

**Dalton Piercy Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 10th September 2020**  
**at Dalton Piercy Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs D. Rezai (Chair), L. Noble, M. Patrick and M. Ireland.

**In Attendance:** Clerk J. White and 3 members of the public.

Meeting began at 7.04pm.

Government restrictions relating to Coronavirus pandemic remain in place.

Covid-19 best practice with strict hygiene and social distancing measures are in place.

Persons wishing to join the meeting remotely were given the option to connect online via the app 'zoom' No requests were received.

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr A Timothy. Also received from Ward Cllr B Loynes.

**Accepted and Approved.**

**2. Declaration of interests:**

Not on the agenda -Village Hall; M.P. D.R. L.N.

**3. Public Forum:**

- A question relating to the Grant of Easement and associated land swap notice; the query was relating to the parcel of land between Leamount and Manor Farm and rights over it. Councillors confirmed the easement and access to this parcel of land (crossing the green) is the matter being decided by the Parish Council and the notice is for the intention for this to happen. Anything concerning the land itself and whether or not, or to whom the land may be sold is a matter for the land owner.

**4. Minutes of meeting held on 23rd July 2020**

**Approved** without amendment.

**5. Matters for Report;**

**a) Keep Britain Tidy Litter Pick**

Clerk reported Litter Pick will go ahead on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September meeting at the Village Hall 10.00am and continue monthly on each 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.

A risk assessment has been completed and social distancing must be observed.

Equipment can be provided, volunteers wanted!

**b) Broadband internet (community partnership scheme)**

A village resident very kindly visited almost every residence in the village to ask householders permission for their details to be included for an application to BT and the Community Fibre Partnership Scheme. The scheme provides up to £1,500.00 per household and £3,000.00 per business towards the cost of high-speed internet connection. The Clerk submitted the application with over 80 addresses included in the submission. The next stage of the process is a survey to be completed by BT which will estimate the cost of broadband installation. We are hopeful the funding available will cover this.

Our sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Donnelly for their efforts on this application.

**6. Substantive items:**

**a) Vacant DPPC Councillor position.**

The position is still vacant.

We encourage any persons interested in getting involved to come forward,

## 7. Red Gap Projects:

### a) live projects (pre 2020)

The Clerk submitted the application the Grantscape for footpath phase 2 monies. These have now been paid to us.

Restoration of historic installations 9pump and well) is complete. **Action:** Clerk to submit funding claim.

Safety Fence for play area – The Clerk is obtaining quotes for the safety fence in line with the specification as granted in our planning application. It was **agreed** Councillors would decide on the supplier remotely once all quotes had been submitted.

The order should be placed immediately. The play equipment is due for installation in around one months' time. The fencing has around the same lead time.

### b) 2020 project applications.

Dalton Piercy Parish Council, subject to conditions, have been awarded funding for the following projects;

- Installation of edging stones around Dalton Piercy Village Pond £2,525.00
- Footpath between Three Gates and Dalton village (phase 3) £4,950.00
- Daffodil planting, to extend the daffodil walk into The Batts £980.00

## 8. Chairman's Report

The Chairman recently held a meeting with our MP Mike Hill.

He spoke in depth about our lack of Broadband and how residents have suffered especially during 'lockdown'. Cllr Rezai also discussed details of the land lease on behalf of DPVHA. He also raised disappointment at not receiving (to date) support from Anglian Water (Hartlepool water/the water board) who had committed to donating funds towards the play area. Mr Hill expressed his support for these issues and promised to write to the relevant persons in support.

Cllr Rezai has been looking into 'No Parking' signs for the village green. **Action:** Clerk to check by-laws relating to Village Green parking laws.

## 9. Ward Councillors Report

No report.

## 10. Maintenance Group Report

A new flower tub has been installed close to the bench at the pond. This was paid for using the maintenance group allowance. Two tubs near North View have been topped up with compost and planted. The compost, grass seed and bulbs used were left over from Grantscape projects.

Cllr Noble along with three residents have continued to clear the shrub area close to Manor Fields it has been prepared for grass seed and bulb planting when the weather permits.

**Action:** Clerk to seek advice from HBC on hedge maintenance.

## 11. Personnel Group Report:

None to receive

## 12. Financial

### a) Financial report

The Clerk presented the financial reports which were **accepted**.  
(Proposed MI, Seconded MP)

## Financial Transactions 10<sup>th</sup> July – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>
Grantscape RNB 2897 (footpath)	4,677.96
Refund (amazon, bird box)	73.84
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>4,751.80</b>
<b>Payments</b>	<b>£</b>
C+C Walker 2xgrass cut	396.00
Clerks Salary	206,02
ICO annual fee	40.00
Internal Audit	150.00
HBC footpath 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase	4,677.96
C+C Walkers grass cut x2	396.00
Wave water bill	73.34
L Noble reimbursement new barrel + plants	62.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>6,001.32</b>

### 13. Correspondence.

The Clerk shared a document provided by the government which proposes changes to the national guidelines relation to planning policy.

Cllr Noble reported the Rural Plan Group are already looking at the document in depth. Any change in policy can affect planning decisions in and around Dalton Piercy. Dalton Piercy Parish Council confirmed their support of the work the Rural Plan Group.

### 14. Planning Applications

No new applications received

- Confirmation received that Ashfield Caravan Park submission for Static Caravans has been passed with a slightly reduced number of Caravans.

### 15. Matters of Concern to Councillors:

Concerns raised about the quality of finish to the footpath installed between Three Gates and Dalton Village. The surface is not suitable for walking on. **Action:** Clerk to raise concerns with HBC before going ahead with the next phase.

### 16. Items exempt to the press and public

Item moved to after continuation of Annual Meeting.

## **Continuation of Annual Meeting**

### **1. Election of Vice Chair**

No new nominations. Item moved to next meeting.

### **2. Acceptance & Review of the Parish Council Constitution Guidelines/Standing Orders/Financial Regulations and Policies**

Complaints Procedure – Cllr Noble has reviewed the policy and circulated the document prior to this meeting. The amended version (which included added clarity as to who a person should contact should they not agree with the Council's decisions) dated September 2020 was **accepted** and **approved**.

- a) Formation of sub committees.  
Section carried forward to the next meeting.

### **16. Items exempt to the press and public**

- a) Easement.  
Clerk reported there has been no further progress since pre consultation notice was displayed.
- b) Allotments  
The maintenance group have inspection letters for all plot holders ready to be sent. Recent allotment issues appear to be resolved. An inspection to confirm conclusion will take place next month.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Meeting closed at 8.17pm