

DALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Dallington Parish Council Meeting
held on 22nd January 2019

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 MEETING
RESOLVED – that the draft minutes of the meeting held on 20.11.18 be confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings. Councillor Bellem proposed and Councillor Ridley seconded, the voting was unanimous. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
5. OPEN FORUM
 - 5.1 County Council report (ESCC) – Councillor J. Barnes
 - The budget for 2019-20 has been settled. ESCC have received a number of “one-off” funding from Central Government and will raise an extra £1.5M from business rates.
 - £5M of savings will still have to be made.
 - ESCC may have to make over £18M cuts for 2020-21, but have managed to put funds in reserves for 2020-21.
 - Councillor Barnes asked that parish councils continue to lobby their MPs about the National Funding Formula, through SALC/RALC.
 - Schools with pupil numbers below 150 will lose some funding.
 - 5.2 District Council report (RDC) – Councillor J. Barnes
 - Council tax is likely to be increased by 2.99%.
 - There is a new strategy for the homeless.
 - There is a consultation on the Public Realm Strategy, this closes on 07.03.19.
 - The question was asked if RDC was lagging behind in recycling in not being able to recycle more types of plastic. Councillor Barnes will investigate.
 - A new waste collection contractor has been appointed. Biffa will start waste collections in May 2019.
 - Concerns were expressed about amount of general roadside rubbish, mostly thrown out of vehicles. There were doubts about a “Parish Clean-up Day” on the B2096 due to dangers to volunteers. DPC complimented RDC on clearing up fly-tipping, this is done very speedily.
 - 5.3 Village Hall report – Mrs. J. Jeremy/Councillor P. Ridley
 - A newsletter has been sent to those villagers who receive a delivered newspaper.
 - The Library Café continues to be successful and now has its own Twitter account.
 - Unfortunately, the DVHC were not successful in obtaining a grant for broadband, they will try again.
 - The Village Hall AGM will be held on 29.01.19 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

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- 5.4 Chairman's report – Councillor W. Miers
- DPC hope to go ahead with the refurbishment of the Carricks Hill triangle in 2019.
 - John Copp is now head of ESCC Highways Roads Division.
- 5.5 Public Question Time
- Two cuts per year to verges has been confirmed by ESCC. The public and DPC think the standard of work by the current contractor is very poor.
 - A resident complained about the edge of the road in South Lane being degraded by about a foot. It is thought that this is due to a land drain from a property in South Lane. The Clerk will investigate and report to ESCC. **CLERK**
 - Another resident asked if the overflow in Padgham Lane ices up in cold weather.
6. APPROVAL OF DPC BUDGET 2019-20 AND SETTING OF DPC PRECEPT OF 2019-20
- 6.1 **RESOLVED** – to approve the DPC draft budget for 2019-20 as presented by the Clerk. Councillor Holyoake proposed and Councillor Wilson seconded, the voting was unanimous.
- 6.2 **RESOLVED** – to set the DPC precept for 2019-20 at £8.435.00 (as previous year). Councillor Bellem proposed and Councillor Ridley seconded, the voting was unanimous.
7. DALLINGTON RECREATION GROUND
- The small entrance gate posts need replacing. These are to be repaired/new posts put in. DPC agreed that this work to go ahead.
 - The car park entrance needs extra planings. This will cost approximately £120 and any over can be used in front of the pavilion. DPC agreed that this work to go ahead.
 - The mower appears to be in good repair at the moment.
 - £67.72 was raised at the Winter Solstice event.
 - A name board for the DRG will be discussed at the next DPC meeting.
8. PROTECTING AND ENHANCING ENGLAND'S TREES AND WOODLANDS CONSULTATION
- AGREED – that DPC will respond and take advice from the Dallington Tree Warden, who has very helpfully sent a draft response to Members.
9. PLANNING
- 9.1 Planning application for consideration
RR/2018/2934/L – Wish House, Battle Road
Replacement of windows to front elevation
AGREED – to support this application.
- 9.2 No other planning matters for discussion.
10. ENFORCEMENT
- 10.1 No Dallington items on RDC's weekly enforcement list.
- 10.2 No other enforcement matters for discussion.
11. ROADS/PATHS/VERGES
- 11.1 At a resident's request, the Clerk is investigating the dangerous exit onto the B2096 and will copy Councillor Barnes on all correspondence.
- 11.2 B2096 Carricks Hill/Earlsdown – despite repeated requests and meetings, ESCC Highways have not responded to DPC's suggestions for raising safety standards on this dangerous road. Councillor Barnes suggested that DPC request a "Strengthening Local Relationships" meeting with Rupert Clubb and John Johnson at ESCC to resolve this. **CLERK**
- 11.3 Waste bins at Glaziers Forge – these appear to be overflowing and a target for others to use them, using larger bins was an option and using a smaller truck to collect individual bins from properties at Glaziers Forge was mentioned. Councillor Bellem is to ask the residents which option they would prefer. **COUNCILLOR BELLEM**

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12. FINANCE
- 12.1 Bank balances at 31.12.18a
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| DPC deposit account | £16,200.19 |
| DPC current account | £558.24 |
| DRG custom account | £1,035.83 |
- 12.2 **RESOLVED** – to approve the following payment. Councillor Ridley proposed and Councillor Wilson seconded, the voting was unanimous.
Clerk – salary/home office (Dec 18/Jan 19), expenses £778.60
- 12.3 **RESOLVED** – to approve the third quarter accounts 2018-19 at 31.12.18 as presented by the Clerk. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Holyoake seconded, the voting was unanimous.
13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS
- 19.02.19 – Planning meeting (provisional, will only be used if required)
- 19.03.19 – DRG meeting (start 7pm)
- 19.03.19 – Full Council meeting (start 7.30pm)