

# Dallington Parish Council

Minutes of the Dallington Parish Council Meeting  
held on 29th September 2020

Present

Councillors W. Miers (Chairman), N. Holyoake (Vice-Chairman),  
N. Harding, P. Ridley  
Mrs. I. Marchant (Parish Clerk/RFO)

## 1. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Councillor Ridley declared a personal pecuniary interest in item 10.1 on the agenda – planning application RR/2020/1538/P, as she is a near neighbour. She will not take part in the discussion and voting and will leave the room when voting occurs.

The Chairman declared a personal interest in item 9. on the agenda, as she is a Churchwarden of St. Giles Church, Dallington.

## 2. DISPENSATIONS

None requested.

## 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Gray sent apologies.

## 4. ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

**RESOLVED** – that the draft minutes of the meetings held on 28.07.20 and 18.08.20 be confirmed as being accurate records of the proceedings. Councillor Holyoake 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 Barnes sent apologies and asked that his briefing below be read out.

- The major news is that, although budgeting will be difficult, ESCC will not seek further cuts in the coming financial year. The Health and Well Being Board has agreed the current plan for dealing with the COVID emergency and this is available on the ESCC website.
- ESCC are reviewing their Highways contract but have ruled out any thoughts of bringing the operation in-house or setting up a joint venture company. The main thrust will be to improve the quality of the work done.
- Rother District Council (RDC) has put in a critique of Central Government's housing algorithm. It was agreed that RDC should indicate the very particular problems they will have with any increased housing target – as Rother is 82% AONB and in all, 90% protected. It is simply not possible to see where the kind of figure indicated by the Government algorithm would be accommodated.

5.2 District Council report (RDC) – Councillor Curtis sent apologies.

5.3 Chairman's report – Councillor W. Miers

- Our Church is now open again, we had around 30 people last Sunday.
- A meeting with the Glaziers Forge residents will not be possible at present due to the COVID emergency.
- There have been complaints about the white chalk lines all over our roads and the very loud noise from the new logging operation (entrance in South Lane).
- The duck pond near Churches Green has been cleared at last, but the waste soil etc., has been dumped on the roadside.
- Dallington Recreation Ground – the far side gatepost has been knocked over.

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- 5.4 Village Hall report – Councillor P. Ridley
- We are very pleased with the quality of the recent painting works.
  - The Village Hall has still limited use for groups due to the COVID emergency.
  - We are following all Government guidelines and regulations.
- 5.5 Public Question Time – no members of the public present.
6. **ADDITIONAL CLAUSE TO STANDING ORDERS**  
**RESOLVED** – in order to avoid any ambiguity or confusion regarding the disclosure of personal pecuniary interests, the following additional clause will be added to our Standing Orders.  
*If you declare a personal pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda -*
- *You shall not participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your disclosable pecuniary interest during the meeting participate further in any discussion of the business, and*
  - *You shall not participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.*
  - *You will leave the room when voting takes place.*
- The Chairman proposed and Councillor Harding seconded, the voting was unanimous.
7. **GOVERNMENT CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM**
- 7.1 Changes to the current planning systems consultation.
- 7.2 Planning for the future White Paper.  
Due to time constraints, DPC were unable to respond to these consultations.
8. **ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING SURVEYS**
- 8.1 Early Engagement questionnaire – DPC considered this to be somewhat of a “wish list,” and considering pending changes to the national planning system and things outside RDC’s remit, e.g. speeding, the questionnaire was partially completed.
- 8.2 RDC Settlement Studies questionnaire – the Clerk undertook to complete this questionnaire for RDC’s new Local Plan.
9. **GRANT REQUEST FROM DALLINGTON PCC**  
**RESOLVED** – to grant the sum of £600.00 to Dallington PCC for churchyard maintenance. Councillor Holyoake proposed and Councillor Ridley seconded, the voting was unanimous.
10. **PLANNING**
- 10.1 Planning applications for consideration  
RR/2020/1532/P – Coldharbour Farm, Battle Road  
Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2018/480/P to allow for the approval of 4 revised plans proposing amendments to 4 of the approved plans.  
**AGREED** – to support this application.  
RR/2020/1538/P – Pantons, The Street  
Single-storey rear and side extension and first floor rear extension.  
**AGREED** – to support this application.
- 10.2 No other planning matters for discussion.
11. **ENFORCEMENT**
- 11.1 No Dallington items on RDC’s weekly enforcement list.
- 11.2 No other enforcement matters for discussion.
12. **HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY**
- 12.1 The condition of the lower end of The Street is very poor, the road surface is worn away. The Clerk will notify ESCC Highways.
- 12.2 The Clerk is to find out if ESCC are currently holding their SLR meetings.

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## 13. FINANCE

### 13.1 Bank balances at 31.08.20

- DPC deposit account - £15,698.60
- DPC current account - £989.64
- DRG current account - £1,260.03

### 13.2 **RESOLVED** – to approve the following payments. Councillor Ridley proposed and Councillor Harding seconded, the voting was unanimous.

- Clerk, salary/home office (Aug/Sep 2020) - £831.00
- \* Padlock for DRG car park gate - £82.49
- \* Satswana, DPO service (2-year term) - £150.00
- \* D. Wilson, PAT testing equipment hire - £60.98

\* payments already made.

### 13.3 **RESOLVED** – to approve the budget monitor and bank reconciliations at 31.08.20, as presented by the Clerk. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Holyoake seconded, the voting was unanimous.

## 14. DATES OF NEXT MEETING(S)

20.10.20 – Planning meeting

17.11.20 – Full Council meeting

Both to start at 7.00pm in Dallington Village Hall

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