

# *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 took place starting at **7.00 pm on Monday 12th April 2021** by Zoom - Meeting ID: 414 428 9588  
Passcode: 936372

## **MINUTES**

**Present: Cllr Louise Howard (Chairman), Cllr Gill Rainford, Cllr Chris Murphy and three members of the public.**

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

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Iain Pearce, due to work commitments.

### **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.**

The new development at Whalleys, just outside Dalton parish, has certainly increased the amount of roadside litter. Residents have asked Borough Councillors to consider bins, particularly dog poo bins (though WLBC Bin Strategy reminds residents that any bin will do so that specific dog bins are no longer provided under cost-cutting exercise). Newburgh Parish Council consider this area quite dangerous for their volunteer litter pickers so the emphasis must be on the Borough Council. WLBC received community infrastructure levy for these new homes and some of this ought to be allocated to the provision of litter bins

A resident on Long Heys Lane has put protective boulders into the grass on the roadside verge (which is believed to be adopted LCC land). However, this has the consequence of preventing large vehicles accessing the farms further down the lane, causing considerable disruption to normal farm-life, since vehicles delivering animal feed cannot get through the

single track lane. The residents most affected have been in contact with County Councillor Paul Greenhall who visited and agreed to ask LCC Highways if the boulders are legal. It was understood that LCC Highways have sent staff out to log the complaint and the matter is now with LCC Highways legal department. Residents at the farm cut off by the problem ask if the Parish Council can also complain about the boulders. The Parish Council can only log the issue on the LCC Report It system and have no fast-track route to resolution. In fact, LCC Highways has not tackled issues the parish raised over two years ago.

**4. To ratify as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 22nd February 2021**

The Minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting.

**5. Accounts for ratification and payment**

E A Broad	280221	Salary – February 2021	s.o.	£280.86
E A Broad	280321	Salary - March 2021	s.o.	£280.86
HMRC	280321	Tax for three months	d.d.	£216.00
Zurich Municipal	120421	Insurance premium	0477	£167.44

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

**6. To record any police issues**

The Chairman and Clerk had a MS Teams meeting with Chief Inspector Chris Abbot, Inspector Daniel Clough, resident John Finney and Rosie Cooper to discuss recent burglaries. The most disturbing fact discussed was the poor response from police at the time of a burglary, experienced by a female resident confronting masked men at her door. The police apologised for the length of time it took them to visit that residence and explained the work they had done in the interim. There followed a more visible police presence in the village. The Clerk was asked to record thanks to police for meeting with councillors and residents and for their continued investigations.

**7. Update on LCC application for landfill at Parbold Hill (2019/0028/LCC)**

The meeting noted that LCC were to reconsider their decision to grant permission and that the Environment Agency will be considering the environmental permit. This only happened because of the dedication of the people on the Stop Parbold Landfill group and the Chairman thanked them on behalf of all the residents.

The process may begin again but any application must include a justification of need. The applicant will probably ask the Environment Agency for a permit of variation which provides information on the current state of the landfill and would have to provide evidence of need before it can be presented to LCC for planning permission. This permit of variation will be recorded as of high public interest, giving residents and Parish Councils an opportunity to consider and comment on it.

**8. To conclude plans for the AGM (Monday 24th May 2021 @ 7pm) and future meetings as Lockdown eases.**

As Dalton Parish Council meetings are held in Dalton St Michael's primary school in the evenings, there is little time to clean the room before the school opens to pupils, making it impracticable to hold a physical public meeting at the present time. The failure of government to extend the legislation permitting remote meetings is currently the subject of legal scrutiny, so if permitted, Dalton Parish Council will hold remote meetings on the 24<sup>th</sup> May and 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021. If these meetings subsequently lack legal status, they will be treated as working party meetings and any conclusions reached will be ratified in the September meeting.

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

The issues of the three areas on Lees Lane, where the road is collapsing was given the reference W572055. It was noted that LCC Highways agreed to replace the cones where they were missing however, the road has been like this for well over two years with unsightly cones/barriers that would not assist in the event of accident. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways again to ask for a timescale for repair of the eroded road.

**10. To consider any planning issues or applications**

The meeting noted that a certificate of lawfulness was granted for Application 2020/1259/LDP single story side extension to Holland House, Lees Lane, WN8 7RD

**11. To consider WLBC CIL consultation**

Item will be considered administratively. Discussion suggested that WLBC be encouraged to use CIL to provide more litter bins, capable of accepting dog waste in the areas of housing development, because currently, their failure to do so is impacting on the village of Dalton.

**12. Update on St Michael's School plan to provide a public defibrillator**

The defibrillator has been installed with security lighting added and twelve residents have attended training sessions in its use.

The Chairman closed the meeting in order to accommodate the Annual Parish Assembly at 7:30pm

*Cllr Louise Howard*  
*Chairman*

*24<sup>th</sup> May 2021*