

Dalton Piercy Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 23rd July 2020
at Dalton Piercy Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Clerk J. White and 1 member of the public.

Meeting began at 7.00pm.

This is the first meeting of Dalton Piercy Parish Council since Government restrictions relating to Coronavirus pandemic were imposed on the nation.

DPPC is following Covid-19 best practice with strict hygiene and social distancing measures in place. Persons wishing to join the meeting remotely were given the option to connect online via the app 'zoom' No requests were received.

The Chairman opened the meeting and on behalf of all here at Dalton Piercy expressed our deepest sympathies to Councillor Mike Patrick on the recent passing of his wife Maureen. Maureen rarely missed a meeting; she was dedicated to this village. Also, our thanks to Mike for his continued work. Maureen will be missed by all.

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 point of concern raised regarding the new build houses at Hart on the Hill; A new entrance drive has been installed at what is a low point in the road and appears to infill the historical drainage ditch.

Cllr Rezai proposed a letter to the planning dept highlighting the concern of flooding and back filling the ditch, if there has been a drainage pipe installed where does it run off to? **Agreed**, Clerk to **Action**.

Cllr Ireland further expressed her concern that planning applications seem to be granted then variations are submitted which completely change the original plans.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 12th March 2020

Amendments proposed by Cllr Noble; point 9. C) line 2. Change well to *trough*. Line 14. Addition of 'buy more bird boxes.'

Also Point 12. Line 22 and line 28 spelling corrections.

With the addition of the above amendments the minutes were **agreed** as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Clerks report, update on actions for the period of March2020 to July 2020 (during Covid – 19 restrictions)

The following was produced as a summary by the Clerk. Its contents were **agreed** as correct by those present.

The Coronavirus pandemic and lockdown period here in the UK affected everyone here at Dalton Piercy, the Parish Council wish to express their thanks to all residents for adhering to national guidance during this unprecedeted time.

There were no Parish Council meetings during the months of April, May and June of 2020. During this time some Parish Council business was continued via email. This is a report on those decisions;

- A flyer produced by DPPC was delivered to each household in the Parish with contact details for anyone needing assistance during 'lockdown' Our thanks is extended to those who were able to offer their support.
- Broadband – the lack of 'fast' broadband is an ongoing struggle for residents. This was exacerbated during lockdown and a real issue for those working and studying from home. A resident kindly offered to work with DPPC to chase BT and help to get connection to the village. The Clerk attended a meeting with a BT engineer. The Clerk registered with BT Openreach 'Community Fibre Partnership'
- Village Green Easement – The Parish Council have entered talks with Anglian Water to arrange an easement across the village green to a parcel of land they own between Manor Farm and Leamount. This will involve a 'land swap' where the land in question is deregistered and replaced as registered village green by another parcel of land. Any persons wishing for further details are encouraged to contact the Clerk.
- It was **agreed** to pay the annual insurance premium of £
- Northern Power Grid Works – The Clerk and 2 Councillors met with an engineer to discuss their proposed works on site. This is to upgrade the power supply for the new Wynyard Homes development. It will also replace the existing supply to Manor Fields and College Close. Engineers wish to install to cable along the verge near Manor Fields which is registered village green. Councillors **agreed** this could go ahead if a wayleave agreement is in place. The Clerk is continuing talks with Northern Power Grid. Notice of the agreement will be served to those directly affected. If any persons have any queries regarding the proposed works or wayleave agreement, they are encouraged to contact the Clerk.
- Councillors **agreed** the Clerk should purchase a shredder to comply with data protection to the value of £100.00.
- Installations on the Green, Well and Pump – Red Gap funded projects were completed to renovate the well/spring near Rose Cottage and install a replica pump at its historic site. A vast improvement to the two sites. Work is complete however there are some issues with the coping stones on the well. Our contractor is addressing this.
- A delivery wagon caused some damage to the village green. The company has agreed to re-turf the area. This work is yet to be completed. There have been issues with vehicles parking on the village green in several areas of the village during the lockdown period. It is suggested 'No Parking' signs should be installed.
- Planning Applications – H/2020/0175 Solar Farm, Land at Worset Lane. Comment – concerns about the visual impact of such a large development. Also, regarding the current infrastructure and poor road access along Worset Lane and Hart Back Lane. – H/2019/0475 Mayfield House. Councillors attended a site visit as substantial alterations are proposed for the existing house. It was agreed DPPC cannot support the application due to conflict with the Rural Plan. See the Rural Plan report. Other comments included; Any electric gates installed should allow vehicles to be clear of the carriageway while waiting for access (concerns about the blind corner) Councillors were pleased the proposed roof line is no higher than the existing property. – H/2014/0428 access/layout etc land south of Elwick Road 162 houses. Objection from DPPC due to negative impact on the village from increase in traffic. Should not commence until the Elwick bypass is completed.
- Big Spring Tidy up – Arranged Village Litter Picks were postponed new date to be set in September.

In response to points raised in the above report it was **agreed**;

- The Village litter pick should recommence on Saturday 19th September 2020 and continue on the 3rd Saturday of the month.
- Cllr Ireland proposed 4x no parking signs to be placed at intervals along the village green, similar to those placed on the trees on Elwick village green. Seconded M.P. **Agreed**.

6. Substantive items:

a) Vacant DPPC Councillor position.

DPPC has a vacant position and has for some time. DPPC must be proactive in recruiting a new member.

Action: Cllrs to actively encourage any persons who may be interested to come forward.

7. Red Gap Projects:

a) live projects (pre 2020)

- The Village pump and Trough are completed. The finished installation looks really fantastic and has been enjoyed by many passing through the village particularly during lockdown. Our sincere thanks go to the resident who Volunteered to, and donated the plants (low maintenance succulents) and stones for the trough. **Action:** Clerk to write a letter of thanks. Play area safety fence quotation and order to be completed. Clerk to **Action**.

b) 2020 project application decision is due later this month.

8. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported he continued to liaise with everyone during lockdown and has spoken to Cllr Loynes who recently has been unwell.

9. Ward Councillors Report

No report.

10. Maintenance Group Report

May – Pond silt trap was cleared by volunteers as was the paving, overgrown with brambles, along the waterboard fence at the village picnic area.

June – The well trough was planted and shrubbery was cleared under the tree line at Manor Fields by residents of the Close. Also, Allotment inspection and village walkaround.

July – Plaque installed on well trough by a volunteer resident.

Cllr Rezai **proposed**; Clerk should write letters of thanks to residents who contribute throughout the year. DPPC should further extend their thanks with a small gift at Christmas time. Unanimously **agreed**.

Cllr Ireland **proposed**; the Clerk should instruct a contractor to install a pole (old noticeboard pole) to attach the dog waste bin close to its old location. **Agreed**.

11. Personnel Group Report:

None to receive

12. Financial

a) Financial report

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

Financial Transactions 13th March – 9th April 2020

Receipts	£
Court award	1,000.00
Allotment rent plot 3	75.00
TOTAL:	£1075.00
Payments	£
Clerks salary x2	412.04
2x flower tubs	40.00
SLCC annual fee	83.00
Zurich insurance (policy update)	20.90
Wave water bill	35.80
L Noble reimbursement (paint trough magnets)	659.75
Meryl Gdns (well/trough, spring refurb, noticeboard install)	1,350.00
TOTAL:	£2,601.49

Financial Transactions 10th April – 14th May 2020

Receipts	£
Hartlepool Borough Council	10,860.00
Court award	1,000.00
Court award	950.00
Allotment rent plot 1	75.00
Allotment rent (part) plot 2	40.00
TOTAL:	£12,925.00
Payments	£
Edward Egglestone (payroll)	105.12
C&C Walkers (2xgrasscut)	396.00

CLCA	92.69
Wave water bill	11.90
Clerks salary	206.02
TOTAL:	£811.73

Financial Transactions 15th May – 11th June 2020

Receipts	£
TOTAL:	
Payments	£
Zurich Municipal	257.60
Clerks Salary	206.02
C+C Walker 2x grass cut	396.00
TOTAL:	859.62

Financial Transactions 12th June – 9th July 2020

Receipts	£
Allotment Rent	35.00
TOTAL:	35.00
Payments	£

Anglian Water (wave)	25.22
Meryl Gdns – green waste removal	200.00
DPVHA – hall rent	420.00
DPVHA 100x blue cobble stones	200.00
C+C Walker 2xgrass cut	396.00
Viking Direct	106.72
Clerks Salary	206,02
TOTAL:	1,553,96

13. Correspondence.

Correspondence has been shared throughout the 'lockdown' period via email to Councillors. Points to note have been raised across agenda items.

14. Planning Applications

No new applications received

15. Matters of Concern to Councillors:

Cllr Rezai expressed concern as he feels sensitive information from DPPC meetings and correspondence may be being disclosed to members of the public.

Cllr Ireland referred to HBC planning committee meeting of Wednesday 22nd of July 2020 where permission was granted for 18 new houses at Greatham which is in breach of local plan policies. In particular the 'Rural Plan'. She was particularly disappointed our Ward Councillors voted in support of the application. This was **agreed** by all.

16. Items exempt to the press and public

- a) Allotment issues

Allotment inspections have taken place. The outcome of which was reported by the Maintenance Group. It was agreed letters should be sent to tenants.
A letter from NAS was discussed.
- b) Easement

The Clerk presented papers sent to us from TBI solicitors highlighting the proposed strips of land to be included in a 'land swap' It was **agreed** to go ahead with the suggested two 'strips' opposite North View which combined create a larger amount of land be added to the register than that which it is proposed to be removed opposite

the 'waterboard' land. It was further **agreed** a notice should be displayed as a precursor to the application and subsequent consultation.

- c) ICO – conclusion report has been received. There is no further action required by DPPC.

18. Date of next meeting: Thursday 10th September 2020
Meeting closed at 8.46pm