

**Dalton Piercy Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held at 7.00 pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
**At Dalton Piercy Village Hall.**

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

**In Attendance:** Clerk J. White and 3 members of the public

Meeting began at 7.05pm.

The Chairman welcomed those present and wished a happy, healthy and prosperous new year to all.

**1. Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr M. Jackson Accepted and approved.

**2. Declaration of interests:**

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

**3. Public Forum:**

- A request for further DPPC financial information to be uploaded to the website. The Clerk reported this had been completed.
- A query to possibly extend 'Hexgrid' footpaths further along the green and/or improve public footpath in The Batts and on the Elwick footpath.
- Request to have the branches trimmed on the bank/roadside between the allotments and The Terrace.

**4. Minutes of meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

**Proposed M.P. Sec D.R. Approved** as a true and accurate record of the meeting.  
The Chairman signed the minutes.

**5. Village Green Land Swap (Anglian water easement)**

The inspector's report (on behalf of the Secretary of State) finds no issues with the proposed land swap. Following advice from our Solicitors this means the process to deregister a proportion of land for access to the land owned by Anglian Water (between Leamount and Manor Farm) and register a different larger area of land owned by DPPC as registered Village Green can go ahead. All associated costs are being covered by Anglian Water.

**6. Red Gap Projects**

The Clerk reported;

She has been in touch with HBC to request an invoice for the footpath extension works and to discuss/plan the next phase of work.

Solar light project is ongoing – Cllr Noble requested the details of the project and particularly the light specifications be forwarded to her. Clerk to **Action**.

## **7. Maintenance Report:**

Cllr Noble reported as follows;

A further section of Dalton Back Lane has been resurfaced – meaning almost the whole length of the road has recently been renewed. This is a vast improvement.

The Ash tree at Manor Fields is yet to have the remaining limbs removed/shortened. This should be completed before the tree comes into leaf. The Clerk has one quote and requested any contacts who may be able to complete the task. It was suggested HBC Arborist may be able to help.

Cllr Jackson had reported the aim is to plant orchard trees in mid February.

## **8. Ward Councillors Report:**

Apologies received from Cllr B Loynes.  
No attendance or Report.

## **9. Chairman's Report:**

Cllr Rezai reported on progress on the 'vote of no confidence' in HBC;  
He is very disappointed and concerned that a year has passed and there is very little, if no improvement in relations or positive improvement to date.

There have been meetings with the Leader and Managing Director of Hartlepool Borough Council as well as our MP.

Most recently the PC's committed to NOT attend a 'Parish Liaison' meeting called by HBC Leader Shane Moore as outstanding concerns had not been addressed as well as the meeting agenda and terms being set out by HBC and not in partnership with the PC's.

Cllr Rezai confirmed it was his priority as a representative of DPPC, for the 106 monies intended for our community are used here as a priority.

He is open to attend meetings with our MP as a mediator at any time with the intention of moving forward and asks those present to ask questions of our representatives, looking for positivity with a wish to open dialogue and work together going forward.

## **10. DPVHA Report:**

Councillor Patrick reported;  
DPVHA are still waiting for a design statement from the consultant will be provided to HBC which is necessary to complete the lease for the land. The trustees wrote to HBC requesting the section 106 funds from Highgate Meadows. The leader of the council responded and requested financial information from DPVHA which we are happy to provide. Along with projected future finances, current funding awards (demolition, feasibility and design, storage, furniture etc)

## **11. Personnel Report:**

Nothing to report.

## **12. Finance Report**

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

## Financial Transactions 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>
Northern Power Grid (Wayleave)	60.69
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£60.69</b>
<b>Payments</b>	<b>£</b>
J White Clerks salary	£217.20
J White – reimburse Mirror and wine gifts.	£164.77
L Noble – pond bulbs, wooden barrel, grass seed.	£66.07
HBC – play area quarterly inspections plus set up fee	£200.00
(Resident) 2x flower pot annual maintenance	£40.00
(Resident) 2x flower pot annual maintenance	£40.00
(Resident) 2x flower pot annual maintenance	£90.00
(Resident) 3x flower pot 1x cart annual maintenance	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£858.04</b>

### a) HBC Precept form and Concurrent/Grant value

The Annual Budget for 2022/2023 financial period was decided upon at last months meeting (Dec 2021). The precept demand amount was arrived at after assuming a 2% increase in the concurrent payment from HBC. The increase was in fact 5% - HBC informed us that for the purpose of future planning the PC should assume future increases would be at a 2% rate.

It was **resolved** DPPC would maintain the agreed precept demand of £11,900.00 the Concurrent payment will be £2,624.00.

The Chairman signed the form.

### 13. Correspondence:

Shared with Councillors ahead of the meeting.

Included;

Resident suggestion for future project – improve drainage on Public footpaths (The Batts and Elwick footpath), Resident request for financial information to be uploaded to DPPC website, Information for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, HBC amended committee meeting times.

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

*(Appeal) H/2021/0207 Domestic Extension Three Oaks Brierton Lane. Not in Dalton Piercy Parish, no comment to add.*

Late addition – H/2021/0541 Dorma extension Bungalow Coal Lane, Elwick. *No comments to add not in Dalton Piercy Parish.*

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

Councillor Noble reported that a resident had come forward and offered support should the PC wish to pursue a complaint to the ombudsman following recent unresolved issues with the local authority. While Councillors were thankful for the offer of support, opinion was that we are not at that stage yet and are hopeful the 'vote of no confidence' in HBC will lead to a satisfactory resolution for all parties involved.

Meeting closed at 9.31pm

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022