higher Lane/Dungeon Road. It appears that the parish council suggestion that the flooding problem were investigated and solved before the surface dressing was done, had been ignored. The video sent to the Clerk has been forwarded to the District Lead Officer at LCC Highways.

7 To receive accounts for financial year 2018/19

The end of year figures were distributed and it was agreed to send these over to the internal auditor, Sandra Jones.

8 Accounts for ratification and payment

E A Broad	280319	Salary - March 2019	s.o.	£194.25
HMRC	280319	Tax for three months	d.d.	£132.48
LALC	080419	Subscription fee	0438	£76.38
Zurich Insurance	080419	Insurance	0439	£167.44
E A Broad	280419	Salary – April 2019	s.o.	£203.48

*contains VAT

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

9 To discuss any planning issues

No current planning applications or issues raised.

10 Matters introduced by Members for inclusion on a future agenda

Councillors will email the Clerk with any issues for future agenda.

A huge thank you to the biggest group of volunteers this year, over thirty people turned out on the Saturday morning to help.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40 pm.

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Chairman: Councillor Louise Howard