

Dalton Piercy Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 15th July 2021
At Dalton Piercy Village Hall.

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

In Attendance: Clerk J. White, Hartlepool Borough Council Leader S Moore and HBC Managing Director D. McGuckin. Also 3 members of the public

Meeting began at 7.00pm.

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

This is a rescheduled meeting (from 8th July) due to Covid 19 isolation.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Ward Cllrs B Loynes and M Young and Cllr Rushworth – Accepted.

2. Declaration of interests:

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

3. Public Forum:

- Dalton Back Lane is still further degrading. It is in a dangerous poor state of repair. Bushes along the Dalton Road and Back Lane are increasingly encroaching onto the highway obstructing drivers' line of sight as well as pushing drivers into the centre of already narrow roads. The line-of-sight issue is particularly bad at the Three Gates junction.
- Resident adjacent to the site received no notification of the recent planning application for further development at the Highgate Meadows site and is concerned residents will not be aware of the application.
Action: D McGuckin to feedback to HBC officers.
- Concerned the planning application at Highgate Meadows describes 7x Dorma bungalows – these are 2 story homes and should be described as such. The proposed new homes about The Howls the area should be protected. Residents need to be aware of the application and given an opportunity to comment.

Due to the above questions/points, the Chairman asked for item 14 on the agenda to be dealt with next;

(14). Planning Applications

- H/2021/0115 Variation to H/2019/0246, land off Conniscliffe Road. – *No comment to add, has no direct impact on Dalton Piercy.*
- H/2021/0096 7x bungalows, land off Highgate meadows and H/2014/0405 amendment to masterplan (southwest extension of Hartlepool between Brierton Lane and A689) are late additions to the agenda, arriving with DPPC after the original 8th July agenda had been published.

Due to previous comments relating to lack of notice of the applications it was **agreed** DPPC should schedule a special meeting to discuss the planning applications.

- a) Zoom meeting with Witherslack Group re: 'The Grove'
Councillors were invited by Witherslack Group to attend a virtual meeting earlier this month to learn about the groups intention to purchase 'The Grove' and convert the residence into a home for children with complex needs. A planning application will be submitted for change of use very soon. **Action:** DPPC will share all information on the village notice board and comment on the planning application.
- b) Anglian Water, works close to Dene Garth
A permit has been granted by HBC for Anglian Water to carry out work on the green in front of Dene Garth. Residents will be notified directly by Anglian Water.

4. Minutes of meetings held on 10th June 2021.

Approved as a true and accurate record (proposed L.N. seconded M.P.)

5. 'No Confidence' vote and proposed Charter between Parish Councils and HBC

Cllr Rezai reported that the Chairmen of all Hartlepool Parish Councils are continuing to work on the agreement and a meeting with HBC Leader and Managing Director is arranged to discuss the proposed charter.

He went on to thank Cllr Moore and Mrs McGuckin for attending our meeting and stated it wouldn't be appropriate to discuss details today, separately from the collective.

Cllr Moore confirmed his personal and the Borough Council as a whole's commitment to work with Parish Councils. He requested the proposed charter lays out Parish Councils role as well as the Borough Councils role in their future relationship.

Cllr Ireland confirmed this would be the case and the draft version would be with HBC next week.

Cllr Rezai asked if it would be acceptable to bring a Clerk from one of the Parish Councils to the upcoming meeting. Mrs McGuckin explained that in the past there had been regular meetings between PC Chairmen and HBC leaders. She added that it could be possible for a Clerk to attend for minute taking purposes plus a democratic services officer from HBC. Cllr Moore felt the goal posts were being moved and it would not be acceptable. A democratic services officer could be provided free of charge.

Cllr Jackson questioned Cllr Moore and Mrs McGuckin about the section 106 agreement and funding for the village hall and if it is possible to revise the document? Mrs McGuckin replied this is a legally binding document and her hands were tied.

6. Red Gap Projects

- Three Gates footpath extension is scheduled to start on the 19th of this month.
- Solar lights, Clerk advised we may need one stop shop planning advice. The Clerk asked for decisions on the light locations which would go ahead.
Cllr Jackson reiterated his concern about lighting having an adverse effect on wildlife. And concerns the proposed 'Batts' light will be next to the bench and create the same problem as the play area – encouraging people to gather at this location in the dark. It was confirmed this particular light is intended to light the pathway to The Batts and not the bench.
Following advice from the Police Crime Prevention Officer it was **agreed** the proposed light at the play area should not be installed also; The 'pond' light should go ahead as a 'mains wired' light. Furthermore, One stop shop planning advice should be sought. Also, as we have funding for three lights a third new location could be at the entrance to the village – at the village sign or in the vicinity of the Three Gates footpath when it reaches this location.

7. Maintenance Report:

Cllr Noble reported; The Annual Allotment inspections have taken place and are happy to report all three plots are beautifully maintained. Well done to all tenants.

Some 'internal' paths have been strimmed by DPPC volunteers. The public rights of way around the village are becoming very overgrown. **Action:** Clerk to contact HBC officer.

8. Ward Councillors Report:

No attendance or Report

9. Chairman's Report:

Cllr Rezai explained work behind the scenes goes on to produce a Charter between HBC and Parish Councils. His commitment is to ensure the relationship is built on Communication, Cooperation and Consultation.

10. DPVHA Report:

M.P. reported; The land lease is moving forward after solicitors have been in touch. A company has been appointed to carry out a feasibility study and initial new building design. DPVHA will take legal advice and write to all parties involved with the section 106 agreement from the Highgate meadows development with a view to secure the funding for the hall redevelopment.

11. Personnel Report:

No report.

12. Finance:

a) Financial Report

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

Financial Transactions 11th June 2021 – 8th July 2021

Receipts	£
	0.00
TOTAL:	£0.00
Payments	£
J White Clerks salary	217.20
C & C Walkers 2x grass cut	403.20
M Jackson (reimburse wildflower seed)	55.90
	£676.30

Councillors recognised the affect a slow laptop is having on the Clerks ability to work efficiently. Also, the requirement to support digital mapping software as the current machine cannot do this.

Cllr Ireland **proposed** a budget of £750.00 for the clerk to purchase a new laptop. **Seconded M.P. Agreed.**

13. Correspondence

Shared ahead of meeting, covered under other agenda items.

- Concerns raised regarding parking close to the allotments. Cllr Rezai **proposed** that should issues continue the facility to park outside of the allotment gates, as per the Allotment Rules and Regulations, will be removed. **Seconded M.J. Agreed. Action:** Clerk to write to all plot holders.

14. Planning Applications:

see below item 3.

15. Matters of Concern to Councillors:

Cllr Jackson expressed his continued concern regarding speeding vehicles through the village. **Action:** Following previous emails, Clerk to write to Cleveland Police and PCSO Jones.

The Clerk requested Councillor's support to complete questions provided by TBI Solicitors who received them from the planning inspectorate. The Clerk read the questions and answers were agreed and recorded for submission back to TBI.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th September 2021 – note special meeting to discuss planning applications scheduled for 22nd July 2021.