

Minutes of the Meeting held in Dalton Hall,
High Street, Upper Dean on Wednesday 8 January 2014

Present at the Meeting

Councillors: Cllr S Morrow (Chair), Cllr D Brummell, Cllr C Riggs, Cllr K Wells,

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

Requests for Information

There were no requests for information

- 1) **Election of Chair:-** Due to Cllr Phillip's absence Cllr Morrow was unanimously elected as Chair for the meeting.
- 2) **Apologies for Absence:** - Apologies were received from Cllrs Gamblen and Macarte due to work commitments and Cllr Phillips for personal reasons.
- 3) **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda:** - There were no disclosures of interest.
- 4) **Minutes of Meeting 4 December 2013:** - With the agreement of all those present the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 5) **Finance:** -
 - a) The Precept for 2014/2015 was considered by the Council. **It was resolved** that there would be no increase in the annual precept and that it would be kept at £4286. The precept request form was duly signed for this amount less the Council Tax Support Grant of £23.
 - b) **A Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit** was carried out, accepted by the Council and signed to that effect by the Chair and RFO.
 - c) **A Review of Risk Management Policy** was carried out, accepted by the Council and signed to that effect by the Chair and RFO.
 - d) **A request for support from the Bobby Scheme was deferred for further research.**
 - e) **Accounts for Payment:** -
The payment of the following accounts was approved by all those present:
 - i. Clerk salary and expenses 3 months to 31 December 2013 - £501.23
(LGA1972 S.112)
 - ii. Clearview invoice 28/11/2013 – Repair and redecoration of village gates - £1046.50 (Highways Act 1980 s96)
- 6) **Planning:** - None
- 7) **Chelveston Wind Farm Community Fund:** - The Clerk was asked to seek an update on progress with commissioning the turbines. Progress had been made with trustees for the Fund and some expressions of interest had been received.
- 8) **Dalton Charity - Appointment of Treasurer and Secretary:** - As yet there had been no response.

Subject to Approval

9) **Correspondence:-**

- a) A letter from Bedford Borough Council Standards Committee was considered and noted.
- b) A letter from Bedford Borough Council regarding the Economy and Employment Land Study was considered and the Clerk asked to draft a response noting additional sites and stating that the Council considered the Parish unsuitable for further development due to the poor condition of the roads, the lack of broadband and the essentially rural nature of the parish.

10) **Speeding and Police Matters:-** Cllr Wells advised that the Speedwatch course had been postponed. Cllrs Wells and Morrow have continued to liaise with Bedford Police regarding the placement of speed monitoring equipment in the Parish.

11) **Communication around the Parish:-** Nothing to report at this time.

12) **Parish Plan Updates:-** The working party had completed the review of the Parish Plan and submitted a report back to the Council with its findings. This was discussed and approved. The report will be published on the website. The next steps will be discussed.

13) **Commemorative Events to mark the 100th Anniversary of the First World War:-** Ongoing.

14) **Items for information**

- a) Date for next meeting **Wednesday, 5 March 2014** at Dalton Hall, Upper Dean commencing at 7.30pm. *Unless there is any urgent business in which case the meeting will be Wednesday, 5 February 2014.*
- b) The Chair closed the meeting at 20.50

Signed by Councillor A Phillips (Chair)

at the meeting held on 5 March 2014