

Dalton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Dalton Parish Council at 7:00 pm on Monday 13th January 2020 in St Michael's C E Primary School.

Present: Cllr Louise Howard (Chairman), Cllr Gill Rainford, Cllr Chris Murphy.

1 To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Pearce.

2 To receive declarations of interests

Cllr Howard declared an interest in Item 7 – Planning Application Dalton Brae as a neighbour.

3 To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 25th November 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

PC Gordon Davies had been in contact with the Chairman. There had been an incident of quad bikes riding through farmland around six weeks earlier, resulting in offences leading to one arrest. Residents were requested to remain vigilant and assist the independently-run Dalton Watch project.

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

Higher Lane drainage problems continue, LCC/WLBC workmen have been down and cleaned out the reported grids but not all of them. Tonight in heavy rain the water is flowing down the road like a stream again.

It is anticipated that Lees Lane will become busy because Lancaster Lane, Parbold is due to be closed from 17th January 2020 and, as usual the diversion signs put out for this closure do not match the diversion notice issued. The sign has been erected between the mini roundabout and The Wayfarer restaurant. If it closes here, most drivers will use Higher Lane, and through to Lees Lane instead of the alternate route suggested by LCC through Hilldale. When the cones go across the road, where the sign has been placed, which is not the road

closure detailed on the advance notice, lorries and larger vehicles will find they cannot turn left onto Lees Lane and they will get stuck on the farmland at the side. Two large vehicles meeting along here will block the road. The clerk was asked to alert LCC Highways to this likelihood.

7 To discuss any planning issues, including Parbold Hill Landfill County Application

Application Number: 2019/1249/FUL

Location: Manor House, Long Heys Lane, Dalton, WN8 7RS

Proposal: Erection of two buildings; a lambing shed and a building containing two stables and a feed/tack store.

Parish Council Response: no objection to this proposal.

Application Number: 2019/1227/FUL

Location: Dalton Brae Hillock Lane Dalton Wigan Lancashire WN8 7RJ

Proposal: Extension and alterations to dwelling, together with erection of replacement garage and erection of replacement fences and access gates.

Interest declared – Cllr Howard, as neighbour to the property.

Parish Council Response: No objection to this proposal.

Application Number: 2019/1205/FUL

Location: High Lees Higher Lane Dalton Wigan Lancashire WN8 7RA

Proposal: Proposed stables and alterations to existing access.

Parish Council Response:

As long as using and widening the existing drive meets LCC Highways criteria, then we have no objection to that.

However we do still object to the size and scale of the proposed stables. This is a massive new building within the greenbelt, and no special circumstances have been demonstrated to outweigh the harm this would cause.

If planning permission is granted we would ask that a couple of conditions are put in place.

1. To prevent the new opening that has been created, by removing the hedge into the adjacent field, being used. On the original planning application, Highways said this new opening couldn't be used, but the applicant has been doing so. We also note on the plans for the current application it is marked as being an existing entrance/exit.
2. The conditions requested for the previous application by Environmental Health, with regards to how the stables are used and by whom are applied.

Application Number: 2019/1085/FUL

Location: The Barn, Long Heys Lane, Dalton, WN8 6RS

Proposal: Two storey side extension to existing barn, including space in loft to access existing loft conversion and erection of detached double garage. Construction of two stone pillars either side of the access (retrospective) and proposed gate

Parish Council Response: Dalton Parish Council has no objection to the proposed extension or new detached garage, providing all planning regulations have been met, in terms of volume, design, etc. and that it meets the guidelines in the Dalton Village Design Statement.

However, we would ask that LCC Highways are consulted to ensure the new drive meets all their criteria, in terms of visibility, etc.

The following response was sent regarding Parbold Hill Landfill application:-

Dalton Parish Council object to this amended application.

Whilst the volumes of landfill involved have been decreased, and the lay-by left intact.....the points made in our original objection still stand.

This is still inappropriate development within the greenbelt, no special circumstances have yet been demonstrated to outweigh the harm this development would cause.

The site is visible for miles around, as it is one of the highest points in West Lancashire, and as such attracts hundreds, if not thousands of visitors every week. The implications for both visitors as well as residents, if this application were to be given the go ahead, would be huge. Not only harming the visual amenity of the greenbelt, but with potential harm to the public themselves.....so many people so close to a busy landfill site.

Importing 125,000 tonnes of waste to the site, with 12,000 additional wagon movements on the already extremely busy A5209, will impact not just directly around the landfill location, but all residents on the route to the location.

The new access is no safer than what was previously proposed, it is still a major safety concern for everyone that uses the A5209. Slow moving HGV's exiting onto a very busy major road with a derestricted speed limit, at a particularly busy section with high number of visitors that stop at the adjacent view point, is extremely dangerous, and potentially could cause a fatal accident.

Noise, dust, vibration and odours will still be high at the site, all of which will impact residents, visitors and local businesses.....and all of which are unacceptable.

We urge you to refuse this application. There are no special circumstances, that could possibly outweigh the harm that this development would cause....not only to the landscape, but to visitors, residents, road users and local businesses.

8 Accounts for ratification and payment

E A Broad	291119	Salary – November 2019	s.o.	£203.48
HMRC	271219	Tax deducted from clerk	s.o.	£148.80
E A Broad	301219	Salary – December 2019	s.o.	£203.48

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

9 To confirm budget for Financial Year 2020/21 and the level of precept

The budget compiled and distributed at the last meeting was confirmed with the precept set at £4,200.00. WLBC confirmed that a Council Tax Support Grant of £15.00 and concurrent funding (only to be used on WLBC concurrent activities, eg grass cutting) of £390.00.

10 To set the dates for future meetings

The following dates were set for future meetings:

Mondays: 24th February 2020, 30th March 2020, 18th May 2020 and 29th June 2020.

11 To nominate new trustee to the Peter Lathom Charity

One of the longer standing members of the Charities District, Mr William Waterworth, had recently resigned. As he represented the Dalton area the Clerk to the Trustees requested that Dalton Parish Council nominate a person who lives or works in the Dalton area, who would be willing to take up the Appointment as the Local Representative Trustee for Dalton. It is a term of office which lasts four years, the person is required to attend one meeting which is usually in October of each year and for the rest of the year simply keep their eyes and ears open for any good charitable cause, a person with any welfare or educational need which the Charity might be able to assist them with. There is no need for the person to be a Member of the Parish Council, as long as it is someone nominated by the Council who is suitable and willing to accept the role.

It was resolved to nominate Alice Coren, Ashcliffe, Lees Lane, WN8 7RE as Dalton Parish Council's nominated local representative on the Peter Lathom Charity.

12 Matters introduced by Members for inclusion on a future agenda

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm

Cllr Louise Howard
Chairman

24th February 2020