

DALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Dallington Parish Council Meeting held on 16th January 2018

Present

Councillors N. Holyoake (Chairman), S. Bellem, P. Ridley, P. Wilson
Mrs. I. Marchant (Parish Clerk/RFO)
Council and District Councillor J. Barnes
Members of the Public

AGREED – to insert an additional agenda item after item 6. To discuss a grant request from Dallington Village Hall Committee.

DPC would like to thank Dr. Ashley Fleet for his sterling work in getting a good broadband connection at Dallington Primary School. This was real dedication, he worked extremely hard and our thanks also to County Councillor John Barnes and Huw Merriman MP, who also got involved.

1. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**
Councillor Ridley declared a personal interest in the additional item as she is Treasurer of the Dallington Village Hall Committee.
2. **DISPENSATIONS**
None requested.
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were received from Councillor Miers.
4. **ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
RESOLVED – that the draft minutes of the DPC meetings held on 21.11.17 and 12.12.17 (Planning) be confirmed as being an accurate record of the meetings, the minutes were signed by the Chairman. Councillor Wilson proposed and Councillor Ridley seconded, the voting was unanimous.
5. **ADJOURNMENT**
 - 5.1 *County Council report (ESCC) – Councillor J. Barnes*
 - *There is likely to be a 5% rise in council tax, ESCC are under extreme pressure. Policies are being reviewed to look for savings. Uncertainties are a major problem due to lack of definite information from Central Government.*
 - 5.2 *District Council report (RDC) – Councillor J. Barnes*
 - *No decision on Bexhill Governance, it has been decided to “leave as is” for the present.*
 - *Compulsory Parking Enforcement is expected to be approved, likely to start Summer 2019.*
 - 5.3 *Chairman’s report – Councillor W. Miers (report not available).*
 - 5.4 *Village Hall report – Mrs. J. Jeremy*
 - *Two very nice bookcases have been donated for our “Village Library.”*
 - *Unfortunately, the toilet floors will need re-doing and major repairs to the kitchen have started.*
 - *The Dallington Village Hall Committee’s AGM will be on 06.02.18 at 7pm in the Village Hall.*

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5.5 Public Question Time

- B2096 (Woods Corner/Carricks Hill). There has been no response from ESCC despite continued requests by the Clerk for an urgent meeting. All residents are most concerned about the dangers on this road and accidents continue to happen. Councillor Barnes is to chase this with ESCC. **ACTION – COUNCILLOR BARNES**
- ESCC have still not put the “Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles” sign up at the southbound entrance to South Lane.
- There are still drainage problems in South Lane, see item 12.

THE MEETING RECONVENED

6. APPROVAL OF DRAFT BUDGET AND SETTING OF PRECEPT FOR 2018-19

6.1 RESOLVED – to approve the draft budget for 2018-19 as presented by the Clerk. Councillor Bellem proposed and Councillor Ridley seconded, the voting was unanimous.

6.2 RESOLVED – to set the precept for 2018-19 at £8,435.00, as the previous year. Councillor Wilson proposed and Councillor Bellem seconded. The voting was unanimous.

ACTION - CLERK

ADDITIONAL ITEM – GRANTS AND DONATIONS

The Clerk has received a grant request from the Dallington Village Hall Committee in the sum of £500.00. This is to be used towards bringing the kitchen up to current food preparation, hygiene and safety standards. The latest set of audited accounts are not yet available.

RESOLVED IN PRINCIPLE - to grant the sum of £500 to the Dallington Village Hall Committee for this purpose. This is conditional on the Clerk receiving the latest set of audited accounts, which are expected shortly. Councillor Wilson proposed and Councillor Bellem seconded, the voting was unanimous.

7. DALLINGTON RECREATION GROUND (standing item)

There were no outstanding matters to be discussed.

8. GENERAL REGULATIONS DATA PROTECTION (GRDP) (standing item)

- Still awaiting information/templates from NALC.
- NALC have confirmed that Clerks cannot be Data Protection Officers.
- Still awaiting information from SALC for an independent organisation to be appointed as the DPO for smaller authorities.
- The DPC website is now hosted by Godaddy with a .org.uk domain name and SLR certificate.
- All Members are in the process of changing their email addresses to (name)@dallington.org.uk.

9. REFURBISHMENT OF CARRICKS HILL TRIANGLE

A date for a Working Party is still to be set.

10. PLANNING (standing item)

10.1 No planning applications for consideration.

10.2 RR/2017/2493/P Rabetts Farm Glamping Site. No further information, we await information from RDC Planning.

11. ENFORCEMENT (standing item)

11.1 One Dallington item on RDC enforcement list, ENF/121/17/DAL Hopgarden Farm, use of office as residential unit.

11.2 No other enforcement matters for discussion.

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12. ROADS/PATHS/VERGES (standing item)
- 12.1 B2096 – see bullet point 1 in item 5.5.
- 12.2 The Clerk is to report fly-tipping/general litter on the lay-by at the bottom of Carricks Hill and builders' rubble dumped near Giffords Farm (not Dallington Parish).
There are still drainage problems in South Lane, the Clerk will report yet again and copy Councillor Barnes. **ACTIONS – CLERK**
Congratulations to Mr. Bagnell who has set up a CSW Group and has managed to obtain a camera and Hi-Viz jackets "free of charge." The Group hopes to be active in early February after training.
13. FINANCE (standing item)
- 13.1 Bank balances at 31.12.17
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| DPC deposit account | £12,722.04 |
| DPC current account | £608.19 |
| DRG custom account | £1,274.82 |
- 13.2 **RESOLVED** – to approve the following payment. Councillor Ridley proposed and Councillor Wilson seconded, the voting was unanimous.
Clerk, salary/home office (Dec 2017/Jan 2018) £633.20
- 13.3 **RESOLVED** – to approve the third quarter accounts 2017-18 at 31.12.17. Councillor Ridley proposed and Councillor Bellem seconded. The voting was unanimous.
- 13.4 **RESOLVED** – to approve the budget monitor and bank reconciliations at 31.12.17. Councillor Wilson proposed and Councillor Bellem seconded. The voting was unanimous.
14. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS
- 20.02.18 – Planning Meeting, start 7pm in Dallington Village Hall.
- 27.03.18 – Full Council Meeting, start 7pm in Dallington Village Hall.