**Dalton Parish Council Meeting Minutes 19th October 2023**

**Apologies for absence:**

Cllr D Whitfield, Cllr K. Foster

**Councillors Present:**

K. Croft (Chairman), C. Parker-Eland, D. Spence, R. Balderston,

Clerk: D. Pearson-Briggs

Members of the public: 2

**Meeting recordings**

Chairman Councillor Croft announced to all that the meeting will be audio recorded as a matter of record.

**Minutes from the last meeting.**

Minutes can be found at <https://hub.datanorthyorkshire.org/dataset/dalton-parish-council>

**Matters Arising:**

**Playing Field**

RoSPa report is in. Grass has been cut around the roundabout, we are concerned that the raised matting is a trip hazard. RoSPa recommend we make this level. The Chairman will speak to Paul Ellis to see what he can do for us. The clerk reported that a company called ‘Park Lane Playgrounds’ have been in contact. They do playground inspections, maintenance and repair. We will keep this on file in case we need therm in the future.

**Public Lighting**

Cllr Foster has picked up the issue with the street light past the church.

Light miss behaving outside 2 The Oaks, this will be reported.

Light miss behaving number 6 on Harriers Croft, this was reported on the 9th Oct.

**Highway Matters**

We will keep the pressure on highways with all our current issues. We don’t get much feedback from them at all. We have issues with full gullies, heavy traffic vibration and general surface repair. We have registered with the ‘20’s plenty campaign’ and the clerk has been on Teams meetings with them to see where we stand. They are not set up to advise on individual parish requirements. They are more of a pressure group. The state of the foot path from The Rowans to the Church was reported. Mr Robinson (present) has spoken to a gentleman called Nigel at Highways who has indicated that the repair would come in at around £10 grand. The link on how to make claims against Highways for damage to property is; https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-03/Transport%20and%20streets%2C%20Roads%2C%20highways%20and%20pavements%20Liability%20Claim%20Form-Jan%2019\_BRANDED.pdf

The clerk will request the road sweeper to come and sweep the whole village. We have weeds growing along the footpaths and the falling leaves that will only make the gullies worse.

The Drains outside Ryburn were jetted out recently, the clerk will ask for feedback from this work.

A question was raised as to who owns the hedge where the 3 new houses have been built. Land registry will have this information.

Willow bridge has not been repaired yet. The stones have been removed. The clerk will contact to see what is happening.

 **Village Beck**

We have requested that the beck be sprayed again. However, spraying is only carried out once a year and they don’t take into account the weather at the time.

**Christmas Tree Contribution**

We have been asked if we can contribute to the cost Christmas Tree this year. £200 was suggested.

The Clerk will check with our insurance to see if a temporary tree erection is covered.

We will contribute this year, The chairman will contact Sylvia to obtain a written request for the actual figure for our records. This can be reviewed yearly. Regarding where the tree will be placed, Cllr Parker-Eland will liaise with Sylvia on our behalf.

**Planning Applications**

22-02156/OUT 21 dwellings west of Dalton Motors has been granted

Useful link [https://planning.hambleton.gov.uk](https://planning.hambleton.gov.uk/)

**Treasurer’s report**

We have the following bills to pay;

£148.80 – RoSPa for the playing field inspection.

£744 – Grass cutting

£1619.10 – Coronation Celebration Expenses

We have the following income;

£4750 – 50% of the parish precept.

Parish Council precept needs to be set for next year. A vote was carried out and the result was 3-1 to keep the precept at the same rate, £9500. This is to avoid increasing our part of the Community Charge. When the new houses come on stream we will be able to increase this for 25/26.

**Clerk’s Report**

We will have to change the date of our next meeting as there will be a by-election on the 30th November. As Cllr Dave Whitfield has had to stand down due to health reasons. We wish him all the best and thank him for the work he has done for us. It was decided to bring our next meeting forward to the 23rd November.

The trustee of Topcliffe Consolidated Charities have been in contact. John Boddy has represented us for the last 20+ years. He has had to step down from this task. This will be taken up by the clerk and the next meeting will be on the 27th November 23.

**Chairman’s Report**

The Chairman spoke to Paul Ellis regarding the trimming of the tree by the bus stop and straightening the tree further down. He will also spray the church from the entrance around to the toilet.

**Any Other Business**

Mr Fletcher (present) has not yet received the quote for the installation of the disabled ramps.

The fire system needs to be completely overhauled as it has not been changed since the hall was built. We are looking at around £8500 in total. As this is a substantial amount of money it will have to be discussed as a part of the agenda at our next meeting.

Recently our minutes have not always get published by the D&S Times. The clerk will contact them to see what can be done to rectify this.

It is with sadness that we hear of the passing recently of Cllr Bob Baker.

Over many years Bob was a constant source of advice to Dalton Parish Council. He was instrumental in raising funds for various projects in and around the village. He was always approachable and would point us in the right direction when we needed it. He was a great help to us and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

link [https://hambletondc-self.achieveservice.com](https://hambletondc-self.achieveservice.com/)

**Closed Meeting at 20:29**

**Date of the Next Meetings**

23rd November 23 and 4th January 2024

**Signed……………………………………….………. Chairman Cllr. K. Croft**

**Signed……………………………………….………. Clerk Mr David Pearson-Briggs**