

**Dalton Piercy Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
**At Dalton Piercy Village Hall.**

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

**In Attendance:** Clerk J. White and 1 member of the public

Meeting began at 7.45pm.

UK government restrictions due to the Coronavirus Pandemic continue, strict social distance policy remains in place.

The Chairman reported he had announced at the Annual Meeting that Alan Timothy has resigned his position as Councillor at Dalton Piercy Parish Council. Cllr Rezai expressed his sincere thanks for all Alan has done for Dalton Piercy over the years.

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

None.

**2. Declaration of interests:**

DR – Item 15 planning application H/2021/0134.

**3. Public Forum:**

The positioning of the new 'extension' to the blue cobble stones that edge the village green close to the entrance to Manor Farm was queried. **Action:** Maintenance group to check positioning.

Concerns raised about older children gathering at the play area and causing anti-social behaviour and the proposed lighting for the area might encourage this behaviour. The Chairman commented the light is intended for security purposes to discourage vandalism.

**Action:** Clerk to investigate this and find out if lighting encourages or discourages anti-social behaviour. Also, if wording needs to be updated to include use of the area is permitted from dawn until dusk.

An update request re: broadband (under point 6 a.) and confirmation that Voneous will be using Manor Farm as a hub/connection point for the wireless signal as it is the highest point in the village.

**4. Minutes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021.**

Minutes were **Approved** with 1 amendment to paragraph 3 (Red Gap) as a true and accurate record. (Prop MJ Sec. MI)

**5. No Confidence Vote – Villages in the Rural West of Hartlepool took a vote of 'No Confidence' in Hartlepool Borough Council.**

Cllr Ireland reported; The 4 Rural Parish Councils surrounding Hartlepool independently took a vote of No Confidence in HBC at Dalton Piercy Parish Council the vote was unanimous.

The catalyst for the vote was the planning application at Mayfield House which goes against the Rural Plan.

There are other examples of planning in the rural area that goes against the rural plan, that was supported by our own Ward Councillors and passed at HBC planning committee.

Specific issues at Dalton Piercy included lack of support towards our Village Hall, planning issues (Mayfield house etc) and the Elwick bypass/lack of infrastructure.

A letter was sent to HBC from all 4 Parish Council Chairmen explaining the vote and reasons for it. After a period of 2 weeks the decision was shared with the press. To date there is still no reply from HBC.

## 6. Substantive items.

### a) Broadband

A private company called 'Voneous' has informed DPPC they will be installing a broadband solution at Dalton Piercy. The Clerk held a lengthy MS Teams meeting with representatives from the company who explained who they were and what their offer is.

Their solution is a 'wireless' technology that involves having a box on the outside of your house. This is a common technology in hard-to-reach places with a solution to bring fast internet speeds. This is not full fibre internet, although the company have made a commitment to install full fibre should there be a high uptake of their offer. They will be providing further updates for residents soon, alternatively check their website for further information.

### b) Village Green land swap.

The application to swap registered village green (areas in question are an access track to land owned by Anglian water and two strips of land opposite North View) has been submitted by our appointed solicitors TBI. Notice is displayed on our website, noticeboard and in the local newspaper 'Hartlepool Life'

## 7. Red Gap

- a) No further suggestions for new projects. The deadline for applications is 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
- b) Historical project update – **Action:** Cllr Rezai/the Clerk will contact Peter Frost for an update on the footpath extension. Solar Light project is ongoing.

## 8. Maintenance Report:

Cllr Noble reported; huge thanks go again this month to Cllr Jackson who has spent a lot of time working on the wildflower meadows. We have topped up the wildflower seed with an extra sack purchased. Vandals have damaged part of a wire fence in the Batts again, MJ has reported and fixed the fence. A bit more grass seed has been sewn on bare patches around the Village Green. Annual Allotment inspections are due to take place in June. Some problem tree branches have been cut close to the allotment parking area. The antique cart needs painting again. Pot holes on the back lane are continually getting worse. Is this due to increased traffic from closed A19 crossing/extra houses?

## 9. Ward Councillors Report:

No report.

## 10. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman reported he had stood as an independent candidate at the recent election of Ward Councillors at Hartlepool Borough Council in the Rural West ward. After gaining a respectable number of votes he was unsuccessful as the Conservative candidates held onto all 3 seats.

Cllr Rezai wished the re-elected Councillors well and hopes they will do a good job for all residents in our ward.

Cllr Rezai asked the Clerk to send a recorded letter to Cameron Stockell one of our Ward Councillors, with an invitation to attend DPPC meetings and explaining when and where our meetings are, as he understands Cllr Stokell has not been receiving our email invitations.

#### 11. DPVHA Report:

Cllr Rezai reported on behalf of DPVHA: work to secure a land lease and funding for a new hall is ongoing.

#### 12. Personnel Report:

No report.

#### 13. Financial report:

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

#### Financial Transactions 9<sup>th</sup> April – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>
HBC – precept/grant	12,124.00
Allotment rent	89.98
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<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£12,393.94</b>
<b>Payments</b>	<b>£</b>
J White Clerks salary	217.20
J White reimburse – zoom monthly fee	14.39
C & C Walkers 2x grass cut	403.20
Zurich municipal (insurance)	514.01
	<b>£1,148.80</b>

#### 14. Correspondence

Shared ahead of meeting, covered under other agenda items.

A letter regarding parking on the village green. **Action:** Clerk to write to all Allotment plot holders.

#### 15. Planning Applications:

H/2021/0134 amendment to approved plans, including changes to roof lines etc. at Three Gates, Dalton Piercy.

Cllr Rezai expressed an interest and left the room.

- Discussion took place, no objection or comments to add.

H/2021/0191 Elwick bypass.

- Cllr Ireland informed DPPC there is to be a public meeting at Elwick WI Hall next week, all are welcome to attend subject to limitations on numbers due to Covid 19. Concerns have been raised regarding the proposed preferred route by HBC. Siting of the access roundabout (close to 'devil's elbow') also increased traffic causing difficulty to access Dalton Road at Naisbury Crossroads. DPPC will comment on the application after the conclusion of the public meeting.

#### 16. Matters of Concern to Councillors

None.

Meeting closed at 9.47pm

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021