

Dallington Parish Council

Minutes of the Dallington Parish Council Meeting (Planning)
held on 18th August 2020

Present
Councillors W. Miers (Chairman), N. Holyoake (Vice-Chairman),
J. Gray, P. Ridley
Mrs. I. Marchant (Parish Clerk/RFO)
Member of the public

1. **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman declared a personal pecuniary interest in item 5.1 on the agenda as her property is severely affected by the application and will not take part in the voting.

2. **DISPENSATIONS**

None requested.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Harding sent apologies.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

4.1 Public Question Time – there were no queries received from the public.

5. **PLANNING**

5.1 Planning application for consideration.

RR/2020/1270/P South Lane, land adjoining – widening of field gate, amendment to approved scheme RR/2019/1262/P (retrospective).

AGREED – to object to this application, the reasons for this are set out on pages 2 and 3 of these minutes. All members were in favour, the Chairman did not take part in the voting.

5.2 No other planning matters for discussion.

6. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

29.09.20 – Full Council Meeting

20.10.20 – Planning Meeting (provisional, will only be held if required).

Both to start at 7.00pm, venue to be advised.

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REPOSE TO APPLICATION – RR/2020/1270/P

Dallington Parish Council objects most strongly to the above application on the following grounds –

1. We are most concerned that the original plan has been changed, *“the Highway Authority’s representative advised the appointed contractor to move the entrance approximately 1.5m-1.7m further to the north so as to reposition it central to the two roadside telegraph poles.”* (Planning Statement, item 1.3)
 - Dallington Parish Council wish to see written evidence of this.
 - We cannot understand why ESCC Highways thought it permissible to build a very large bellmouth/entrance/exit exactly opposite two driveways to residential properties on a very narrow rural lane in an AONB
 - This is a dangerous lane with blind bends.
 - There are no walkable verges/pavements in South Lane, which is much used by walkers, bike riders and horse riders.
 - South Lane has signs at either end stating, “Unsuitable for heavy vehicles.”
 - Most houses in South Lane have site mirrors to enable them to edge out of their properties as sight lines are very poor.
 - South Lane is far less safe now as the bellmouth is nearer a bend.
 - Residents have complained that works (heavy vehicles moving) and chipping has started at 7am, several times.
 - The only logical reason for the applicant to move the bellmouth appears to be to save money for the applicant (removal/re-siting of telegraph poles) – there has been absolutely no consideration given to the residents.
2. Dallington Parish Council do not accept that the applicant’s contractor was *“unaware that this would then require the roadside works to be undertaken on land outside of the previous red line area forming part of the previous planning application approval.”* (Planning Statement, item 1.4) as a legitimate excuse.

We consider that this is matter should have been addressed immediately when Dallington Parish Council informed RDC Enforcement, work should have been stopped and restarted according to the original approved plan.
3. *“It is also proposed to fence the field (inside the replanted roadside hedgerow), so that it can be brought back into productive use for grazing as part of a wildlife friendly farming system following some 20 years of disuse.”* (Planning Statement, item 1.7)

THIS IS NOT TRUE; the field has been used continuously for cattle and sheep grazing and should only be used for agricultural/logging use.
We will object most strongly if the field is used for anything else e.g. camping, bike/quad bike riding and temporary/permanent buildings.
4. This new application does not address all the breaches to the original planning application (RR/2019/1262/P).
 - The roadway entrance (bellmouth) is further to the north than on the original plans and nearer to a bend.
 - The track inside the field is not following the original grass track as stated on the first application.
 - The gate has been moved completely and a second gate has not been added as specified on the original plans.
 - More trees and ancient hedgerows have been removed than stated on the original plans.

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5. *“with appropriate new hedge planning during the next planting season (which can be secured by a planting condition) the visual impact would not be significantly different to that previously approved as part of planning permission RR/2019/1262/P.”* (Planning Statement, item 1.8)
Dallington Parish Council consider this statement to be impossible, please see attached photos.



**Dallington Parish Council asks for a total refusal of this application and all works to be re-instated to the original plans on application RR/2019/1262/P.
This decision was made at the Dallington Parish Council meeting on 18.08.20**