

Dalton Piercy Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 10th January 2019
at Dalton Piercy Village Hall

Present: Cllrs D. Rezai (Chair), A. Burroughs, M. Patrick, L. Noble, L. Moses

In Attendance: Ward Cllr B. Loynes, Clerk J. White and 2 members of the public.

Meeting began at 7.01pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs J. Bearby, A. Timothy. Ward Cllr M Young
Accepted and Approved.

2. **Declaration of interests:**

Cllr A. Burroughs – Allotments and website.

3. **Public Forum:**

- A member of the public requested an update on planning issues in the village.

4. **Minutes of meeting held on 13th December 2018**

The minutes were **approved** unanimously as a true recording of the meeting with the following amendments:

Section 3. last paragraph:

Mr Miller confirmed £66,000.00 is to be paid to HBC, this was challenged by Cllr A. Timothy who said on the contract it states the fund should go to the community which is Dalton Piercy Village. Ward Cllr B. Loynes promised to look into this matter.

The developer told us they have been promised broadband 'fibre' internet by BT. They promised to work with DPPC to help the whole village benefit from broadband internet.

17. Exempt section.

Line 6; With Cllr L. Noble to assist

Proposed by Cllr L. Noble. **Seconded** Cllr A. Burroughs. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

5. **Matters for report:**

- a) Website old and new.

Clerk reported concerns had been raised regarding DPPC data being held on a website which is not controlled by the Parish Council.

A discussion took place.

Cllr A. Burroughs informed the Council that DPVRA now have control of the old website.

Cllr D. Rezai **proposes**; the Clerk should ascertain the following information from the interim Clerk and previous webmaster James Burroughs;

The ownership of the website and domain – what did DPPC pay for?

How to facilitate data transfer from the old website to ensure the information is kept safely for the future.

Agreed. Cllr A. Burroughs abstained from the vote. Clerk to **Action**.

- b) Legal case DPPC v T. Bates

Cllr L Noble reported that the case had been heard in court earlier this week. There was no judgement on the day. There will be written adjudication within 28 days and will report on the outcome at the next meeting.

6. **Substantive Items**

- a) Water Bill – Allotment supply

The Clerk presented the most recent water bill from 'Wave' and suggested some anomalies including what seems to be an overly large usage. Questions were raised about where exactly the meter for the allotment supply is located.

Cllr D. Rezai **proposes**; The following information ought to be sought; What is the water tariff? Is it an agricultural tariff? Where exactly is the meter? And request a technician makes a site visit to take a reading before any future payments are made.

Unanimously **agreed**.

Clerk to **Action**.

b) Abbotts Lea letters – update.

The Clerk reported that the letter to be sent to residents has been drafted. However, it has not yet been delivered as follow up by Councillors will be required.

Action; Clerk to add to February agenda.

7. Red Gap projects

a) 2017 projects

It was **proposed** by Cllr D. Rezai that planning permission for the play area fence, new benches and new notice board should be submitted in one application as a 'Village Enhancement Project'

Seconded Cllr L. Moses. **Agreed**.

A cheque was signed for the application fee.

Cllr L. Noble reported a request for suggestions for the location of the new benches had been placed in Village Life magazine.

b) 2018 projects

- Clerk to **Action**: Contact Grantscape to see if funding can be released for completed projects as part funding will be tied up in planning permission (benches)
- Clerk to **Action**: Send specification for allotment fencing to interested parties.

8. Chairman's Report:

Last month the Chairman and Ward Councillors attended the opening ceremony for the new water treatment facility at Dalton Piercy. The Chairman said the site was very impressive and it is a great asset to have such a state-of-the-art facility providing water to Hartlepool and the surrounding areas into the future here at Dalton Piercy. There may be an opportunity to access some community funding in the future which is all positive news.

9. Ward Councillors Report:

Ward Cllr B. Loynes reported that;

- Defibrillator; due to new staff in the department there has been some delay but can now confirm that with DPPC funding (Red Gap monies for the defib £1200.00) The defibrillator has been ordered. Acquisition and installation will be carried out by HBC.
- Footpath from Manor Fields to Three Gates junction. Peter Frost team leader of Highways at HBC has confirmed his team can carry out the works but requires a letter from DPPC confirming the fund available (£8,000.00)
- Ward Councillors have been looking at speed limits at all villages. Chairman D. Rezai questioned what Dalton Piercy need to do for further action to tackle the problem of speeding in our village. Cllr B. Loynes will continue to look into this.
- The £66,000.00 contribution from Wynyard homes has been earmarked by HBC for Dalton Piercy. With the funding to be spent as a priority No.1 a play area, No.2 the village hall.
 - a discussion took place regarding the future of the village hall. DPPC request a letter be sent to HBC Chief Executive and Council Leader requesting further consideration of the future of Dalton Piercy Village Hall. It is suggested HBC officers are brought to see the hall.

Ward Cllr B. Loynes left the meeting.

10. Dalton Piercy Residents' Association Report:

No report to receive.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

11. Maintenance Group Report:

Cllr L. Noble reported:

- Duke of Edinburgh volunteers have cleared leaves and overgrown shrubs from the area close to the pond and Manor Fields
- The Batts, it was reported the field area is rather overgrown especially as there has been no livestock on this area for some months. This is a concern as we approach the spring as during the growing season will become a bigger problem.

Cllr D. Rezai **proposes** the land be let for grazing with an advertisement placed in Village Life magazine. **Seconded** Cllr A. Burroughs. **Approved unanimously.**

Cllr A. Burroughs requested permission to tidy/weed around the central area of the village. Particularly around the new parking bay areas. This was unanimously **agreed**.

12. Personnel Group Report:

Nothing to report this month.

13. Financial

a) Financial report

The Clerk presented the financial reports which were accepted.

Financial Transactions 14th December 2018 – 10th January 2019

Receipts	£
	0.00
TOTAL:	0.00
Payments	£
HBC Planning application – Play area fence	117.00
J. White (Clerks salary Dec 2018)	206.02
TOTAL:	323.02

a) Budget 2019

Proposals put forward last month have been applied to a draft budget which was presented to Councillors.

A discussion took place.

Huge legal costs are a worrying large financial burden on the Parish Council. DPPC also predict a small increase in insurance costs in the coming year. All other services have remained the same or have been reduced.

Skips over filled and used by non-residents. Items which are not permitted (mattresses) incur extra costs. **Agreed.**

With regret it was **proposed** by Chairman D. Rezai, **seconded** by Cllr A. Burroughs that the skip service be cancelled for 2019/2020. This is due to abuse of the service and need to cut costs.

Proposed by Cllr D. Rezai, **seconded** by Cllr L. Noble the draft budget 2019/2020 be approved with the skip service removed. The precept demand to HBC should be £7,500.00 with functions concurrent costs at the maximum of £2,510.00. Unanimously **agreed**.

14. Correspondence.

The Clerk apologised as some correspondence was missing from last month's meeting including a letter from a resident and community correspondence from HBC. Other correspondence included invoices.

15. Planning Applications

a) Parking Bays appeal

Comments are due to the inspector regarding the appeal no later than 17.01.19. Letters can be submitted via the Clerk.

16. Matters of Concern to Councillors:

None raised.

17. Exempt section

a) Rose Cottage

Ongoing to be dealt with after DPPC v T. Bates Court Case.

b) DPPC v T. Bates

It was unanimously agreed that going forward Cllr A. Timothy should continue to deal with legal cases supported by Cllr L. Noble.

18. Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th February 2019

Meeting closed at 10.15 pm.