

# DALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Dallington Parish Council Meeting held on 21st November 2017

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Present

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

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1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS  
None declared.
2. DISPENSATIONS  
None requested.
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Apologies were received from Councillor Bellem.
4. ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING  
**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting held on 19.09.17 be confirmed as being an accurate record of the proceedings. Councillor Holyoake proposed and Councillor Wilson seconded, the voting was unanimous. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
5. ADJOURNMENT
  - 5.1 County Council report (ESCC) - Councillor J. Barnes
    - *It is budget season, no firm information yet on business rates.*
    - *Cuts of £17/20M will have to be made, this will impact Adult Social Care.*
    - *There has been an overspend, within the contingency, on Adult Social Care and all other services are greatly under pressure.*
    - *There is no firm information yet on the Carricks Hill actions to prevent accidents.*
    - *Dawn Whittaker has been appointed as ESCC Chief Fire Officer.*
  - 5.2 District Council report (RDC) - Councillor J. Barnes
    - *Finances are at a good stage for the next two years and there has been a good return on the reserves.*
    - *Still no decision on local government for Bexhill yet.*
    - *Parking enforcement is going ahead and is intended to come into force in the Summer of 2019.*
    - *The boundary review consultation deadline is 11.12.17.*
  - 5.3 Chairman's report - Councillor W. Miers
    - *There is not a need for DPC to comment on the proposed handrail for the PCC.*
    - *Attended the Rother Rural Trust meeting, which was very informative and they do a tremendous amount of good work. Please let the Parish Council know if there are any deserving causes you know of.*
  - 5.4 Village Hall report - Mrs. J. Jeremy
    - *There was a very good "horse racing" evening and £200 was raised.*
    - *The Dallington Trees talk by Doug Edworthy, our Tree Warden, was very successful, very well attended and £220 was raised, plus £70 for the raffle.*
    - *The overall situation is looking much better.*

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## 5.5 Public Question Time

- There were several ideas to reduce the danger/accidents on Carricks Hill/Earlsdown - these included double white (no overtaking) lines from the roundabout right through Earlsdown, rumble strips from the Swan through to Earlsdown, the entrance to the hill to be changed and narrowed making an alteration to the bend, all bends to be lit with reflectors, a flashing sign warning motorists of the bends on the hill and their current speed, a reduction on the speed limit and verges and hedges to be cut regularly to improve sight lines
- Residents are concerned that this is taking a very long time for ESCC to resolve.
- Councillor Barnes said money could be released from capital funds.
- Gullies are blocked in South Lane and the water is damaging the surface of the newly repaired road. The Clerk will report to ESCC Highways. **(ACTION - CLERK)**
- The direction sign at the top of Carricks Hill has letters missing, this has been reported several times and the Clerk will try yet again. **(ACTION - CLERK)**.

## THE MEETING RECONVENED

6. DALLINGTON RECREATION GROUND (standing item)
- Our Solstice Event will be held on 21.12.17.
  - PAT testing - Mr. Wilson is to look into the cost of hiring the equipment.
  - Councillor Ridley is to send the Clerk a model hire agreement. **(ACTION - COUNCILLOR RIDLEY)**
  - A large backpack type sprayer has been bought for weedkilling.
  - The Members are to meet up at the DRG to decide the position of the new noticeboard and finalise the Solstice arrangements. **(ACTION - ALL MEMBERS)**
7. BROADBAND SPEED ISSUES IN DALLINGTON PARISH  
The latest information is that it is hoped to upgrade the Rushlake Green exchange in July 2018.
8. REFURBISHMENT OF CARRICKS HILL TRIANGLE  
**AGREED** - a working party is to be set up in January 2018. **(ACTION - ALL MEMBERS)**
9. GRDP COURSE DEBRIEFING  
The Clerk reported on the legal requirements needed (these regulations come into force on 25.05.18). All parish councils must comply with the new data protection regulations, SALC are keeping all Clerks well informed as the new act passes through Parliament.  
**RESOLVED** - to change DPC's website domain name to .org, change Member and Clerk email addresses to .org and contact a hosting site (Godaddy) for hosting, domain name, SLR certificate and 6 email addresses. Councillor Ridley proposed and Councillor Holyoake seconded, the voting was unanimous. **(ACTION - CLERK)**
10. MEETING DATES SCHEDULE TO FOLLOW COUNCIL YEAR  
**AGREED** - that the setting and notification of DPC meeting dates will follow the council year, i.e. April to March. **(ACTION - CLERK)**
11. PLANNING (standing item)
- 11.1 No planning application for consideration.
- 11.2 No other planning matters for discussion.
12. ENFORCEMENT (standing item)
- 12.1 No Dallington items on RDC enforcement list.
- 12.2 No other enforcement matters for discussion.

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13. ROADS/PATHS/VERGES (standing item)
- 13.1 **AGREED** - to support in principle the setting up of a Dallington CSW Group.
- 13.2 See bullet points in Adjournment section relating to the Carricks Hill/Earlsdown issue.
- 13.3 No other roads/paths/verges matters for discussion.
14. FINANCE (standing item)
- 14.1 Bank balances at 31.10.17
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| DPC deposit account | £14,716.97 |
| DPC current account | £2,004.54  |
| DRG custom account  | £1,339.81  |
- 14.2 **RESOLVED** - to approve the following payments. Councillor Holyoake proposed and Councillor Wilson seconded, the voting was unanimous.
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| DPC ACCOUNT                                       |           |
| Clerk, salary/home office (Oct/Nov17), expenses   | 656.60    |
| Earth Anchors, DRG noticeboard                    | 844.80    |
| D. Wilson, noticeboard supports                   | 65.08     |
| *Hitachi Capital Finance (fingerpost repair no.5) | 1,139.04  |
| TOTAL   | £2,705.52 |
- DRG ACCOUNT
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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| D. Wilson, sprayer for weedkiller | £26.99 |
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- \* cheque already raised.
- 14.3 **RESOLVED** - to approve the second quarter accounts 2017-18 at 30.09.17 as presented by the Clerk. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Holyoake seconded, the voting was unanimous.
- 14.4 **RESOLVED** - to receive and note the budget monitor and bank reconciliations at 31.10.17. Councillor Holyoake proposed and Councillor Wilson seconded, the voting was unanimous. The Chairman signed the bank reconciliations.
15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING  
16th January 2018 - at 7pm in Dallington Village Hall