

Dalton Parish Council

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The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.00 pm on Monday 15th January 2024 at Dalton St Michael's School, Higher Lane, Dalton, WN8 7RP.

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

Two Dalton residents were in attendance.

MINUTES

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Chris Murphy, Cllr Toni Newman.

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.

No items raised that were not already on the Agenda.

4. To ratify as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held 13th November 2023

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

5. Accounts for ratification and payment

E A Broad	271123	Clerk's salary November 2023 Includes back pay	£423.18
E A Broad	271223	Clerk's salary December 2023	£299.18
HMRC	271223	Tax for three months	£227.60
Unity Trust	311223	Bank charges	£18.00
Income received:			
Unity Trust	311223	Interest on savings account	£33.04

Account Balances as at 311223

Savings account = £4,593.15
Current account = £143.92

Total: = £4,737.07

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

6. Confirm Precept Request for 2024/25

It was resolved to accept the budget and request £5,000 in precept for Financial Year 2024/25

7. Update on fingerpost and Dalton signs maintenance

It was agreed to install the new bollard when weather conditions allow.

8. Ashurst Beacon: to resolve question of responsibility for maintenance

No progress on this item that is in the hands of WLBC and Wigan Council.

9. Update on Capital Grant assisted project for an artistic map of the parish

It was resolved to order sixty plastic labels with the QR code printed on them to be placed in various locations across the parish. It was agreed that the artist from Oh So Special will produce a suitable label at the cost of £65. Quotations for an A3 lectern are awaited and will be circulated by email with one selected if within the grant funding.

10. To record any police issues

No issues raised.

11. To record any highway or public rights of way issues, including

- **Lees Lane issues**
- **Coronation Bridge - FP080740**
- **Japanese Knotweed on Dungeon Lane -**
- **Surface water issues - ED 48706 Dungeon Lane Higher Lane junction**

The Parish Council is becoming increasingly frustrated that the above issues that fall under the responsibility of LCC and WLBC, who have been informed of them, are not resolved.

12. To consider any planning issues or applications

- **Progress of development under Application 2022/1210/FUL - land adjacent to Old School House, Higher Lane, Dalton.**

The development has windows to the rear overlooking the fields but agreed plans did not have windows. The Clerk was instructed to ask the Planning Authority to confirm if what is on the ground matches the agreed plans.

- **Update on Enforcement action to remove shipping container from the land west of Woodvale, Higher Lane.**

There has been no response to a request from WLBC as to whether this enforcement action is continuing or has been resolved.

- **Empty Public Houses: Prince William and The Beacon Inn**

There has been no response from the Planning Authority (WLBC) as to whether there are plans for these dilapidated buildings to be re-developed. Borough Councillor Katie Jukes had informed the Parish Council that she will request information on behalf of concerned residents.

Application Number: 2023/1091/FUL

Location: Stone Hall Farm, Crow, Lane, Dalton,
Erection of three glamping pods on site of former slurry

Parish Council Response: Dalton Parish Council has no objection to this planning application providing all the criteria for development in the greenbelt have been met, and that it meets the guidelines in the Dalton Village Design Statement

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

Cllr Louise Howard
Chairman

11th March 2024