

DALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Dallington Parish Council Meeting
held on 19th September 2017

Present

Councillors W. Miers (Chairman), N. Holyoake (Vice-Chairman),
S. Bellem, P. Ridley, P. Wilson
Mrs. I. Marchant (Parish Clerk/RFO)
County and District Councillor J. Barnes
Members of the public

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2. DISPENSATIONS

None requested.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

4. ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meetings held on 18.07.17 and 22.08.17 (Planning) be confirmed as being an accurate record of the proceedings. Councillor Holyoake proposed and Councillor Wilson seconded, the voting was unanimous. Both sets of minutes were signed by the Chairman.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.1 County Council report (ESCC) - Councillor J. Barnes

- An update on the problems at Graylings, highway works are to be done on 29.09.17.
- Conway were the contractors for the recent highway works in South Lane, Councillor Barnes is to investigate the problems.
- Councillor Barnes will chase the date of highway works on Carricks Hill.
- There has been no reply to the Clerk's request for RTAs in the Parish and Councillor Barnes will contact the fire service to see if they can provide this information.
- The Chairman is to arrange another meeting with ESCC Highways.
- The restricted weight limit sign has not yet been placed at the B2096 entrance to South Lane.
- Libraries - there is a consultation regarding the closure of seven libraries (Heathfield and Battle libraries are not affected) and the closure of the mobile library service. There was a discussion on how the parishes can help with volunteers for the housebound, book swaps etc. This item will be on the next agenda.

5.2 District Council report (RDC) - Councillor J. Barnes

- The Police will no longer continue with civil parking enforcement. RDC have a working party set up to look at this issue, it will take around two years to complete.

5.3 Chairman's report - Councillor W. Miers

- The Chairman has attended the AGM of the Citizen's Advice Bureau and the recent RALC meeting.

5.4 Village Hall report - Mrs. J. Jeremy

- Hopefully the works to the toilet floors will be completed next week and it has been decided to permanently remove the additional sliding doors to the toilets.

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5.4 Public Question Time

- There is a burnt out caravan dumped in Herrings Road, also a mattress dumped on the lay-by, both have been reported.
- There has been a request that parents using Prinkle Hill use more consideration when encountering riders, there has been a recent incident. The Clerk will contact the Dallington Headmaster. **ACTION - CLERK**

THE MEETING RECONVENED

6. BROADBAND ISSUES IN DALLINGTON PARISH

- Dr. Flett has been trying since 2014 to have an upgraded service. His children cannot do their homework and we really need to bring pressure to bear on this issue. Is there anything that can be done and solutions to be found.
- Councillor Barnes said that BT have a fixed maximum cost per household using FTTC. With Contract 2, it is now authorised to put fibre above ground, this is the right technical solution and this contract should be completed by the end of 2018.
- At the start of the broadband project, it was agreed with ESCC that BT would set priorities for upgrades and ESCC would “manage” the contract. BT will only confirm works one quarter ahead.
- Councillor Barnes told the meeting that Dallington Primary School had the poorest broadband speed in the County.
- In view of the above, the question was asked “what criteria do BT use to prioritise?”
- In view of the impact these poor broadband speeds have on the Dallington school children, it was decided to contact the Headmaster, School Governors and the CEO of BT to prioritise the broadband upgrade for the school. **ACTION - CLERK**

7. DALLINGTON RECREATION GROUND (standing item)

7.1 **RESOLVED** - to accept the quotation from Earth Anchors, for a raising door, wall mounted notice board, for the sum of £704.00 plus VAT. Councillor Ridley proposed and Councillor Holyoake seconded, the voting was unanimous. **ACTION - CLERK**

7.2 Hiring the DRG - the Chairman asked the Member to think about a set of rules for hiring the DRG and pavilion. For example, a returnable deposit, nobody sleeps in the pavilion, the hirer to be shown around first, photos taken and all to be left as found. This item will be on the next agenda. Councillor Ridley is to circulate a sample set of rules.

ACTION - COUNCILLOR RIDLEY

7.3 The Chairman thanked Mr. Sewell for arranging the summer events at the DRG and also Mr. Wilson for his work on the upkeep, particularly looking after our new trees. The work that these volunteers put in throughout the year is very much appreciated.

7.4 No other DRG matters for discussion.

8. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

RESOLVED - to grant the sum of £50.00 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for a civic wreath for the Remembrance Sunday service. Councillor Holyoake proposed and Councillor Ridley seconded, the voting was unanimous. **ACTION - CLERK**

9. DPC REPRESENTATIVES AT RALC

AGREED - that the Chairman will be the DPC representative to RALC (Rother Association of Local Councils).

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10. PLANNING (standing item)
- 10.1 Planning applications for consideration
RR/2017/1815/P and L, Bear House, The Street
Erection of a two storey side extension.
AGREED - to support this application. **ACTION - CLERK**
RR/2017/1848/L, Old Church Cottage, The Street
Repair of part vertical tile hanging, repair of part roof cladding, addition of lead soakers and re-pointing of redundant chimney.
AGREED - to support this application. **ACTION - CLERK**
- 10.2 No other planning matters for discussion.
11. ENFORCEMENT (standing item)
- 11.1 No Dallington items on RDC enforcement list.
- 11.2 No other enforcement matters for discussion.
12. ROADS/PATHS/VERGES (standing item)
- 12.1 Damage to Graylings from water splashing on B2096, remedial highway works to be done on 29.09.17.
- 12.2 Refurbishment of Carricks Hill triangle, this item to be on next agenda.
- 12.3 No other roads/paths/verge matters for discussion.
13. FINANCE (standing item)
- 13.1 Bank balances at 31.08.17
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| DPC deposit account | £11,997.95 |
| DPC current account | £1,288.74 |
| DRG custom account | £1,172.81 |
- 13.2 **RESOLVED** - to approve the following payments. Councillor Wilson proposed and Councillor Holyoake seconded, the voting was unanimous.
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| DPC ACCOUNT | |
| Clerk, salary/HO (Aug/Sep 2017), expenses | 691.20 |
| RALC, 2017-18 subscription | 25.00 |
| Grant to RBL Poppy Appeal for wreath | 50.00 |
| AiRS PAT testing workshop (Mr. D. Wilson) | 114.00 |
| | TOTAL |
| | £880.20 |
- DRG ACCOUNT
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| Weedkiller for car part (Mr. A. Bagnell) | £60.00 |
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- 13.3 The Members received and noted the budget monitor and bank reconciliations at 31.08.17.
14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
21st November 2017, at 7pm in Dallington Village Hall.