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# *Dalton Parish Council*

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## **SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS DUE TO COVID-19**

**Parish Council public meetings cannot take place at the present time.**

Under the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020, and The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 this Meeting of the Parish Council was held at **7.00 pm on Monday 18th May 2020** via electronic conferencing.

The Election of Parish Council Chairman and other Annual General Meeting order of business is suspended. Current structure will remain in place as determined by the AGM in May 2019.\* Until public meetings resume, only urgent matters of business, to maintain the day-to-day business of the council, will be discussed.

**An opportunity was given for any member of the public to raise an item by email in advance of the meeting.**

**Present: Cllr Louise Howard (Chairman), Cllr Iain Pearce (Vice Chairman), Cllr Chris Murphy, Cllr Gill Rainford.**

## **MINUTES**

### **1. To record apologies for absence**

None, all present.

### **2. To receive declarations of interest**

None declared.

### **3. Public Participation:**

- **Any item raised by a member of the public via email will be discussed at this point.**

No items raised.

### **4. To ratify as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 30th March 2020**

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The minutes were ratified as a correct record of the meeting to be signed by the Chairman as soon as possible after the meeting.

#### **5. To confirm accuracy of asset register and confirm payment for insurance**

The Asset Register was confirmed as follows:-

<b>Asset Register 2020</b>		
		<b>Custodian</b>
Jubilee bench – bought in 2003	£772	Street furniture
Oak notice board – bought in 2007	£1,463	Street furniture
“Dalton” – cast iron signposts x 4	£500	Street furniture
Bench on corner of Lees Lane/Higher Lane (acquired 2017 - costing £300 to repaint in 2016)	£300	Street furniture
Interpretation Boards – bought in 2018	£1,940	Street furniture
Lenovo laptop (2018) projector (2008)	£900	Clerk
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY SUM</b>	<b>£5,875</b>	

It was resolved to continue with the current insurance provider, as per the long-term agreement.

#### **6. To update Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

The Standing Orders and financial Regulations were updated to accommodate

#### **7. Accounts for ratification and payment**

E A Broad	29042020	Salary – April 2020	s.o.	£203.48
Zurich Municipal	07052020	Insurance renewal premium	0462	£167.44

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

#### **8. To received accounts and audit documentation, including Statement of Annual Governance**

The accounts and audit documentation were distributed and agreed. These are currently being considered by the Internal Auditor for the preparation of an independent report. They will then be displayed on the noticeboard and website and then submitted for External Audit before the deadline.

#### **9. To record any police issues**

There was a problem before the Church Car Park gates were locked, with gatherings of people breaking the lockdown rules, the Police were informed.

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Also, there is generally a significant increase in members of the public in Dalton, walking, etc.

PC Paddy Stewart visited the business premises of a builder, whose van was seen fly tipping on Long Heys Lane. The culprit was identified, and the business owners sacked him and also ensured all the fly tipping was cleared that same day.

#### **10. To record any highway or public rights of way issues**

Lancashire County Council Highways aware of all the following problems, but all they are still outstanding and have been so for over 12 months in some cases:

- a. Culvert/Drain on Higher Lane still causing severe flooding every time it rains, down a significant stretch of the road from Dalton House all the way down to Dungeon Lane.
- b. Culvert/Drain at the junction of Dungeon Lane/Higher Lane still outstanding. Potholes caused by the water bubbling through the tarmac have been filled, but the source of the problem is still outstanding.
- c. Still work outstanding at several points on Lees Lane, where the edges of the road were eroded by rain last year, and are in danger of collapsing, where culverts run under the road. Barriers/cones put at edges of the road by LCC at the time the problem occurred, but work to rectify still outstanding.

For the third time in the last few months, Footpath 35 running behind Rockhaven on Higher Lane, was blocked by the owners of Rockhaven. LCC had only just opened up the footpath and within days, the owners of Rockhaven had blocked it again. LCC have yet again spoken to the owners of the property, and as of 15/05/20 it is open. This will be monitored on an ongoing basis.

During the lockdown, due to the recycling centres being shut there has been a significant increase in fly tipping in Dalton. The meeting heard that the Recycling Centre is reopening to resident who book time-slots online, which may alleviate this to a degree.

#### **11. To consider any planning issues or applications**

No new planning applications, but queries outstanding on two older applications:

2020/0054/FUL Ashleigh Farm, Long Heys Lane: no decision made yet and we've had no response to the email sent.

2020/0124/LDP Rivoma, Higher Lane, awaiting a reply from Planning as to what the split decision means, and what the way forward is.

It was resolved to write to the Planning Authority again as follows:-

On the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020, the following decisions were made by Dalton Parish Council and these questions referred to West Lancashire Borough Council Planning Department.

**Application Number 2020/0124/LDP  
Riyoma, Higher Lane, Dalton, WN8 7TW**

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**Certificate of lawfulness – proposed single storey flat roofed rear extension and conversion of garage to living accommodation including removal of existing pitched lean-to roof and new flat roof.**

Parish Council Comment: This is an application to determine whether the proposal is within permitted development and therefore does not invite comment from the Parish Council so there is no 'make a comment' button on the online system. However, Dalton Parish Council does have concerns.

The Parish Council noted that a very similar application 2019/0613/LDP was considered last July and a determination that a full planning application would be required was made.

At that time (1st July 2019) the Parish Council did ask

What's the intended use of the garage, as the plans show windows at the rear but cars drawn on the plans?

Is the overall volume of the new garage and extensions covered by the previous planning permission?

Why submit a certificate of lawfulness, as they've already got full planning permission, so why not submit an amended planning application? What's the reasoning/benefit to the applicant in doing it this way?

But received no reply and just noted that the LDP application was refused.

This application appears to the Parish Council to be so similar as to expect the same result; can we be assured that the full application will come forward giving the Parish Council an opportunity to comment?

If so, the questions above still stand.

**Application Number 2020/0054/FUL  
Ashleigh Farm, Long Heys Lane, Dalton, WN8 7RS  
Replacement/reinstatement of storm damaged agricultural storage building  
(retrospective)**

**Parish Council Response:** Dalton Parish Council has no objection to this planning application for a replacement building.

**In respect of this application, the following was asked of the Planning Authority:**

Dalton Parish Councillors are considering their comments to this planning application and the applicant has asked why have they been asked for written evidence to demonstrate how ground conditions and risks posed by past coal mining activities have been considered and taken into account during the construction phase, when this is a replacement building for one that had been there for over 50 years.

They have looked at many applications that have been made in the same lane, and no others seem to have been asked this; there is currently an application in from The Barn across the

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road from this, they have two pit heads at the top of their land, they don't seem to have been asked for this information.

Can you answer this so that we might all understand?

**There has been no response to either issue.**

There is no record of comments Dalton Parish Council put onto the planning portal and it would appear to applicants that no comment was made, when in fact these comments were submitted and the questions asked on their behalf.

Please can someone look at our questions and respond.

We are fully supportive of Application Number 2020/0054/FUL and the applicant is unaware that we support their application, and that we asked you for more information on their behalf because nothing appears on the website from Dalton Parish Council. For this reason we shall now re-submit comment, shortened so that it might not be held up by process.

We note that Application Number 2020/0124/LDP has been decided with a split response but there is no decision notice on the website and we would like to understand what has been agreed and what has been rejected please?

## **12. To notify Councillors of Community Infrastructure Levy money received and consider projects for its use**

Development at Quinta contained a clause that community infrastructure of £908.75 be paid to the parish council for infrastructure projects. The money has to be spent within five years and under the following legislation:

59C. A local council must use CIL receipts passed to it in accordance with regulation 59A or 59B to support the development of the local council's area, or any part of that area, by funding— (a) the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure;

or

(b) anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area

It was agreed to take some time to consider this in more detail. Some suggestions include replacing the damaged oak bollards on the sharp corner around the Church, creating a wild flower meadow/space on the grass at the junction of Lees Lane/Higher Lane, repairs to and cleaning of the black and white metal signs.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

*Cllr Louise Howard*  
*Chairman*

*29<sup>th</sup> June 2020*