

# Dallington Parish Council

Minutes of the Dallington Parish Council Meeting  
held on 19th January 2021 via Zoom

Present

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

## 1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Gray declared a personal pecuniary interest in item 10.1 on the agenda (planning application RR/2020/2332/P, as his son-in-law in the applicant. He will leave the meeting during this item and will not take part in the voting.

## 2. DISPENSATIONS

None requested.

## 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

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

**RESOLVED** – that the draft minutes of the meetings held on 06.10.20 and 24.11.20 (planning) be confirmed as being accurate records of the proceedings. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Harding seconded, the voting was unanimous. The minutes will be signed by the Chairman when DPC are able to meet in person.

## 5. OPEN FORUM

5.1 County Council report (ESCC) – Councillor Barnes sent apologies.

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

- Due to lockdown, not too much to report.
- The Black Cat speeding device has been installed in Catsfield.

5.3 Chairman's report – Councillor W. Miers

- The Chairman has been active in keeping in touch with our more elderly/vulnerable residents.
- She has had a meeting with RDC's Environmental and Policy Manager.
- Our church, St. Giles, is closed for the foreseeable future.

5.4 Village Hall report – Councillor P. Ridley

- The painting works have finished, and the billiard room works are about to start.
- Carricks Brook (key worker status) are booking for February 2021.
- Hopefully more funding will be available from RDC.
- Fire safety is the priority.

5.5 Public Question Time – no questions.

## 6. APPROVAL OF DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET 2021-22 AND SETTING OF PRECEPT FOR 2021.22

6.1 **RESOLVED** – to approve the draft revenue budget for 2021-22 as presented by the Clerk. Councillor Gray proposed, and Councillor Harding seconded, the voting was unanimous.

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6.2 **RESOLVED** – to set the DPC precept for 2021-22 at £8,435.00 as the previous year. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Holyoake seconded, the voting was unanimous.

## 7. CARRICKS GREEN TRIANGLE

A working party consisting of all DPC Members has been set up to deal with the improvements/repairs to the triangle.

- A Dallington resident is drawing up plans.
- The corner on the B2096 (Rowlands Cottage) is losing more and more earth. Cobblestones may be a possibility to stop this.
- The Dallington Tree Warden would like to be involved and conduct an ecological survey.
- Work needs to be done on the trees.
- A circular seat is planned around the largest tree.
- The daffodils were planted for the Millennium in 2020.

## 8. SEATING IN THE PARISH

It is considered vital that there are safe walking routes for residents along the B2096. Seating (benches) are to be installed at various locations. These locations will have to be approved by ESCC Highways. This will be discussed again at the next DPC meeting.

## 9. FLOORING IN THE DRG PAVILION

All Members agreed that lino type flooring be fitted in the pavilion. The cost will be investigated and assumed to be approximately £300.00.

## 10. PLANNING

10.1 Planning applications for consideration

RR/2020/2332/P – Brook Cottage, Carricks Hill

Proposed conversion and first floor extension of existing linked games room/garage to annexe accommodation. Additional proposed detached garage.

**AGREED** – to support this application.

RR/2020/2255/P – Telegraph Point, Coldharbour Farm Estate (Brightling Parish)

Retention of existing mobile unit for B1a use, allied to existing B1/B8 premises adjacent to “Bloompower.” To include staff parking.

**AGREED** – to object to this application on the following grounds. This has been the subject of a Dismissed Appeal (APP/U140/C/19/3222918) and has never had more than temporary planning permission – the decision of the appeal should be enforced. There is no case made for additional B1/B8 permission and this application is very damaging to the High Weald AONB.

10.2 No other planning matters for discussion.

## 11. ENFORCEMENT

11.1 No Dallington items on RDC’s weekly enforcement list.

11.2 No enforcement matters for discussion.

## 12. HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY

- The holes in the retaining wall at the top of Carricks Hill are filled with gravel and this washes down Carricks Hill when raining.
- The damaged grit bin on Carricks Hall has been replaced, but once again on unstable ground. It appears to be locked.
- There are dangerous potholes near Parkfield Farm.
- ESCC RoW will be contacted with the suggestion that damaged stiles are replaced with kissing gates.

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## 13. FINANCE

13.1 Bank balances at 31.12.20

- DPC deposit account - £15,416.10
- DPC current account - £1,668.25
- DRG current account - £1,350.03

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

- \* Clerk, salary/HO/expenses (Oct/Nov20) - £949.98
- \* BCH, pavilion valuation - £150.00
- \* Grant, Dallington PCC (churchyard) – £600.00
- \* Godaddy renewals (3-year term) - £905.44
- \* Subscription, SLCC 2021-22 - £144.00
- Clerk, salary/HO (Dec20/Jan21) - £831.00

\* already paid

13.3 **RESOLVED** – to approve the second quarter account (30.09.20) and the third quarter accounts (31.12.20) as presented by the Clerk. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Harding seconded, the voting was unanimous.

## 14. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

16.02.21 – Planning Meeting (start 7.30pm) - provisional, will only be held if required

16.03.21 – DRG Meeting (start 7pm)

16.03.21 – Full Council Meeting (to follow on from the DRG Meeting)

Due to the current lockdown, these meetings will be held via Zoom.