

DALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the First Dallington Parish Council Meeting
held on 15th May 2019

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

Dallington Parish Council were very saddened to hear of the death of Chris Gillett. Chris had played a vital role in the maintenance of our recreation ground, particularly with grass cutting and had gifted a mower to DPC. He was known to all his friends and neighbours in Dallington as most kind and generous man and our thoughts are with his family at this very sad time.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2019-20
RESOLVED – that Councillor Miers be elected Chairman for the council year 2019-20. Councillor Ridley proposed and Councillor Holyoake seconded, the voting was unanimous. The Chairman signed the Declaration of Office.
2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2019-20
RESOLVED – that Councillor Holyoake be election Vice-Chairman for the council year 2019-20. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Ridley seconded, the voting was unanimous.
3. DISPENSATIONS
The Clerk has received dispensation requests from all Members for the Dallington Recreation Ground. The Clerk, as Proper Officer, granted these for the term of this council, as DPC is the sole trustee of the recreation ground, this will enable DRG matters to be discussed at DPC meetings and the avoidance of any conflict of interest.
4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS
None declared.
5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None.
6. ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
RESOLVED – that the draft minutes of the meeting held on 19.03.19 be confirmed as being an accurate record of the proceedings. Councillor Holyoake proposed and Councillor Wilson seconded, the voting was unanimous.
7. OPEN FORUM
- 7.1 County Council report (ESCC) – Councillor J. Barnes
 - The financial year-end was better than expected by £7M, but £11M of cuts will have to be made.
 - A fairer funding review and the Green Paper on Adult Social Care are very urgently needed.
 - There is a very high proportion of the elderly in East Sussex.
 - ESCC are looking at the contract for road repairs and pothole repair, particularly for cement-based roads.

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- 7.2 District Council report (RDC) – Councillor G. Curtis
- Councillor Curtis introduced himself to DPC and we were very pleased to welcome him as Dallington’s District Councillor.
 - There will be a full District Council meeting next Wednesday when responsibilities, after the election, will be made.
 - Councillor Curtis has an interest in roads/transport and is heavily involved with local Speedwatch groups.
- 7.3 Village Hall report – Councillor Ridley
- Broadband has now been installed; it is slow now, but fibre will be coming.
 - Outside decoration is next on the list for “things to do.” Quotes are coming in at around £4K.
- 7.4 Public Question Time – no questions or concerns from members of the public.
8. RESOLUTION OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR) 2018-19
- 8.1 **RESOLVED** – to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2018-19 (section 1). The Chairman proposed and Councillor Ridley seconded, the voting was unanimous.
- 8.2 **RESOLVED** – to approve the Accounting Statements 2018-19 (section 2). Councillor Holyoake proposed and Councillor Wilson seconded, the voting was unanimous.
- 8.3 **AGREED** – to approve the Internal Audit Report.
- 8.4 DPC and the Clerk thanked Mr. Whines for the extremely professional way in which he conducted the Internal Audit report and would like to appoint him as DPC’s Internal Auditor 2019-20. Mr. Whines has kindly declined to take a fee for his work and has asked that a donation of £50.00 be made to a charity of DPC’s choice. This will be on the agenda for the DPC meeting on 16.07.19.
9. RE-ADOPTION/AMENDMENTS TO DPC’S COUNCIL DOCUMENTS
- 9.1 **RESOLVED** – to approve the amendments to DPC’s Financial Regulations and Grant Awarding Policy as presented by the Clerk. Councillor Holyoake proposed and Councillor Wilson seconded, the voting was unanimous.
- 9.2 **RESOLVED** – to re-adopt all other DPC council documents. Councillor Ridley proposed and the Chairman seconded, the voting was unanimous.
10. DPC APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES
- It was agreed that the following appointments be made
- SALC/RALC – The Chairman.
 - Dallington Village Hall Committee – Councillor Ridley.
 - Dallington PCC – The Chairman.
11. DALLINGTON RECREATION GROUND
- The ground is improving, and the mower is working at present, but its life may be limited.
 - There are plans for a cricket match in late July.
 - The Clerk will arrange for a 5-year electrical inspection. **ACTION – CLERK**
 - Plantings have been laid on the car park, about half of the 20 tonnes have been laid.
 - **AGREED** – to authorise the spend of another £45.00 for the above work.
 - **AGREED** – to hire PAT testing equipment, PAT testing is overdue.
12. GLAZIERS FORGE AREA WASTE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS
- Councillor Curtis asked the Clerk to email all the correspondence so far and he will take this matter forward with RDC.
13. VILLAGE CLEAN-UP
- RDC have donated £748.00 to DPC for clean-up materials etc. A discussion/working party is to be set up to decide how best to use this and a village clean-up organised.
- ACTION - CHAIRMAN**

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14. PLANNING
- 14.1 Planning application for consideration
RR/2019/829/L – Bay Tree Cottage, The Street
Removal of existing boiler and replace with external, floor-mounted boiler.
AGREED – to support this application.
- 14.2 No other planning matters for discussion.
15. ENFORCEMENT
- 15.1 No Dallington items on RDC's weekly enforcement list.
- 15.2 No other enforcement matters for discussion.
16. ROADS/PATHS/VERGES
- 16.1 DPC are very disappointed with the outcome of the recent meeting with ESCC Highways. Their suggested improvements to Carricks Hill/Earlsdown are minimal and there are no firm dates or commitment to action.
[Click here to see the response from ESCC Highways.](#)
- 16.2 No other roads/paths/verges matters for discussion.
17. FINANCE
- 17.1 Bank balances at 30.04.19
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| DPC deposit account | £19,180.78 |
| DPC current account | £235.79 |
| DRG custom account | £1,012.55 |
- 17.2 **RESOLVED** – to approve the following payments. Councillor Holyoake proposed and Councillor Wilson seconded, the voting was unanimous.
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| Clerk – salary/home office (Apr/May 2019), expenses | 800.66 |
| BHIB Limited – DPC insurance 2019-20 | 266.67 |
| ESALC – ESALC/NALC subscriptions 2019-20 | 104.98 |
| S. Bellem – refreshments PA 2019 | 36.30 |
| W. Miers – refreshments PA 2019 | 21.30 |
| TOTAL | £1,229.93 |
- * Cheque already raised – D. Wilson, materials for DRG ground improvements £479.25
- 17.3 **RESOLVED** – to approve the budget monitor and bank reconciliations at 30.04.19 as presented by the Clerk. Councillor Ridley proposed and Councillor Holyoake seconded, the voting was unanimous.
18. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS
- 18.06.19 – Planning Meeting (provisional, will only be held if required).
16.07.19 – Full Council Meeting.
All to start at 7.00pm in Dallington Village Hall.