

Dalton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council starting at 7.00 pm on Monday 27th June 2022 at Dalton St Michael's School, Higher Lane, Dalton, WN8 7RP.

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

MINUTES

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Iain Pearce.

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.

The meeting heard that Stephanie Ellis has stepped down from the Parochial Parish Council for the Up Holland & Dalton Churches of St Thomas the Martyr, Up Holland, Christ Church, Digmaor and St Michael's Dalton, leaving no Dalton representation.

An application to sign off the Round O Quarry site is expected in September 2022. The application shows that the site has been overfilled by a phenomenal amount. Therefore the plan now is either to remediate it to existing land or formalise the overfill. However, importantly this shows that placing conditions on the planning applications for the quarry did not work. By overfilling, the companies involved made profit that was not subject to land fill tax and spoiled the land in such a fashion, by more and more lorries travelling along our streets, disruption and disturbance. It is clear that there needs to be a system of enforcement of conditions on planning permits because otherwise they are ignored completely. Conditions are important because the issue of planning permission includes documentation giving reasons for those conditions which are invariably to protect the environment or protect amenity of the residents. WLBC last budget setting meeting accepted the need for two more enforcement officers.

The Environment Agency has been evidence building around the Parbold Hill Landfill Site and concluded that there has been no monitoring, no gathering of data for eighteen months. An environmental permit can only be informed by data and there is no data.

Ashurst Beacon monument has again been attacked by vandals and has graffiti on it so Wigan Council will be notified.

Following an enquiry from a Skelmersdale resident Wigan Council will be asked to look into maintenance of the site, particularly with regard to trees as it is losing the panoramic views it is famed for. It is understood that WLBC and Wigan Council work well together at Fairy Glen and on canal footpaths, but there seems to be no collaboration on Ashurst Beacon. Could efforts be made to ask Wigan to gift the land to WLBC for incorporation into Beacon Country Park? Proposals may need to be taken forward by a wider group rather than the Parish Council.

The field visible as you turn into Long Heys Lane has become very overgrown.

4. To ratify as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held 16th May 2022

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

5. To record any police issues

Safer Roads Partnership issued bin stickers to promote careful driving and these were distributed to Councillors to pass onto residents who can use them. There was also a larger banner style notice for use along the roadside.

6. To record any highway or public right of way issues

No new issues raised, though it was noted that there are outstanding issues to be followed up.

7. Accounts for ratification and payment

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| E A Broad | 280522 | Salary - May 2022 | s.o. | £259.45 |
| ICO | 200522 | Data Protection Registration fee | d.d. | £35.00 |
| Daniel Hankey | 200522 | Grass verge cutting | b.t. | £45.00 |
| E A Broad | 270622 | Salary – June 2022 | s.o. | £259.45 |
| HMRC Cumbernauld | 270622 | Tax for three months | b.t. | £190.20 |
| Daniel Hankey | 240622 | Grass verge cutting | b.t. | £45.00 |

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

The meeting noted that on 180522 the first half concurrent funding of £195 was received from WLBC.

The Unity Trust Bank Balance as at 22nd June 2022 - £8,920.30

8. To approve Accessibility Statement and Freedom of Information documentation for Website

The documentation was agreed and will be uploaded to the website in due course.

9. To plan Capital Grant supported project to produce artistic map of the parish

This project is progressing. Croston Together group has used Postcode Lottery money to install way-marker discs with a 'you are here' and directions to the next post on them. Something similar might be incorporated into this project.

10. To adopt Lancashire County Council Charter for working with town and parish councils

The proposed LCC Charter for working with town and parish councils was accepted by the meeting. Details of this partnership agreement can be found on the LCC Website at:-

www.lancashire.gov.uk/parish-and-town-councils/charter

11. To consider any planning issues or applications

Application Number: 2022/0588/LDP

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

Proposal: Proposed garage

Parish Council Response: Dalton Parish Council is concerned at the number of developments at this site, and would hope that this progresses to a full planning application so that full consideration can be given and neighbours have the opportunity to comment.

Application Number: 2022/0510/LDP

Location: Grange Farm, Higher Lane, WN8 7TW

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness – proposed single-storey extension to side, demolition of existing porch and erection of new porch in same footprint.

Parish Council Response: This property has already been extended considerably compared to the original 1947 site. This particular application does not detail the volumes and as a such its compliance with greenbelt policy is difficult to determine. Whilst the proposed new porch, it is suggested, is in the same footprint, the extension to side extends the original footprint considerably.

Application Number: 2022/0434/FUL

Location: Cross House Farm, Lees Lane, WN8 7RE

Proposal: Alterations and extensions to Cross House Farm, Dalton

Parish Council Response: Dalton Parish Council has no objection to this proposal.

It was suggested that the Parish Council write to WLBC Paul Charleston detailing the inconsistencies between the assessment of the land opposite Hillock Lane, compared with a similar development on Long Heys Lane

Chairman:.....

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8 pm.

*Cllr Louise Howard
Chairman*