

Dalton Piercy Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.36pm on Thursday 9th May 2024 at Elwick WI Hall.

Present: Cllrs Ireland (Chair), Patrick and Timothy.

In Attendance: Sandra Valkauskaite, 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllrs Noble, Middleton, Rushworth, Savage, Ward Cllr. Martin-Wells

2. Declaration of interests: Cllrs Patrick Dalton Piercy Village Hall Report.

3. Public Forum

- A resident reported trees needing works doing in front of Morgan's corner. Discussion arose whether the land belongs to DPPC. **Action:** Cllr Timothy to bring printed copy of Land Registry to confirm who owes the land in front of Morgan's corner.
- A resident asked about chippings being laid in The Batts. The Chair explained that cost had been deemed too high, therefore it has been discounted. Discussed possibility of laying chippings down after work on trees is done.
- A resident expressed disappointment that the Ward Councillor who went round the village 5 month's ago, discussing issues does not attend any of the meetings. The Chair explained that by law Ward Councillors are not required to attend Parish Council meetings. Residents expressed disappointment as it shows a lack of respect.
- A resident expressed disappointment about only 2 members of public coming to Annual Parish Meeting.

4. Minutes of last meeting: Unanimously agreed as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chair.

5. Matters Arising:

- a) **HBC Enforcement Issues:** No further information.
- b) **Letter to resident regarding Village Green Encroachment:** No response to the letter.
Action: Final warning letter to be sent.

6. Ward Councillor's Report: Cllr Martin-Wells had sent a response about the new mobile CCTV cameras: they not equipped for rural areas as the batteries only last for one day. Nothing can be done about littering as no funding available from HBC. **Action:** A Freedom of Information to be made as to the cost of collecting fly tipping.

7. Chair's Report: Nothing to report.

8. Personnel Committee Report: Nothing to report.

9. Maintenance Committee Report: Cllr Patrick reported that the tree works in The Batts will be done after bird nesting season.

The fence in front of The Terrace has been temporarily mended. The whole fence really needs replacing.

Action: Cllr Patrick to find contractor to replace fence using what post rails are left in The Batts.

10. Finance Report: Financial reports accepted.

Financial Transactions 6th April – 6th May 2024

Receipts		£
HBC (Precept, Concurrent & CTSG)	16,418.00	
D. Thompson (allotment rent)		79.00

TOTAL: 16,497.00

Payments		£
E. Egglestone & Co. (payroll)	84.00	
Oaklands Technical Supplies (Filing cabinet for Clerk)		74.99
Dyofix (Pond dye)		52.80
L. Noble (Parish Meeting refreshments)		26.98
M. Ireland (Parish Meeting refreshments)	22.90	
CE & CM Walker Ltd (grass cutting)	254.40	

TOTAL: 516.07 11.

Dalton Piercy Village Hall Trustees Report: Demolition to start after bird nesting season, between 1st September and end of October.

Action: Cllr Patrick to start putting information about Village Hall on notice board, along with information on Village Facebook Page.

12. Correspondence: Circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting.

a) Letter to council been sent about **fly tipping** but no action taken. A resident suggested taking pictures with dashcams and footage sent to HBC. All agreed this was a good suggestion, but Cllr Timothy suggested we first ensure that HBC would guarantee residents' confidentiality. Agreed. **Action:** Chair to write to Managing Director, with this suggestion.

b) **Trees on Tees project:** Information available about funding availability for landowners to plant trees and contribute to the development of the Tees valley Community Forest. **Action:** Cllr Patrick to circulate information to relevant residents.

c) Email from resident asking questions about Village Hall. The resident had been informed that the Village Hall is not DPPC responsibility and email has been forwarded to Trustees.

13. Planning Applications:

H/2024/0104 – 4, Manor Fields – no comment.

H/2020/0387 – Quarry Farm – no comment.

14. Matters of Concern to Councillors: None

Meeting closed at 8.16pm.

Next Meeting to take place at Elwick WI Hall, 7.00pm Thursday 13th June 2024