

Dalton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.00 pm on Monday 10th January 2022
in Dalton St Michael's School, Higher Lane, Dalton, WN8 7RP.

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

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 will be discussed at this point. There is usually a restriction of four minutes for each issue that is brought to the attention of the Chairman.

No items raised.

4. To ratify as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held 29th November 2021

The Minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. To consider applying to WLBC Capital Grant Scheme for funding to produce an artistic public rights of way map

It was resolved to request £3,000 Capital Grant, with a parish council commitment of £1,000 to produce an artistic map that can be used to promote walking in the parish, simultaneously encouraging walkers to stick to the public rights of way and not encroach on private or farm land.

6. Accounts for ratification and payment

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| E A Broad | 281121 | Salary - Nov 2021 | s.o. | £248.42 |
| E A Broad | 281221 | Salary - Dec 2021 | s.o. | £248.42 |
| HMRC Cumbernauld | 271221 | Tax for 3 months | s.o. | £183.00 |

Dalton Parish Council 100122 Deposit into Unity Bank account 489 £500.00

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment. The meeting noted a change in tax code for the clerk and a letter of authorisation to amend the bank standing orders for salary and tax was signed. However, this letter will be held, pending transfer to Unity Trust account.

7. To confirm budget for Financial Year 2022-23 and level of required precept

Following the decision to apply for a Capital Grant for a footpath map, a £1,000 requirement from parish funds creates added pressure. However, the application may not be successful, so the budget figures looked at in November will remain unchanged. Should the Capital Grant be successful, perhaps other funding sources can be considered, or the parish council reserve used to support the project.

It was resolved to request a precept of; -

£4,500.00 for Financial Year 2022/23.

£15 Council Tax Support Grant and £390 concurrent funding (used for grass verge cutting) from WLBC will continue.

It was resolved to ask Sandra Jones, Clerk to Newburgh Parish Council to undertake the Internal Audit at the end of this financial year – ie 31st March 2022.

8. To complete application for banking switch from Natwest to Unity Trust Bank

It was resolved to complete documentation for application to open a Unity Trust Bank account, agreeing with Unity Trust terms and conditions, noting the FSCS information, and to access internet banking with a secondary authentication for transactions. All Councillors to be enrolled to the system; any two to authorise transactions.

9. To record any police issues

No items raised.

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

There have been requests for a roadside public waste bin. The most appropriate place for such a bin would be alongside the new Woodlands development footpath – however this is not situated within Dalton Parish.

The planned and then cancelled work on Lees Lane is still outstanding. The Clerk was asked to obtain an update from LCC Highways.

The manhole cover on the footpath opposite High Bracken lifts and water gushes over the pavement and onto the road. Following rain, it lifts 2 or 3 inches out of the ground. The matter has been reported in the past and the Clerk was asked to obtain an update from LCC Highways. As the Report It system did not appear to have a record of this, it was reported and given the reference W657070.

11. To consider any planning issues or applications

The meeting noted the following decision:-

Application Number: 2021/1215/FUL

Proposal: Re-modelling of dwelling to provide extensions to side and rear

Location: Woodbank Higher Lane Dalton Wigan Lancashire WN8 7RP

REFUSED

Application Number: 2021/1407/FUL

Proposal: This proposal involves the creation of a menage at the eastern end of the site. The menage will be a sand paddock surrounded by a fence, to be used for exercising horses.

Location: Manor House Long Heys Lane Dalton Wigan Lancashire WN8 7RS

Parish Council Response: Dalton Parish Council has no objections in principle to this application, providing all the criteria for development in the green belt have been met. Also, that it fits with the Dalton Village Design Statement.

Application Number: 2021/1389/PNH

Proposal: Application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required - Extension of dwellinghouse. Dimension from rear wall of the original dwellinghouse - 7.88m.

Location: Rivoma Higher Lane Dalton Wigan Lancashire WN8 7TW

Parish Council Response: No comment on this application at this prior approval stage.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25 pm.

Cllr Louise Howard
Chairman

21st February 2022