

**Dalton Piercy Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
**At Dalton Piercy Village Hall.**

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

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

Meeting began at 7.00pm.

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

S Rushworth

**2. Declaration of interests:**

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

**3. Public Forum:**

No comments

**4. a) Minutes of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022:**

**Approved** with the following amendments:

Item 5. – *Also, congratulations to residents of Manor Farm who won the ‘Royal’ quiz.*

Item 9. Now reads – *A working group which it was proposed consists 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.*

**b) Minutes of Dalton Piercy Annual Parish Council meeting 2022 plus continuation of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022:**

**Approved** without amendment.

**5. Councillor Vacancy**

DPPC has a Casual Vacancy. HBC have instructed us to Co-opt a new member to fill the position. An advert is displayed on the notice board. It was agreed expressions of interest should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Should there be more than one interested party an informal interview of candidates will be undertaken by the PC.

**Action:** Adverts to be displayed on the noticeboard, Facebook page and website.

**6. Red Gap projects**

A meeting with Grantscape and local representatives was held earlier this month to discuss and vote/choose the next round of funding applications for the Red Gap Community fund. At the meeting it was noted lack of progress on existing Dalton Piercy projects was disappointing. Decisions on approved new projects will be sent in early August. DPPC have not submitted any new applications on this round.

The Clerk reported; HBC officer is currently on holiday, footpath extension to be progressed when they return.

A proof design for a plaque for the community orchard – commemorating the queens platinum jubilee. Should be with us by the end of the week. A stone has been identified to fit it too, we need to source somebody to move/install the stone.

## 7. A) Maintenance Report:

The annual Allotment inspection was carried out by Cllrs Patrick and Savage. No issues found. Letters have been drafted to be forwarded by the Clerk.

It was noted that the Allotment regulations were somewhat unclear (it is mentioned under siting of structures) regarding space required around the perimeter fence.

It was **agreed** an item should be added under point 2.11.1 reading *1m on the inside of the external fence should be kept clear to allow for fence maintenance.*

This was felt important following the installation of a new expensive fence to prolong the life of it.

It was noticed that the hedge in front of Rose Cottage was becoming overgrown and causing considerable shade. It was **agreed** the maintenance group would organise for this to be cut.

Cllr Ireland reported that she had discovered that Parish Council insurance companies would require inspection of trees within the Parish as an insurance stipulation following the severe storms of last year. We have specialised mapping software that can help with this and DPPC should aim to map the trees within the village at our earliest opportunity.

Volunteers conducted a tidy up of the pond and removed some of the invasive reeds. Our thanks to them for their work.

### b) The Batts

It was reported that brambles and thistles are over running some of the paths and bee banks. It was **agreed** a volunteer group would meet at 10am on the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> July to remove flowers from nettles/docks/thistles.

Suitable clothing required plus 'snips' and a plastic bag to remove dead heads from site.

**Action:** Clerk to advertise by email to volunteer group and on social media.

Our continued thanks to all volunteers who help maintain the area.

## 8. Ward Councillors Report:

No attendance or Report.

## 9. Chairman's Report:

Cllr Noble reported;

A Parish Liaison meeting was held and in attendance were the rural PC chairmen, Denise McGuckin, Shane Moore and HBC assistant solicitor. A constitution for the Charter Working Group was set and a meeting arranged in August. The group has been extended to include the urban Parish Council (Headland)

The Headland Parish Council representative queried the amount of 106 funding received within the area of the Headland Parish in the last 3 years and what is expected to come in the following 3 years? Also, what the process is to access 106 funding in the future.

The Government plans to introduce a community infrastructure levy where 25% of gross 106 funds are to be allocated to areas with a neighbourhood plan. This would benefit the rural area as we do have an adopted plan.

At the meeting Cllr Noble put forward concerns specific to Dalton Piercy which included; Speeding; the need for safety improvements and our wish for physical speed reduction. Ward ~Councillors not attending meetings or holding Ward /surgeries – no opportunity for residents to put across concerns or report issues.

## 10. DPVHA Report

Cllr Patrick reported;

2 applications were presented to the Grantscape committee. Should they be successful DPVHA will move forward with plans and a planning application submitted as soon as possible. Hopefully this summer.

## 11. Personnel Report:

The Clerk attended planning training at HBC earlier this month. An appraisal is to take place at the end of the summer.

## 12. Finance Report

a) Monthly report;

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

### Financial Transactions 10<sup>th</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>
Allotment rent	£79.00
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Resident gift	£25.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£183.00</b>
<b>Payments</b>	<b>£</b>
J White Clerks Salary	£221.00
P Olsen int Audit	£95.00
L Noble receipts – jubilee/plants/grass seed	£194.15
C C Walker 2x grass cut	£420.00
TVWT the batts 2x invoice	£620.00
Edward Eggleston payroll	£123.12
HBC 3 <sup>rd</sup> phase footpath	£4,950.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£6,623.27</b>

### **13. Correspondence:**

Shared with Councillors ahead of the meeting - covered under other points at this meeting.  
Also;

Clerk reported email correspondence between herself and the Police; We are in the process of arranging a time to carry out a community speed watch. Councillors expressed their concern that it must be carried out at busy times – tea time etc (not early on a Sunday morning!)  
Furthermore, a resident lobbied HBC officers with speeding concerns and requested a speed limit reduction on from Mayfield House to the village. HBC are recommending a reduction to 40mph. This has been put to the Police who need to consider the proposal before it can be implemented.

### **14. Planning Applications:**

None for consideration.

A request for an update on additional 7 dwellings at Highgate meadows. The Clerk reported we have no update – to our knowledge it is yet to be decided.

### **15. Matters of Concern to Councillors:**

Cllr Jackson is concerned we may lose some of the newly planted orchard in The Batts due to the ongoing dry spell.

Cllr Savage reported some anti-social behaviour at Highgate Meadows; children throwing eggs/vegetables at cars and houses. **Action:** Clerk to report to local PCSO.

Meeting closed at 8.32pm

**Date of next meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022