

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

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

In Attendance: Clerk J. White

Meeting began at 7.05pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr A Burroughs and Ward Cllr Loynes
Accepted and Approved.

2. **Declaration of interests:**
None.

3. **Public Forum:**
No members of public present.

4. **Minutes 14th November 2019**
The following amendment to section 17. C) ...writes to our *legal counsel* Prop AT Sec LN
Approved.

The minutes were **agreed** and signed as a true and accurate record by the Chairman.

5. **Substantive Items:**

- a) **Vacant DPPC Councillor Position.**

There have been no responses to the vacant position advert. It was **agreed** Councillors and the Clerk would actively encourage residents to apply.

6. **Red Gap projects:**

- a) **2017 projects**

- Play Area. Still awaiting HBC planning decision.
- Invoice received from HBC for Dalton to Three Gates footpath. Monies to be claimed from Red Gap fund. Clerk to **Action**.

- b) **2018 projects**

- Notice Board and Benches part of the planning application with HBC.

- c) **2019 projects**

- Village Green Trees Diversity Project – some extra bird box's have been ordered as there were some monies left over in the fund.
- Pear Tech mapping invoice has been claimed. Payment expected imminently.
- The Batts, TVWT have been working in The Batts, unfortunately due to recent wet weather the ground was churned up, leaving the area very muddy. TVWT will return in the spring to complete more works.

7. **Budget – proposals for financial period 2020/2021**

Suggestions included (which could also be potential Red Gap applications);

- *Ride on lawnmower for maintenance of 'The Batts'* - £4,500.00
- *Extension to 'Village/Three gates footpath'* - £4,995.00
- *Blue edging stones for the village green (extend edging)* - £2,500.00
- *Tree maintenance* - £1,500.00
- *Additional landscaping* - £1,000.00
- *Pond maintenance and stones* - £1,200.00
- *Legal Costs* - £2,000.00

- *Replacement Electric box for xmas tree lights - £500.00*

Action: Clerk to produce a costed draft budget for next meeting.

8. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman liaised with HBC regarding footpath extension and ownership of the grass verges. Also, discussion with Ward Councillors for an update regarding the village hall which is moving forward slowly.

9. Ward Councillors Report:

No report this month

10. Maintenance Group Report:

- The Christmas tree lights were switched on by HBC- our thanks to them for this. HBC informed us the electrical supply box does need to be replaced. For a short term fix, HBC engineers have secured the box. No person should tamper with the box other than HBC engineers.
- Hole in the Village Green – see point 15.

11. Personnel Group Report:

No report to receive.

12. Financial

a) Financial report

The Clerk presented the financial reports which were **accepted**.

Financial Transactions 15th November – 10th December 2019

Receipts	£
Legal Case costs – 22.11.19	2,540.00
Legal Case costs – 05.12.19	1,000.00
TOTAL:	£3,540.00
Payments	£
C+C Walker (1x grass cut)	192.00
Allotment work reimbursement	80.00
Pear Technology (digital mapping)	2,754.00
TOTAL:	£3,026.00

13. Correspondence.

- Letter from resident regarding access to the village allotments. **Action:** Clerk to respond.
- Response from HBC – under investigation. Re; DPPC complaint regarding water leaving the Dalton Heights development into the ditch beside the footpath to Elwick. (Bogglebeck)

- Tenant request for equipment (heater and bbq) to be kept on a village allotment plot – **approved.**

14. Planning Applications

- H/2019/0240 (amended plans, land at Three Gates, Dalton Back Lane)
No objections from DPPC
- H/2019/0472 (single story extension, Fernbeck, Dalton Back Lane)
No objections from DPPC
- *H/2019/0352 (Quarry Farm Hartlepool, 220 homes)*
Action: Clerk to Object – Increase in traffic using Dalton Piercy Road as a through route will have a negative impact on the village. This has the potential to be an extra 400 car journeys along a narrow country road. Especially as the proposed A19 Elwick bridge and bypass is not built.
- H/2019/0375 (DPPC application – parking bays, fencing, noticeboard, benches) Letter of support for this application.
- H/2019/0488 (2 story extension to side and rear 3 North View Dalton Piercy)
No objection from DPPC.

15. Matters of Concern to Councillors:

DPVRA Chairman contacted DPPC to inform the PC that some documentation regarding land managed by the PC remains in their possession. The PC must arrange for these documents to be collected or they will be destroyed. **Action:** Clerk to respond and organise collection of the documents.

Concerns raised regarding a large hole dug in the village green that appears to be for works associated with utilities for the new development at Dalton Heights.
Clerk investigated and reported that; no permission or notification had been sent to DPPC regarding this work. The work is being carried out by a company called Clancy Docwra on behalf of Hartlepool water to connect water supply for the new houses. The connection is to be completed by another company Aptus Utilities. **Action:** Clerk to lodge a formal complaint with these companies and find out if HBC gave the correct permissions.

The impact of increased traffic and speeding vehicles continues to be felt in the village after the A19 crossings were closed. **Action:** Clerk to write to HBC Chief Executive to raise the issue.

Cllr LN proposed payments be made for maintained village flower pots at a rate of £20.00 per pot and £30.00 for the cart. **Approved.**
Cllrs present that maintain flower pots, and the Clerk, declined the offer of payment.

16. Items exempt to the press and public

a) Allotment issues

Cllr AT reported a site meeting had taken place.
The appointed Cllrs will continue to deal with the matter.

18. Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th January 2020
Meeting closed at 8.35pm