

**Dalton Piercy Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 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 7.03pm.

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

M Jackson and Ward Councillor A.M. Wells

**2. Declaration of interests:**

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

**3. Public Forum:**

- A query; when would tree pruning scheduled by Northern Power due to be completed? In response the Clerk informed the meeting that 1<sup>st</sup> phase of work is complete and the outstanding jobs require the power supply (overhead cables) to be switched off. We have not been given a date for this.

**4. A) Minutes of meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022:**

**Proposed M.P. Sec S.S. Approved** as a true and accurate record of the meeting with the following amendment: Point 12. Line 6 – *correction*, change; £4,950.00 to £8,000.00

**5. The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022**

Cllr Noble reported; On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June DPPC hosted a picnic on the village green. The event was a great success attended by over 100 people.

Families and friends brought their own picnic, we held a toast to the Queen, had cake and children played games.

The winner of best dressed house went to a house at Highgate meadows (as chosen by the public) and the winner of the children's picture contest was Ella who won an art set for her lovely Jubilee picture.

Congratulations to the residents of Manor Farm who won the 'royal' quiz.

Cllr Noble went on to express her thanks and that of everyone at DPPC to those who volunteered on the day.

**6. Red Gap projects**

The Batts – It was agreed that funding remaining in the budget for the orchard project should be spent on a 'marker stone' with metal/brass plaque marking the 'Dalton Piercy Community Orchard' part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy.

**Action:** Clerk to obtain consent from RedGap to include this in the project.

The Clerk is due to meet HBC officers this week for site meetings re solar light project and extension to footpath (Three Gates to village)

## 7. Maintenance Report:

Cllr Noble reported;

The village flower tubs have now been planted with jubilee theme-coloured plants. Allotment inspections are due to take place in the first week of July. Cllrs Patrick and Savage of the maintenance group will carry out the inspection. **Action:** Clerk to notify plot holders by email.

The Batts

Tees Valley Wildlife Trust (TVWT) have submitted a 1yr management proposal which incorporates funding from HBC 106 money fund.

TVW have been keen to express their support for the site but have notified us that going forward they will only be able to commit to a few days a year on site.

A discussion took place where Councillors confirmed their commitment to follow all advice and guidelines provided by TVWT regarding management for the site. The Clerk mentioned there is a company used by HBC and other local authorities/groups to manage land. It was **agreed** the Clerk should contact 4nature to see what services they can offer.

Councillors further **agreed** their full support for the plan provided by TVWT with one amendment which was that instead of a bench (worried about vandalism) an information board with map should be looked into. Cllr Ireland volunteered contacts for the company that supplied the information board at Elwick village.

## 8. Ward Councillors Report:

No attendance or Report.

## 9. Chairman's Report:

Cllr Noble reported;

An update on HBC 'no confidence';

A working group which it was proposed consist of 2x Ward councillors, 2x parish councillors, a clerk and HBC legal representative with the aim of reporting to the Parish Liaison meeting. We await a response from HBC after the composition of the group was questioned/changed by them.

The next liaison meeting is in early July

## 10. DPVHA Report

Cllr Patrick reported; Our solicitor has advised DPVHA should go to the land registry and place a notice on the landlord's title as we wait for the land lease to be finalised. DPVHA intend on doing this. The solicitors bill to date (£2,000.00) has been paid.

DPVHA will apply to the Red Gap fund for £4,900.00 for site clearance to provide good access (this is not demolition which has already been funded.)

## 11. Personnel Report:

No report.

## 12. Finance Report

a) Monthly report;

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

## Financial Transactions 13<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>
HBC Platinum Jubilee grant	160.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£160.00</b>
<b>Payments</b>	<b>£</b>
J White Clerks Salary	£221.00
DM Ireland (jubilee games receipts)	£75.45
DPVHA annual hall rent	£450.00
C+C Walker 2x grass cut	£420.00
J White (jubilee amazon orders)	£39.51
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£1205.96</b>

- b) Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year ending 31 March 2022 - To agree the Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return

Unfortunately, the accounts are still with the internal auditor.

It was agreed a special meeting would be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.00pm

### 13. Correspondence:

Shared with Councillors ahead of the meeting.

Correspondence from residents; - A water leak close to the bridge and footpath to Summerhill was reported and fixed. The area remains very wet

A written complaint regarding the drain smell. Action: Clerk to write a formal complaint to Northumbrian Water and copy our MP to the letter as well as letting Sambucas/The Windmill know there is an issue in the village.

### 14. Planning Applications:

- H/2022/0159 Erection of a plant/machinery storage building, Woodside. *No objection.*
- H/2022/0196 (variation) to increase length of proposed extension, Woodside. *No comment to add.*
- H/2022/0037 Extension to the side of 1 Manor Fields (late addition to agenda) *No objection.*

### 15. Matters of Concern to Councillors:

Cllr Savage commented; The flashing 20mph speed sign at the West of the village is not working.

**Action:** Clerk to report to HBC.

Fly-tipping a problem that has been highlighted and reported many times and continues to be an issue. However, there is no signage around the village and back lanes which states offenders will be prosecuted.

**Action:** Clerk to explore options with HBC.

Our resident who won best dressed house (£25.00 gift card) for the Platinum Jubilee celebration has returned a £25.00 cheque to DPPC with their sincere thanks for the efforts of everyone at the celebration. Their wish is for the money to be spent on the community.

Councillors expressed their sincere thanks for this – and commented that the prize was to thank residents for their contribution in decorating the village. The returned cheque was accepted with thanks and it was suggested a hot water urn could be purchased so tea and coffee can be provided at public meetings/gatherings.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (to approve annual accounts)  
Next full council meeting 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022