

# DALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Dallington Parish Council Meeting  
held on 18th September 2018

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Present

Councillors W. Miers (Chairman), S. Bellem, P. Ridley, P. Wilson  
Mrs. I. Marchant (Parish Clerk/RFO)  
County and District Councillor J. Barnes (part)

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*It is with great sadness that Dallington Parish Council learnt of the death of Peter Welfare. Peter had been a stalwart of Dallington Parish, particularly with the Village Hall Committee and a friend and helpmate to many in Dallington. Our thoughts are with Roz at this very sad time.*

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS  
The Chairman declared a personal interest in item 8.1 (RR/2018/1966/P) as she is a Churchwarden of St. Giles Church, Dallington and will not take part in the voting.
2. DISPENSATIONS  
None requested.
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Apologies were received from Councillor Holyoake.
4. ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS  
**RESOLVED** – that the draft minutes of the DPC meetings on 17.07.18 and 21.08.18 (planning) be confirmed as being accurate records of the proceedings. Councillor Ridley proposed and Councillor Bellem seconded, the voting was unanimous.
5. OPEN FORUM
  - 5.1 East Sussex County Council (ESCC) report – Councillor J. Barnes
    - ESCC have delivered last year's financial outcome using some of their contingency funds.
    - There was an overspend in the first quarter on Children's Services.
    - There is an expected saving of £4M at year end.
    - There is very good news that Ofsted have rated ESCC Children's Services at outstanding. The number of looked after children is increasing year on year.
    - ESCC are presently calculating the cost of their minimum statutory commitments and will continue to lobby Central Government for more funds.
    - Reform of business rates is desperately needed.
    - Some good news – the music services for children are to be retained for the present.
  - 5.2 Rother District Council (RDC) report – Councillor J. Barnes
    - There is still financial pressure, but RDC's reserves are well invested.
    - RDC intend to be very proactive in relation to housing and will set up a housing company for others to manage.
    - The RDC housing target will be 75% more for 2019-20 than that of 2018-19.
    - The RDC Core Strategy will most likely be completed revamped.

With the agreement of all Members, item 8. Planning was brought forward as Councillor Barnes had another meeting to attend.

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8. PLANNING (standing item)
- 8.1 Planning applications for consideration  
RR/2018/1966/P – St. Giles Church, The Street  
New railing to church path and steps to war memorial.  
**AGREED** – to support this application.  
RR/2018/1880/P – Telegraph Point, Coldharbour Farm Estate (Brightling Parish)  
Retention of traveller mobile home, together with utility sheds and associated services, including decking. Slight increase of site area boundary creates a minor change of use from meadow to residential. DPC objected to this application at their planning meeting on 21.08.18, it is on the agenda for this meeting as there appeared to be some confusion about the boundary lines. However, the latest block plan on the RDC website shows the original boundary red line.  
**AGREED** – to object to this application as DPC see no reason for the retention of the traveller mobile home and its associated services, DPC would also object to any extension of the curtilage or change of use.
- 8.2 Any other planning matters for discussion.
- The Chairman proposed an extraordinary planning meeting to consider the application RR/2018/480/P (Brightling Parish) for the proposed replacement of redundant farm buildings with B1/B8 units on the Coldharbour Farm Estate.
  - The Members agreed to this and the DPC extraordinary planning meeting will take place on 02.10.18 (the application will go to the RDC Planning Committee on 11.10.18). An agenda will be issued shortly.
5. CONTINUATION OF OPEN FORUM
- 5.3 Village Hall report – Councillor P. Ridley
- The Library Café is very successful and proving to be most popular. It is open on the first Saturday of every month.
- 5.4 DPC Chairman's report – Councillor W. Miers
- The Chairman will attend the ESALC AGM and seminar on 11.10.18.
- 5.5 Public Question Time – no members of the public present.
6. DALLINGTON RECREATION GROUND (standing item)
- 6.1 The path will be treated with weedkiller.
- 6.2 Other DRG matters
- The croquet/cricket events have been very successful.
  - The Radio Club have offered to paint the main room and supply the paint, the Members agreed, but need to agreed the colour first.
  - About one-third of the flooring paint has now disappeared and will have to be redone or another solution found.
  - It was agreed to hold the annual DRG Solstice event on Friday 21.12.18.
7. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS
- 7.1 DRG are now compliant, with the exception of one Member's email address that must be changed to - @dallington.org.uk – this will be done shortly.  
One of the Members asked the Clerk to check with our DPO if their use of Dropbox is compliant.
- 7.2 **RESOLVED** – to adopt the DPC Data Protection Policy 2018 as presented by the Clerk. This has been approved by our DPO (LCPAS). Councillor Bellem proposed and Councillor Wilson seconded, the voting was unanimous.
9. ENFORCEMENT (standing item)
- 9.1 No Dallington items on RDC's weekly enforcement list.
- 9.2 No other enforcement matters for discussion.

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10. ROADS/PATHS/VERGES (standing item)
- There is some concern about large clinical waste bins outside Carricks Brook, these are on the Carricks Brook property and the Clerk is to raise this matter with RDC.
  - A mattress has been fly-tipped on the verge (entrance to the DRG carpark), the Clerk will report this to RDC.
11. FINANCE (standing item)
- 11.1 Bank balances at 31.08.18
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| DPC deposit account | £17,670.71 |
| DPC current account | £511.93    |
| DRG custom account  | £,109.53   |
- 11.2 **RESOLVED** – to approve the following payments. Councillor Ridley proposed and Councillor Bellem seconded, the voting was unanimous.
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| Clerk – salary/home office (Aug/Sep 2018) | 656.60  |
| RALC subscription 2018-19                 | 25.00   |
| RBL Poppy Appeal wreath                   | 50.00   |
| TOTAL                                     | £731.60 |
- 11.3 **RESOLVED** – to approve the budget monitor and bank reconciliations at 31.08.18 as presented by the Clerk. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Ridley seconded, the voting was unanimous.
12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS
- 02.10.18 – Extraordinary Planning Meeting, start 7pm in the Village Hall.  
16.10.18 – Planning Meeting (provisional date only, will only be used if required)  
20.11.18 – Full Council Meeting, start 7pm in the Village Hall.