

Minutes of the Meeting held in Dalton Hall,
High Street, Upper Dean on Wednesday 7 October 2015

Present at the Meeting

Councillors: Cllr R Neale (Chair), Cllr A Brooks, Cllr J Gamblen, Cllr L Jones, Cllr S Morrow, Cllr C Riggs, Cllr R Ward

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk); Ward Councillor Martin Towler

Requests for Information

There were no requests for information.

- 1) **Apologies for Absence:-** There were no apologies.
- 2) **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda:-** There were no declarations of interest.
- 3) **Minutes of Meeting 9 September 2015:-** With the agreement of all those present the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4) **Finance:-**
 - a) **It was resolved** that the enrolment of Cllrs Jones and Ward on New Councillor Course on 23 September Total cost £40 was approved.
 - b) A financial statement and bank reconciliation to 7 October 2015 was tabled by the RFO, reviewed and accepted by the Council.
 - c) The Clerk was asked to ascertain the cost of "no dog fouling signs".
 - d) **It was resolved** that a grant application of £200 from Honeycomb parish magazine was approved.
 - e) An enquiry about grants from the East Anglia Air Ambulance was discussed. **It was resolved** that this was not approved. It was noted that some of the proceeds of the Flower Show already went to this cause.
 - f) Accounts for Payment – the following accounts were approved for payment and cheques signed:
 - (i) BATPC – Training Courses as a) above £40 (LGA 1972 s111)
 - (ii) Clerk salary and expenses 3 months to 30 September 2015 £510.93 (LGA1972 s112)
- 5) **Planning:- Application 15/01735/FUL** – Two storey side extension and change of use of agricultural land to garden – 4 Wellingborough Row, High Street, Upper Dean was discussed and **it was resolved** that there was no objection.

6) Correspondence:-

- a) A communication regarding the road surface of the B645 was discussed. Although the Council understood the concerns it felt that signage was adequate and in any event only a small section of the road was actually in Bedfordshire. Ward Cllr Towler undertook to bring the matter to the attention of Andrew Prigmore (Bedford Borough Highways Asset Manager).
- b) A communication received regarding the Borough Local Plan 2032 Consultation was discussed. Cllrs were asked to make themselves fully conversant with the consultation when it is published on October 19 so that it can be discussed at the following meeting.
- c) The provision of mirrors at the end of Shay Lane was discussed and **it was resolved** that the Council was not in favour of this.

7) Broadband:- A communication from the Mayor's office regarding broadband was discussed. The Council was extremely disappointed with what appeared a glib response and took issue with the fact that our rural areas were not a priority notwithstanding government statements to the contrary. The Clerk was asked to write to the Mayor and send a copy to Alastair Burt MP.**8) Speeding and Police Matters:-** Cllr Jones advised that the speed watch forms had been submitted.**9) Highways and Drainage:-** Repairs to the road between Upper Dean and Shelton have been completed. Cllr Gamblen advised that a meeting had been arranged between himself, Mr Cordell and Andrew Prigmore on 6 October but Mr Prigmore had failed to attend and given no explanation.**10) Items for information:-**

- a) Date for next meeting 4 November 2015 at Dalton Hall, Upper Dean commencing at 7.30pm.
- b) The Chair closed the meeting at 20.55.

Signed by Councillor R Neale**(Chair)****at the meeting held on 4 November 2015**