

# DALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Dallington Parish Council Meeting  
held on 21st January 2020

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

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## 1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None declared.

## 2. DISPENSATIONS

None requested.

## 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

## 4. ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**RESOLVED** – that the draft minutes of the council meeting on 19.11.19 and the planning meeting on 17.12.19 be confirmed as being an accurate record of the proceedings. Councillor Holyoake proposed and Councillor Gray seconded, the voting was unanimous. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

## 5. OPEN FORUM

5.1 County Council report (ESCC) – no available, Councillor Barnes sent apologies.

5.2 District Council report (RDC) – Councillor G. Curtis

- Things are encouraging on the RALC speed awareness campaign, the issue now is data collection.
- Rural crime seems to be on the increase, so can all be vigilant.

5.3 Village Hall report – Councillor P. Ridley

- The AGM is on 27.01.20 at 4pm in the Village Hall.
- The Internet Café is in the process of being set-up.
- The snooker tournament was very successful, and we are looking at grants to restore the historic snooker room.
- A monthly “Villagers Club” is now being set-up and will meet on the third Thursday of each month.
- The Poetry and Prose Club is now meeting in the Village Hall.

5.4 Chairman’s report – Councillor W. Miers

- The Chairman attended RALC, RDC Planning and Standards meetings.
- The Village Hall defibrillator needs a new battery, the Clerk will order this. **(CLERK)**

5.5 Public Question Time

- The state of the road surface in Prinkle Hill is appalling. The Clerk is to contact, yet again, ESCC Highways about this.
- We have a volunteer to organise a Village Clean-up Day. He will liaise with the Clerk to organise this.

## 6. APPROVAL OF DRAFT BUDGET AND SETTING OF PRECEPT 2020-21

6.1 **RESOLVED** – to approve the draft budget for 2020-21 as presented by the Clerk. Councillor Holyoake proposed and Councillor Harding seconded, the voting was unanimous.

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- 6.2 **RESOLVED** – to set the Dallington Parish Council precept 2020-21 at £8.435.00, as 2019-20. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Holyoake seconded, the voting was unanimous.

## 7. DALLINGTON RECREATION GROUND

- It was agreed that our volunteer can go ahead and hire the equipment for PAT testing.
- We need a risk assessment for the pavilion and instructions in case of fire. **(CLERK)**
- A notice is needed stating that flammable materials are in the container. **(CLERK)**
- Petrol is to be stored in a metal cupboard/filing cabinet and labelled as such.
- Any workmen/contractors must sign to acknowledge they have seen an asbestos report. **(CLERK)**
- The plastic chairs and tables behind the container are to be removed.
- The Solstice Event was very successful.

## 8. GLAZIERS FORGE WASTE COLLECTION

The Chairman met with Councillors Curtis and Gray, Andrew Meade (RDC) and Biffa representatives on 05.12.19 at Glaziers Forge to discuss this matter. The following was confirmed

- Biffa do not have/enough of the small vehicles to collect waste bins and they will not allow their large vehicles onto the Glaziers Forge track.
- There was a discussion about moving the bins inside Glaziers Forge, but this was thought to be unlikely as a platform would have to be built for the bins and this is private land.
- There are certainly not enough (just one) green recycling bins.
- Councillor Curtis is waiting to hear again from Biffa, but the outlook for individual bins per household is not looking hopeful.
- The only remedies that can be seen now are – more bins, locking bins and some signage.
- The cost of a private collection was suggested and a further meeting with RDC, Biffa and the Glaziers Forge residents is possible.

## 9. RDC CONSULTATION ON 2020-21 BUDGET AND DaSa STATEMENT

After a discussion it was decided that DPC will not respond.

## 10. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLOR GRAY

- 10.1 Councillor Gray thought that the New Councillors training session held by SSALC was a very good course, lots of information and a lot to consider. Councillor Gray is to send DPC copies of his report.

- 10.2 The offer from Trevor Leggo (CEO of SSALC) to facilitate a visioning exercise for a parish plan was thought to be an excellent idea. He will be contacted for a date after the Parish Assembly.

## 11. DALLINGTON PARISH ASSEMBLY 2020 (21.04.20)

- It was decided to change the format from last year, this year individuals will present their own reports.
- Councillors Gray and Ridley will organise the publicity posters.
- Name badges will be given to all attendees. **(CLERK)**
- Light refreshments will be provided – wine/soft drinks/crisps.

## 12. WILDLIFE/WILDFLOWER VERGES

**AGREED** – that no further wildlife/wildflower verges be commissioned this year, we currently have two. All other Dallington verges will receive two cuts as usual.

## 13. PLANNING

- 13.1 No Dallington planning applications for consideration.
- 13.2 No other planning matters for discussion.

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## 14. ENFORCEMENT

- 14.1 No Dallington items on RDC's weekly enforcement list.
- 14.2 No other enforcement matters for discussion.

## 15. HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY

- 15.1 Prinkle Hill – see item 5.5 (bullet point 1).
- 15.2 The Clerk is to arrange a date for a further SLR meeting (late February). **(CLERK)**

## 16. FINANCE

### 16.1 Bank balances at 31.12.19

DPC deposit account	£16,449.19
DPC current account	£1,380.40
DRG current account	£1,204.77

### 16.2 **RESOLVED** – the approve the following payments. Councillor Holyoake proposed and Councillor Gray seconded, the voting was unanimous.

Clerk – salary/home office (Dec 19/Jan 20), expenses	874.56
Donation – DVHC (in lieu of internal audit fee)	50.00
Godaddy – daily back-up for website (Mastercard)	28.66

TOTAL £953.22

### 16.3 **RESOLVED** – to approve the third quarter accounts 2019-20 at 31.12.19 as presented by the Clerk. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Holyoake seconded, the voting was unanimous.

## 17. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

- 18.02.20 – Planning meeting (provisional, will only be held if required)
  - 17.03.20 – Full council meeting.
- Both to start at 7pm in Dallington Village Hall