

Minutes of the Meeting held in Dalton Hall,
High Street, Upper Dean on Wednesday 13 January 2016

Present at the Meeting

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

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

Requests for Information

There were no requests for information

- 1) **Election of Chair:** - Due to Cllr Neale being unavailable Cllr Gamblen was unanimously elected (proposed Cllr Ward, seconded Cllr Riggs) as Chair for the meeting.
- 2) **Apologies for Absence:** - Apologies were received from Cllrs Brooks and Neale, both due to illness.
- 3) **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda:** - There were no declarations of interest.
- 4) **Minutes of Meeting 9 December 2015:** - With the agreement of all those present the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 5) **Finance:** -
 - a) A financial statement and bank reconciliation to 13 January 2016 was tabled by the RFO, reviewed and accepted by the Council.
 - b) The **Budget for 2016/2017** was discussed and **it was resolved** that it was approved in the sum of £4462
 - c) The **Precept for 2016/2017** was considered by the Council. **It was resolved** that it would be set at £4458. The precept request form was duly signed for this amount.
 - d) A **Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit** was carried out, accepted by the Council and signed to that effect by the Chair and RFO.
 - e) A **Review of Risk Management Policy** was carried out, accepted by the Council and signed to that effect by the Chair and RFO.
 - f) Accounts for Payment:
The following accounts were approved for payment:
 - i. Clerk salary and expenses 3 months to 31 December 2014 - £501.23 (*LGA1972 S.112*)
 - ii. Dalton Charity – payment towards decoration of Dalton Hall - £750 (*MoM 091215 Item 5c*)(*Local Gov (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976 s19*)
- 6) **Planning:** - A communication regarding received from Optimis Consulting regarding Planning Application 15/02353/FUL - Osier Stables, Lower Dean was discussed and **it was resolved** that the Council did not wish to attend the Planning Committee meeting.

- 7) **Correspondence** – None
- 8) **Broadband:** - Cllr Riggs advised that Bedford Borough are offering subsidised satellite Broadband for people currently receiving speeds less than 2Mbps. For more information contact Bedford Borough Council www.bedford.gov.uk/broadband
- 9) **Speeding and Police Matters:** - Andrew Prigmore has advised that the introduction of the 20mph speed limit in High Street Upper Dean should be completed by February. Cllr Jones advised that a speed watch course had been arranged at Bedford Police Headquarters on 25 January. Anyone wishing to attend and be trained should contact her (jones-louise5@sky.com).
- 10) **Highways and Drainage:** - A visit by the road cleaner is scheduled in the next week or two.
- 11) **Neighbourhood Plan Update:** - Cllr Morrow is awaiting information regarding the date of workshops which she will attend.
- 12) **Items for information:-**
 - a) The Post Office has advised that the mobile post office will now only visit Upper Dean on Mondays between 1300 and 1400.
 - b) Date for next meeting will be Wednesday 3 February 2016 at Dalton Hall, Upper Dean commencing at 7.30pm.
 - c) The Chair closed the meeting at 20.35

Signed by Councillor R Neale (Chair)

at the meeting held on 3 February 2016