

Dalton Piercy Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 12th September 2019
at Dalton Piercy Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Clerk J. White

1 member of the public.

Meeting began at 7.05pm.

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr A Burroughs.

Cllr Burroughs did not submit apologies to the Clerk, but did inform Councillors.

The Clerk informed the PC that Cllr J Bearby submitted his resignation as a Councillor with immediate effect.

Accepted and Approved.

2. Declaration of interests:

Cllr M. Patrick – Village Hall

The Clerk; J White - expressed an interest as a planning application listed is hers.

3. Public Forum:

- Some trees and large branches coming from DPPC owned land at The Batts are falling close to a residents' property. **Action:** Clerk to check land maps and investigate.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 11th July 2019.

The following amendments were accepted and approved;

Pg 2. 10. – Maintenance group requests copies of allotment gate keys.

Pg. 4 line 3 *number not required*

Line 4 *H/2019/0250*

Line 9 *number not required*

Minutes of Special meeting held on 24th July 2019

The following amendments were accepted and approved;

Point 2, line 7. The word 'in' removed.

Point 6, line 2. 'Proposed M. I.'

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

- It was noted the Clerk should invite Ward Cllr C Stokell to future DPPC meetings.

5. Matters for report:

a) **DPPC document retention policy**

It was **resolved** that DPPC document retention policy as laid out in DPPC Data protection record management & security policy, first adopted 12th April 2018. Is accurate, comprehensive and proportionate to the size of DPPC.

6. Substantive issues:

a) **Dalton Heights development – parking, plus potential PC sub-committee.**

A discussion took place, issues include; cars parking throughout the village, complaints received from residents who are struggling to access their own properties due to contractors cars. Also, there is no pedestrian access to houses at Dalton Heights as cars and lorries from the development site park over the only footpath. Residents have expressed concern as deliveries are taking place when the childrens school busses are due.

It was **resolved** the Clerk should write, working with Cllr Noble, to HBC planning dept and include our Ward Cllrs. No sub-committee is required at this time, all issues with this development should come before full council.

7. Red Gap projects:

a) 2018 projects:

The Chairman is continuing communication with Anglian Water in hope of gaining financial support for the play area project.

DPPC planning application includes the play equipment, benches, noticeboard and North View parking bays (retrospective) members of the public are encouraged to comment on application number H/2019/0375. A decision is expected by the end of October.

Claim for costs relating to the defibrillator will be submitted to Grantscape. The project is now complete. (£2,456.55)

Benches – security options for securing benches were discussed. We are waiting for an installation price.

b) 2019 projects:

All award requests made by DPPC have been approved.

These include;

- The Batts and village biodiversity project
- Village green trees biodiversity project
- Village to Three Gates footpath extension
- Solar Lighting for security
- Digital Mapping equipment. (in conjunction with other outlying villages around Hartlepool)
- Restoration of historic village green installations

The Batts biodiversity project is to be led by The Tees Valley Wildlife Trust. Who are looking for volunteers to help deliver the project. The first stage is due to be undertaken around the end of this month. Any residents interested in helping should contact the Clerk. **Action:** Clerk to put request for volunteers on village noticeboard and get a gate key cut for The Batts for the Wildlife Trust to keep.

8. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman has been in contact with our Ward Cllrs regarding the electrical supply box at the Christmas tree which needs replacing. Also, to continue a dialogue regarding the Village Hall land.

9. Ward Councillors report;

No report to receive.

10. Maintenance Group Report:

Cllr Noble reported; The damaged Christmas tree lights have, very kindly, been fixed by a resident. There are two of the three original strings of lights left on the tree. The third set has also been repaired. It is now being kept as a spare set. The tree wires were also tidied up. The maintenance group removed some fallen tree branches from the picnic area, Manor Fields area and the snapped Rowan Tree from the Village Green.

The village post box and surrounding area was also tidied up.

Huge thanks to all volunteers for helping with these tasks.

11. Financial

a) Financial report

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

Financial Transactions 12th July – 12th September 2019

Receipts	£
HBC planning fee refund	117.00
Allotment rent	75.00
TOTAL:	192.00
Payments	£
J. White (Clerks salary July + August 2019)	412.04
L. Noble (receipt reimbursement paint/printing etc)	83.95
Petty Cash	27.15
N. Allen Legal fees	3,440.00
C+C Walker Grass cut x 2	384.00
Total planning solutions (arch dwgs)	300.00
Wave water	55.52
L Blakemore (int audit)	150.00
C+C Walker Grass cut x3	576.00
TOTAL:	5,428.66

The clerk presented outstanding invoices; tree works carried out earlier this year, costs associated with the defibrillator and ICO fee. It was **agreed** to pay all invoices.

12. Personnel Group.

No report this month.

13. Correspondence.

- Application to divert the footpath which runs from College Close towards Elwick village. The footpath currently runs through the proposed gardens at the Dalton Heights development.

Action: Clerk to write in response, the PC's concerns are; maintaining gates and stiles to prevent nuisance quad/motorbikes. Also concerns how the farmer accesses fields to the rear of the new development. In order to maintain pedestrian safety.

- Some correspondence recently received , is not within time to be considered at this meeting and is moved until next month.

14. Planning Applications

H/2019/0250 – 6 College Close. Councillors expressed no issues with this application and have no comment to make.

It was noted the PC's application as mentioned previously at this meeting is currently under consideration at HBC.

15. Matters of Concern to Councillors:

Cllr Noble reported not all flower tubs have been planted this year. Over the years the PC has committed to paying those who maintain village plant tubs. Finances are tight. It was **resolved** that those requesting payment for the tubs they have maintained will be paid at the same rate as last year. This includes the resident that kindly maintains the village cart.

The chairman asked Councillors if they have confidence in the Clerk. It was unanimously **agreed** that DPPC have full confidence in the Clerk.

16. Items exempt to the press and public

a) Complaints

The Chairman reported on a meeting held between Councillors and a representative from the National Allotment Association.

It was **resolved** Cllrs Timothy and Noble should write a letter to Allotment holders and continue to deal with the matter.

ICO freedom of information request complaint; it was **resolved** the Clerk should respond with support from Cllr Ireland.

Parking complaint; it was **resolved** the Clerk would write to the complainant to inform them the PC are investigating and will inform them of the outcome.

It was **resolved** Cllr Timothy should contact TBI for clarity regarding Anglian Water Easement.

18. Date of next meeting: Thursday 10th October 2019

Meeting closed at 9.55pm.