

Dalton Piercy Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 19th May 2022
At Dalton Piercy Village Hall.

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

In Attendance: J. White DPPC Clerk and 2 members of the public

Meeting began at 7.19pm.

This meeting was rescheduled as was originally due to be held on Thursday 12th May. The Clerk thanked those present for their understanding and flexibility for this.

1. Apologies for Absence:

M Jackson

2. Declaration of interests:

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

3. Public Forum:

No comments.

4. A) Minutes of meetings held on 14th April 2022:

Proposed M.I. Sec M.P. Approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting with the following amendment: Point 8. 6th Paragraph add 'and Ireland'

B) Meeting notes from the Annual Parish meeting 2022 were acknowledged – to note particularly that the meeting was well attended by newer residents from Highgate Meadows which was lovely to see and that their support/comments largely were focused on getting a new village hall and speed reductions/road safety with overwhelming support for physical speed barriers in the centre of the village.

5. Parish and Ward Council election.

Seats Dalton Piercy Parish Council are uncontested. However due to the resignation of Cllr Rezai we now have 1 vacancy. The monitoring officer at HBC will send the relevant public notice which may lead to a Casual Vacancy or Election should there be the correct number of requests.

Mr Andrew Martin-Wells and Mr Scott Reeve both Conservative party members were elected as our newest Ward Councillors. They join Cllr Mike Young in representing our ward at HBC.

Action: Clerk to write a letter of congratulations with details and invitation of upcoming DPPC meetings.

6. The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022

The working group continues to organise.

There will be a 'bring your own picnic' on the Village Green on Saturday 4th June from 2.00pm. Decorations for the village – flags and bunting, traditional outdoor games for families, a megaphone have been purchased.

Villagers will be encouraged to decorate their houses with a prize for the best dressed (£25.00 voucher). The village hall will be opened 1hr before the event for judging of children's picture competition. (Art set prize)

A successful funding bid to HBC has contributed £160 for the event.

It was **agreed** DPPC would contribute £150.00. Sweets/medal prizes for the games and a toast and cake to be purchased.

7. The Batts

A discussion took place which centred around longevity and ongoing maintenance of the site. It was **agreed** professional advice from organisations like Tees valley wildlife trust (TVWT) would always be the first port of call. To that end it was **agreed** a request for an annual rolling maintenance plan for the site would be sought from them.

Concerns were raised about planting which could cause some areas to become unmanageable in the future.

TVWT advised; some planting is too close together and the hawthorn hedge as planted will become large. The bee banks should not be planted with trees and should remain part of the open meadow. DPPC should not allow burning to clear the site or dispose of cuttings, instead they should be spread and allowed to compost.

In the long term TVWT can not commit to more than 3 site visits per year. 4nature.org.uk is a company that manages nature reserves and has previously been contracted by HBC to clear and maintain rights of way in the Borough. DPPC may wish to get quotes for work from them in the future.

The water barrel is being stored at the village hall.

The Clerk reported she had been informed there had been a number of small 'camp' style fires in the reserve. These are to be monitored and reported to the police where necessary.

8. Red Gap projects

It was **agreed** that none of DPPC's proposed new projects are 'pressing' and DPPC wish to support DPVHA's application for funding for the new hall. There will be no new applications this year with a focus on completing outstanding projects with full support to DPVHA.

Cllr Rushworth was nominated to attend the Grantscape meeting due to Cllr Rezai's resignation.

9. Maintenance Report:

Cllr Noble reported;

Bedding plants for village pots are to be purchased with an attempt to source red white and blue flowers to fit this year's jubilee theme.

A village tidy up/planting day is to be on Saturday 28th May. 10.30am.

It has been noted there is a crack in the wall that abuts the bank of the beck close to the pedestrian bridge at the entrance of The Batts. This is not on DPPC land but will be monitored.

10. Ward Councillors Report:

No attendance or Report.

11. Chairman's Report:

Cllr Noble reported;

It is a real shame to see our outgoing Chairman Darab Rezai leave DPPC. He will be sadly missed, his support for the village over the years has been unfailing and Cllr Noble wished to publicly thank him for everything he has done for Dalton Piercy.

An update on HBC 'no confidence'; A working group has been created which is to consist of 2x ward councillors, 2x parish councillors, a clerk and HBC legal representative with the intention of reporting to the Parish Liaison meetings (Liaison meetings to be held once a quarter)

12. DPVHA Report

Cllr Patrick reported; The land lease is complete and back from the solicitors. It is conditional upon successful planning permission which needs to be completed within a year.

Prices have been obtained for further design work which includes submitting full planning applications. To cover these costs DPVHA will submit an application to Red Gap. Looking at figure of around £22,000.00 for this process.

An amount of £8,000 has already been awarded from Red Gap for demolition/clearance of the site. A request for this fund to be 'rolled over' until such time work is ready to progress.

The next phase will be to apply for further funding to cover the build cost.

13. Personnel Report:

No report.

14. Finance Report

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

Financial Transactions 15th April – 12th May 2022

Receipts	£
	0.00
TOTAL:	£0.00
Payments	£
J White Clerks Salary	£221.00
Zurich insurance premium 2022	£520.89
CLCA membership fee 2022/23	£95.03
Viking Direct paper & envelopes	£39.77
M Jackson water carrier	£49.99
J White Amazon Jubilee orders (115.46) + Annual meeting refreshments (54.61)	£170.07
Wave water bill	£69.24
C+C Walker 2x grass cut	£420.00
TOTAL:	£1,585.99

It was noted there are a number of small purchases to be made for the Jubilee Picnic (children's medals and sweets) it was **agreed** that should there be a small overspend, a reasonable and proportionate amount would be acceptable.

15. Correspondence:

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

16. Planning Applications:

- H/2021/0096 *Amended plan and updated ecological report for 7 bungalows on and north of Highgate meadows.*
DPPC have previously objected to the addition of 7 dwellings. It was **agreed** there are no further comments to add.

17. Matters of Concern to Councillors:

None to add.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th June 2022