

Dalton Piercy Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 14th April 2022
At Dalton Piercy Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs D. Rezai (Chair), M Ireland, L Noble. M. Patrick, S, Rushworth, M Jackson and S. Savage.

In Attendance: J. White DPPC Clerk and 7 members of the public

Meeting began at 7.02pm.

1. Apologies for Absence:

None

2. Declaration of interests:

DR, L.N and M.P – Village Hall (all are trustees of DPVHA)

3. Public Forum:

No comments.

4. Minutes of meetings held on 10th March 2022:

Proposed M.P. Sec S.S. Approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. Parish Council election.

The Clerk reported notice had been received from HBC officers that following submission of nominations for the upcoming election on 5th May 2022, the seats at Dalton Piercy Parish Council will be uncontested.

6. The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022

7. Village speeding issues

The Chairman reported historical decisions made by DPPC as concerns relating to road safety and speeding have been raised consistently for many years. DPPC decided physical speed deterrents were required in the centre of the village and voted in favour of this.

The Clerk reported HBC had recently voted to approve speed reduction measures within the rural west ward following a consultation at committee meeting. The Clerk asked Councillors to consider what type of approach Dalton Piercy may wish to pursue.

After speaking with senior officers at HBC it is apparent that records of road accidents/incidents are used as a measure to determine where road safety measures are required. Apparently records do not show increased risk for the main road – something the Clerk felt was not a true reflection of situation. The Clerk raised concern that not all accidents were reported and that vulnerable road users were particularly at risk in and around Dalton Piercy due to lack of footpaths, national speed limit and the type of other road users.

The Clerk reported a resident had requested a speed limit review – with a view to reduce the limit on the stretch of road from Mayfield House to the Village due to safety concerns. HBC are looking into this.

A discussion took place;

Councillors were all in agreement speed reduction is required and feel support from residents would be in favour of physical speed deterrents as well as reduced speed limits.

A suggestion that a petition from residents might gauge public opinion and serve as a record.

Evidence of collisions and minor collisions and vehicle speeds at different times of the day? – Could we get advice as to how we can achieve/record this?

It was **resolved** continued email pressure should be put on HBC and MP outlining issues with a request for a resolution to make progress. DPPC to push for public opinion using social media. Clerk to **Action.**

8. The Batts - *project and reserve updates.*

9. Red Gap projects

a) Project updates

HBC provided a proposal for the next phase of the 'Three Gates Footpath' This stretch is closer to the East where the verge narrows and becomes steep, the plan has the new footpath rerouted across the road close to the 'historical gate – welcome to Dalton Piercy' sign.

D.R. Proposed: this plan is rejected – for a number of reasons including; a hard footpath is not necessary at this location, the grass is cut on this wide section of verge – moving the footpath here would be for a very short stretch of the path before having to cross the road again, this would be more dangerous for vulnerable road users – the original plan was for the footpath to be on the same side of the road all the way along (with an expectation some bank work would be required)

The Clerk should request the footpath stays on the same side of road with the next section funding being £4950.00

Seconded L.N. Approved.

b) New proposals;

- The Clerk read the previous list of proposed projects.
- L.N. proposed DPPC commissions an information sign for the back of the noticeboard.

10. Maintenance Report:

Cllr Noble reported;

Ash tree on Manor fields – tree surgeons have carried out the required work and significant limbs have been removed.

Unfortunately the falling branches had left significant delves in the green. It was **resolved** the maintenance group could repair the green and purchase some grass seed.

11. Ward Councillors Report:

No attendance or Report.

12. Chairman's Report:

Cllr Rezai reported;

On progress on the 'vote of no confidence' in HBC;

A press release and 'open letter' which outlined lack of progress was printed in the local paper. There has been no reply from HBC.

Cllr Rezai committed to support the other Chairmen's wishes as well as communicating on behalf of DPPC.

A 'Parish Liasson' (Parish Council Chairmen and HBC leaders) meeting is scheduled for later this month.

Cllr Rezai expressed his great concern that Ward Councillors are not attending meetings or engaging with Parish Councils.

Solicitors acting on our behalf have informed us that funds, for the grant of easement across the village green for Anglian Water and access to their land, are due to be with the solicitor later this week.

13. DPVHA Report

14. Personnel Report:

No report.

15. Finance Report

The Clerk presented the actual against budget report and the financial transactions which were **accepted**.

Financial Transactions 11th March – 31st March 2022

Receipts	£
Easement payment (from Anglian water via TBI)	35,000.00
TOTAL:	£35,000.00
Payments	£
J & J tree services (J Tyers)	£850.00
TOTAL:	£850.00

Financial Transactions 31st March – 14th April 2022

Receipts	£
HBC precept+concurrent grant	14,524.00
TOTAL:	£14,524.00
Payments	£
J White Clerks salary	£221.00
CDALC elections training	£10.00
M Jackson (reimbursement fruit trees+fuel)	£201.68
TOTAL:	£432.68

16. Correspondence:

Shared with Councillors ahead of the meeting.
All covered under other items in this meeting.

Some discussions raised from previous correspondence – **Action:** Clerk to chase response from HBC regarding flooding at Hart on the Hill and new field flooding that is having an impact on the carriageway on Dalton Back Lane.

Also; Clerk to explore a response from HBC planning/tree protection regarding the clearance at The Grove site.

17. Planning Applications:

Late addition (received after agenda publication): H/2022/0046

Highgate Meadows, Dalton Piercy – subdivision of plot 5 and the erection of 3 dwellings (1x detached and 1 pair of semi-detached)

Cllrs **resolved** to request an extension for comment to HBC (28/03/22) As the notice has only very recently been sent to residents and Cllrs would like to gauge opinion prior to comment. Clerk to **Action**.

18. Matters of Concern to Councillors:

Allotment holders' annual tenancy packs are to be sent in the month of April.

Cllr Jackson reiterated his concern about speeding through the village and noted that HBC have some funds which are being allocated to the Rural West Ward.

The Clerk reported HBC had informed DPPC that HBC's proposal is to install physical speed control on Valley Drive at West Park and North Lane in Elwick. There had been little support from the residents at these locations and so, the proposal is under review. The Chairman had spoken with HBC officers and pushed for Dalton Piercy's concerns to be put forward with a request for physical barriers here.

Cllr Jackson requested full support from DPPC to create a plan to lobby HBC with the ultimate goal of physical speed barriers in the village.

Meeting closed at 9.16pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th April 2022