

Minutes of the Meeting held in Dalton Hall,
High Street, Upper Dean on Wednesday 9 July 2014

Present at the Meeting

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

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

Requests for Information

Mrs Walsh spoke regarding the proposed change from three to two tier schooling and the possible effect on the Eileen Wade school.

Mr and Mrs Cordell complained about the procedure surrounding the appointment of Trustees to the Community Benefit Fund.

Mrs Cordell raised the problem of a large pothole on the road from Lower Dean to Shadbolt Hill.

- 1) **Apologies for Absence:** - Apologies were received from Cllr Gamblen due to work commitments and Cllr Macarte.
- 2) **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda:** - There were no disclosures of interest.
- 3) **Minutes of Meeting 7 May 2014:** - With the agreement of all those present the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 4) **Finance:** -
 - a) The Notice of Conclusion of Annual Audit was received from BDO and it was noted that there were no comments the Auditor.
 - b) The Annual Return, signed by the Auditor was approved.
 - c) Accounts for Payment:
The following accounts were approved for payment:
 - i. BDO – Invoice1287017 – Annual Audit - £120.00 (*LGA 1972 s111*)
 - ii. Dean & Shelton Social Association – hire of hall for meetings 2013 – invoice 172 - £120.00 (*LGA 1972 s111*)
 - iii. Clerk salary and expenses 3 months to 30 June 2014 £584.77 (*LGA1972 S.112*)
- 5) **Planning:** -
 - a) Application 14/00934/LBC – Replacement windows, door, side panels and wooden frame of porch – Gramyre House, Shelton was discussed and it was resolved that the Council had no objection.
 - b) Application 14/01177/FUL – Continued livestock grazing and proposed development of solar photovoltaic panels and associated equipment – The Airfield Chelveston was discussed and **it was resolved** that the Council objected on the grounds that the application represented further and unacceptable industrialization of an essentially rural area.
 - c) A response from Bedford Borough Council to the Parish Council's objection to application 14/00469/MAF was noted.

6) **Chelveston Wind Farm Community Fund: -**

- a) A Grant Application in the sum of £4376 received from Dean PCC regarding tree work to All Hallows Church was considered and **it was resolved** that the Council supported the application.
- b) A Grant Application in the sum of £6721 received from The Dalton Charity regarding repairs to the play area, Dalton Hall was considered and **it was resolved** that the Council supported the application.
- c) A Grant Application in the sum of £1765 received from Dean and Shelton Flower Show regarding archery and re-enactment at this years show was considered and **it was resolved** that the Council supported the application.
- d) Procedures and criteria for the selection of future Trustees in accordance with Paragraph 7/2/a of the Trust Deed were discussed. The Clerk was asked to circulate a draft advert for discussion using the template of the advertisement for the Dalton Charity Trustees. **It was resolved** that the position would advertised on Parish notice boards, the website and in Honeycomb in January with a closing date at the end of March. An item would be placed on the Agenda for the April 2015 meeting for a review of candidates and the appointment would be made at the Annual meeting in May. Further discussion and agreement will take place at the next meeting.

7) **Correspondence:-**

- a) An e-mail received from Mrs Walsh regarding the long term future of Eileen Wade School was discussed together with a letter from Cllr Henry Vann regarding Sharnbrook Academy Federation. It was resolved to ask interested parties to attend the next Parish Council meeting and give their views to the Council. Cllr Wells would ask representatives of Eileen Wade School to attend.
- b) A request from Local Works to submit a proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act asking for the government to give all parish and town councils the right to sell electricity that they generate from local schemes and **it was resolved** that that the Parish Council supported this.
- c) The contents of a letter received from seven parishioners regarding the minutes of meeting 9 April 2014 were noted and **it was resolved** that the process was complete and required no further action.

8) **Speeding and Police Matters:-**

Progress with speed limit enforcement and problems with heavy goods vehicles and recent e-mails from Inspector Gail Mulvaney was discussed. It was noted that enforcement action had been carried out in at least three instances and that temporary vehicle activated speed signs had been erected by the Police in various locations. Cllr Wells will contact Inspector Mulvaney regarding speed gun training.

9) **Highways and Drainage:-**

- a) The re-construction of Lower Dean bridge and the forthcoming road closure were discussed. The Clerk was asked to publicise the road closure. Cllr Wells advised that there would shortly be a meeting on site with representatives of the Highways team.
- b) Residents were encouraged to report potholes on the Fix My Street website – **www.fixmystreet.com** which has proved to be very successful in instigating repairs. It was noted that drain jetting had been carried out recently.

10) **Parish Plan Updates:-** Cllrs will review the Plan to prioritise items for action.

11) **Items for information**

- a) Date for next meeting 3 September 2014 at Dalton Hall, Upper Dean commencing at 7.30pm unless any urgent business is received in which case a meeting will be held on 6 August 2014 at the same time and location.
- b) The Chair closed the meeting at 21.35.

Signed by Councillor A Phillips (Chair)