

Dalton Piercy Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 14th January 2021
Virtual meeting held on the online platform 'zoom'.

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

In Attendance: Clerk J. White, S. Rushworth (will leave the meeting at 7.45pm), M. Jackson

Meeting began at 7.00pm.

UK government restrictions due to the Coronavirus Pandemic continue, this includes instructions to work from home.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr A Timothy. Ward Cllr B Loynes
Accepted and Approved.

2. Declaration of interests:

None.

3. Public Forum:

None.

4. Minutes of meeting held on 10th December 2020

Approved as a true and accurate record. (A few minor spelling/typing corrections) (Prop LN Sec. MI)

5. 2x Vacant Councillor Positions

After carrying out interviews Cllrs Ireland and Noble recommended to the Council that Mr Simon Rushworth and Mr Michael Jackson should be co-opted as new members to Dalton Piercy Parish Council. This was unanimously **agreed**. Both Mr Rushworth and Mr Jackson accepted the positions and were welcomed by the Chairman.

6. Budget 2021/2022:

S.R. left the meeting.

A discussion took place. Councillors reviewed proposals for additions to the predicted year end actual against budget expenditure.

Variables that were considered included the increase or decrease of:

General village maintenance

The Batts Maintenance

Tree care

Legal fees

It was agreed the above amounts should, at a minimum, be kept the same as the previous year's expenditure.

The budget for the period 2021/2022 was **agreed** see the attached document.

The discussion moved to the precept demand.

To make the books balance the required precept should be around £10,000.00. This would be a very large increase on last years demand of £7,500.00. Cllrs discussed cutting anything further?

Other comments considered included HBC predicted rates per household and an increase in homes within the Parish over the coming year. Cllr Rezai pointed out Dalton Piercy have historically received supporting funds from our Rural Ward Councillors budget, going forward there will be no further funds available from them.

Cllr Ireland **proposed** the precept demand for the period 2021/2022 should be £9,500.00 with Functions concurrent with the Borough Council £2,624.00.

Seconded by Cllr Rezai
Unanimously **agreed**.

7. Financial Report:

It was **agreed** the Clerk should continue to hold the cheque payment to HBC for the footpath phase 2 until there is a site meeting to discuss DPPC's concerns and agreeable resolution.

The Clerk presented the financial reports which were **accepted**.

(Proposed MI, Seconded DR)

Financial Transactions 11th December 2020 – 14th January 2021

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| Receipts | £ |
| Northern Power grid - wayleave | 60.69 |
| TOTAL: | £60.69 |
| Payments | £ |
| <i>HBC – reissued cheque footpath phase 2</i> | <i>4,677.96</i> |
| J White Clerks salary | 217.20 |
| J White – tel broadband contribution + reimburse for gifts | 197.32 |
| Meryl Gdns – 2x invoices 980 + 2250 | 3,230.00 |
| Pear technology | 120.00 |
| J White - zoom | 14.39 |
| TOTAL: | £3,778.91 |
| | <i>+ £4,677.96 = £8456.87</i> |

8. Correspondence

The Clerk sent a chasing email to development control regarding ditch flooding at the new houses at Hart on the Hill. Cllr Rezai confirmed he would also chase this with HBC officer Peter Frost at the footpath meeting.

Cllr Rezai reported he has raised concerns, including sending photos, issues with mud on the road, potholes reappearing and continuing as an issue on Dalton Back Lane, the road not getting gritted.

Problems continue with fly tipping and rubbish on the main roads. Cllr Rezai stopped and thanked a volunteer who was litter picking on the main Dalton Road.

9. Planning Applications

None

Cllr Ireland reported; a controversial planning application at Greatham Village (which is against the Rural Plan – and the group strongly objected to) was passed by HBC planning committee. Our Ward Councillors voted in favour of the development. Councillors and the Rural Plan Group are very disappointed at this outcome.

10. Matters of Concern to Councillors

Cllr Noble asked for a decision on replacement of the Allotment fence.

The Quotes are over £3,000.00 a closed tender is required.

The small fence along the waterboard boundary quote is £1,400.00 and falls within the funding received from them. It was **agreed** this should go ahead.

The allotment fence which runs along the boundary of the play and picnic area, can be claimed from the Play Area Red Gap project as the amount falls within the underspend of the project.

The Clerk pointed out the play area grant needs to be finalised soon as the final claim needs to be submitted before the next meeting.

It was **agreed** the Clerk should finalise the play area project this month and provide an underspend amount to confirm the allotment fence boundary will fall within the funding available and confirm the 20% contribution amount to be made by DPPC.

Cllr Noble requested the tender decision be made by email. This was **agreed**.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th February 2020

Budget 2021-2022

| EXPENDITURE: | £ |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Clerk's Salary inc PAYE & payroll | 2,659.00 |
| Clerk Training /Conf/ SLCC subs | 250 |
| Travel | 50 |
| Contribution to Tel/Broadband | 120 |
| Administration (post & stationery) | 150 |
| Audit | 400 |
| Insurance | 500 |
| Room Hire | 450 |
| Web-site | £180.00 |
| NALC subs | 100 |
| Pear technology | 120 |
| HBC play area inspections | 200 |
| Gen. Village Maintenance | 1200 |
| Donations | 100 |
| Legal /Professional fees | 1,000.00 |
| The Batts maintenance | 1,000.00 |
| Tree care | 2,000.00 |
| water bill | 200 |
| Miscellaneous | 100 |
| Sub-Total | 10,779.00 |
| Grass cutting | 2,188 |
| Sub-Total | 12,966.90 |
| Village projects (red gap) | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | 12,966.90 |
| INCOME: | |
| Precept | 9,500 |
| Concurrent | 2,624 |
| Grants | xxx |
| Allotment Rent | 225 |
| Village projects (red gap) | ... |
| Bank Interest | ... |
| VAT Reclaim | xxx |
| Wayleave | 61 |
| Miscellaneous | xxx |
| TOTAL INCOME | 12,410.00 |