

Dalton Parish Council

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SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS DUE TO COVID-19

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 took place at **7.00 pm on Monday 30th November 2020** by electronic conferencing.

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 new items raised that are not already on the agenda.

4. To ratify as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 26th October 2020

The Minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and will be signed in due course by the Chairman.

5. Accounts for ratification and payment

E A Broad	30112020	Salary – November 2020	s.o.	£203.48
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The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

6. To further consider Business Banking Switch

It was resolved to accept switch process to whichever bank can offer the services required by Parish Councils, crucially, the second validation for payments before they are made. Co-op bank had determined that their community account was not available for parish councils.

Enquiries would be made with Unity Trust a specialist bank, subsidiary to Co-operative Bank.

7. To consider budget for Financial Year 2020/21

The budget figures were accepted, noting a deficit. However, careful budgeting in previous years has built a reserve. WLBC has not yet issued the figures for parish council grants, so it was resolved to make a final determination on the level of precept at the January meeting when these figures are obtained.

8. To record any police issues

Two issues since the last meeting, first was yet again a large group of bikes including quads all over the fields behind the church a couple of Sundays ago. Second, a suspicious car with three men on board, looking at people's properties on Long Heys Lane. The car was not registered with DVLA, but the vehicle was very much known to the Police.

9. To record any highway or public rights of way issues

The following issues arose:

- a) There is still water coming through the road surface near the junction of Dungeon Lane/Higher Lane. Already reported to LCC.
- b) Despite installing a tarmac patch in the hole that was appearing where the road was collapsing on Higher Lane near High Bracken, nothing has been done to rectify the cause of it. It appears that there is a problem with the gully/drains as the hole is right at the side of a drain. The road is already starting to give way again in the same place. LCC Highways already know about this.
- c) The sides of the carriageway are still not repaired in three places on Lees Lane, and they're getting worse. These are between Higher Lane and Blackbirds Farm, between Holland House and Lower House Farm, and opposite the end of Long Heys Lane. This matter already reported to LCC.
- d) Footpath 8-7-25 between Lees Lane and Appley Lane South, is virtually impassable due to flooding and the condition of the footpath surface. This matter reported on the LCC online system and given the reference number W540183.

10. To consider any planning issues or applications

No current WLBC applications.

11. To consider supporting Stop the Parbold Landfill following LCC decision to approve Application Number: 2019/0028/LCC

It was resolved to pledge £100 donation toward the Judicial Review when it goes ahead. Cheque to be issued when more information is obtained to confirm that the process is underway.

12. Update on Capital Grant project for vehicular barrier on the footpath near to the Interpretation Board by Dalton Church grounds

This project is underway. To improve efficacy of the barrier, some fencing panels are required so these will be added to the order from Centrewire.

13. To consider replacing wooden bollards around St Michael's Church

It was resolved to purchase brown wood effect bollards and use CIL to fund this if acceptable within the criteria.

14. To consider what projects can be supported using Community Infrastructure monies

It was agreed to fund the purchase and installation of the bollards from the CIL money, if allowed within the criteria.

If there is any money left over then to, at that time, decide whether it can/should be used to help improve broadband speeds for some residents.

Also to enquire of WLBC if it might be used to contribute towards the purchase of a public defibrillator for installation at Dalton School.

Cllr Louise Howard
Chairman

11th January 2021