

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 unprecedented 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 Leamont. 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 can not 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.