

Minutes of the Meeting held in Dalton Hall,
High Street, Upper Dean on Wednesday 5 March 2014

Present at the Meeting

Councillors: Cllr A Phillips (Chair), Cllr D Brummell, Cllr N Macarte, Cllr S Morrow, Cllr C Riggs

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

Ward Councillor I.Clifton

Requests for Information

There were no requests for information.

Neville Jephcote, Community Transport Manager of Bedford Rural Communities Charity, spoke about North Beds Community Transport and the Door To Door service (Dial a Ride). He explained that the scheme was being extended to serve the rural areas and advised that a questionnaire would be sent for publication in Honeycomb and on the Parish Council website

- 1) **Apologies for Absence:** - Apologies were received from Cllrs Wells due to personal commitments.
- 2) **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda:** - There were no disclosures of interest.
- 3) **Minutes of Meeting 5 February 2014:** - With the agreement of all those present the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 4) **Finance:** -
 - a) An application for a donation of £70 received from The Villager Community Minibus was discussed and **it was resolved** that it was approved.
 - b) Accounts for Payment:
The following accounts were approved for payment:
 - i. Clerk salary and expenses 3 months to 31 March 2014 - £554.23 (LGA1972 S.112)
- 5) **Planning:** -
 - a) The agricultural storage building erected under application 13/01604/FUL was discussed and **it was resolved** that the Clerk should contact the planning department regarding the difference between the approved plans and what has been constructed.
 - b) The proposed Solar Farm at Manor Farm, Pertenhall was discussed. The Parish Council noted that a planning application had not yet been made. It was also noted that no representations had been received from the protest group or any other Parish Council. **It was resolved** that, until such time as either of these situations changed the Council would not debate whether it approved or objected to the proposal.
- 6) **Chelveston Wind Farm Community Fund:** - Applications for the position of Trustee had been received and were discussed. **It was resolved** that David Butter and Charlotte Goodson were appointed. The former to serve until the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in 2015 and the latter until the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in 2017. The term thereafter will be four years.
- 7) **Dalton Charity - Appointment of Treasurer and Secretary:** - The Clerk advised that he had received a nomination form for Ruth Fitch.

8) Correspondence:-

A response from Andrew Prigmore to the Council's request to

- Providing white lines on the inside and outside of the bend.
- Providing a "Road Narrows" sign on the approach to the bend from the direction of Swineshead.
- Providing "Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles" signs on the B645 (two locations) and at the junction of the Swineshe/Melchbourne road.

was discussed and **it was resolved** that, notwithstanding Mr Prigmore's comments the Clerk should press for "Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles" signs as well as the white lines and "Road Narrows" sign.

9) Speeding and Police Matters:- The Clerk had contacted Chief Inspector Upex regarding enforcement. He had passed the matter to Chief Inspector Frost but no contact had been forthcoming. Cllr Clifton said that he would look in to this matter.

10) Parish Plan Updates:- The Clerk confirmed that the review of the Parish Plan was now available on the website. Hard copies were available on request from the Clerk. An item would be placed on the Agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting to take questions and suggestions.

11) Commemorative Events to mark the 100th Anniversary of the First World War:- The Council's further involvement in becoming a partner in a grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and whether the Council's bank account or that of the Dean and Shelton Great War Commemorations Committee should be used was discussed. It was felt that it would be inappropriate for the Parish Council bank account to be used or for a joint application to be made. The Council would consider a request for assistance

12) Items for information

- a) The Parish Council extended its thanks to all those who had volunteered for the position of Trustee of the Chelveston Wind Farm Community Fund.
- b) Date for next meeting **Wednesday, 9 April 2014** at Dalton Hall, Upper Dean commencing at 7.30pm.
- c) The Chair closed the meeting at 21.00.

Signed by Councillor

(Chair)

at the meeting held on 9 April 2014