

DALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Dallington Parish Council Meeting held on 21st March 2017

Present

Councillors W. Miers (Chairman), N. Holyoake (Vice-Chairman),
S. Bellem, P. Ridley, P. Wilson
Mrs. I. Marchant (Parish Clerk/RFO)
Country Councillor J. Barnes
Members of the public

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST
Councillor Bellem declared a personal interest in item 7, as she is married to Mr. D. Edworthy, the Dallington Tree Warden.
2. DISPENSATIONS
None requested.
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None required.
4. ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS
RESOLVED - that the draft minutes of the meetings held on 17.01.17 and 21.02.17 (planning) be confirmed as being an accurate record of the meetings. Councillor Bellem proposed and Councillor Wilson seconded, the voting was unanimous. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
5. ADJOURNMENT
- 5.1 County Council report (ESCC) - Councillor J. Barnes
 - By 2010 it is expected that there will be no further Central Government grants, cuts will have to be made for two more years.
 - ESCC have secured a four year deal with Central Government for business rates.
 - ESCC have made £17M cuts.
 - There are still pressures on adult social care and children's services. The pressure on adult social care is expected to continue.
 - The full 3% for adult social care from Central Government has been taken and hopefully there will be additional monies in the autumn budget.
 - ESCC are moving towards the next stage of "Better Together," and are putting in place local teams to free up hospital services and bed-blocking.
 - ESCC are fighting very hard on the proposed schools funding formula, the consultation has now ended.
 - ESCC are trying to prevent the apprenticeship levy being applied to small schools.
 - There are serious concerns about the Fire and Emergency Services being taken over by the Police Crime Commissioner. This is considered to be a financial error for East and West Sussex.
- 5.2 County Council report (RDC) - not available, Councillor Kirby-Green sent her apologies.
- 5.3 Public Question Time
 - There was considerable anger, from both members and the public regarding the recent verge cutting by ESCC/their contractors. Our beautiful wildlife verges have been devastated and the cutting occurred at the start of the nesting season. Councillor Barnes is to investigate and report back.
 - DPC is aware that they can take over their own verge/grass cutting and this may be an option for future years.

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- Speeding - the local Traffic Group hope to get some cameras, as reported at the last meeting, set up in houses in South Lane and Carricks Hill.
 - Regarding the question of HGVs in our rural lanes, is it possible to get weight and width restrictions applied.
- 5.4 Village Hall report - Mrs. J. Jeremy (Chairman)
- Their constitution is being redrawn.
 - The roof above the toilets need repair and quotations have been requested.

THE MEETING RECONVENED

6. DALLINGTON RECREATION GROUND (standing item)
- 6.1 Purchase of a good second-hand mover - it was agreed that this was probably not possible from current funds in 2017-18. The clerk is to investigate the cost of a contractor, until funds are available and the possibility of a grant towards this. **(ACTION - CLERK)**
- 6.2 No other DRG matters for discussion.
7. FUNDING FOR TREE WARDEN
AGREED - that it is not appropriate to have a separate funding item for the Tree Warden in the 2017-18 DPC budget. Regarding funding/part funding for the Tree Warden to attend courses, it was also agreed that the Tree Warden must attend the meeting and let DPC know the exact value/benefits that attending such a course will bring to Dallington's trees and for it to be proportionate to the size of the parish.
8. "BUILDING SITE" AT WOODS CORNER
The neighbouring resident has now had a reply from ESCC Highways, who are investigating the issue of sightlines/fencing. DPC will support as much as they can and Councillor Barnes will also investigate, the Clerk is to email the correspondence. **(ACTION - CLERK)**
9. REFURBISHMENT OF FINGERPOSTS
The Members considered the quotation from JAKK Signs. ESCC will match fund up to two posts per financial year.
RESOLVED - that JAKK Signs be asked to repair post 2 at Herrings Road/South Lane and post 5 at Padgham Lane/Turners Green Road. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Holyoake seconded, the voting was unanimous. **(ACTION - CLERK)**
10. PLANNING (standing item)
Planning application for consideration
RR/2017/313/P 4 Fullers Cottages, Woods Corner
Lowering of kerb to cross pavement and facilitate parking
DPC do not consider this application is in any way necessary, there will be no response.
- 10.2 No other planning matters for discussion.
11. ENFORCEMENT (standing item)
- 11.1 No Dallington items on RDC's weekly enforcement list.
- 11.2 No other enforcement matters for discussion.
12. ROADS, PATHS, VERGES (standing item)
- Councillor Wilson asked that vehicles using the Church/its surroundings, do not park in the near vicinity, as access for emergency vehicles is very difficult. There is plenty of parking further up The Street.
 - The appalling condition of the road from the Church to the small triangle is to be reported, yet again, to ESCC Highways. **(ACTION - CLERK)**

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13. FINANCE
- 13.1 The Clerk reported on the bank balances at 28.02.17
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| DPC deposit account | £11,739.30 |
| DPC current account | £590.22 |
| DRG custom account | £3,003.79 |
- 13.2 **RESOLVED** - to approve the following payments, Councillor Wilson proposed and Councillor Holyoake seconded, the voting was unanimous.
- DPC ACCOUNT
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| Clerk (Feb/Mar17) salary, home office | 629.00 |
| JAKK Designed, repair to Rookery Lane fingerpost | 204.00 |
| Donation to Sussex Air Ambulance | 250.00 |
| TOTAL | £1,083.00 |
- DRG ACCOUNT
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| Jamie French Contracting, path | 2,160.00 |
| D. Wilson, new pavilion lock and keys | 31.99 |
| TOTAL | £2,191.99 |
- 13.3 The Members received and noted the budget monitor, statement of earmarked reserves and bank reconciliations at 28.02.17.
14. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS
- 18th April 2017 - Dallington Parish Assembly, 7pm in Dallington Village Hall
- 16th May 2017 - Annual Council Meeting, 7pm in Dallington Village Hall