

Minutes of the Meeting held in Dalton Hall,
High Street, Upper Dean on Wednesday 7 December 2016

Present at the Meeting

Councillors: Cllr R Ward (Chairman), Cllr L Jones, Cllr S Morrow, Cllr C Riggs

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

Requests for Information

Mr Beard spoke regarding his application for co-option.
Mrs Cordell requested that broadband provision was discussed at the next meeting.

- 1) **Apologies for Absence:** - Apologies were received from Cllr Gamblen for personal reasons.
- 2) **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda:** - There were no declarations of interest.
- 3) **Minutes of Meeting 5 October 2016:** - With the agreement of all those present the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4) **Finance:** -
 - a) A financial statement and bank reconciliation to 30 November 2016 was tabled by the RFO, reviewed and accepted by the Council.
 - b) The Budget for 2017/2018 was discussed and **it was resolved** that it was approved in the sum of £4531.75
 - c) An application for a donation received from The Villager Community Minibus and **it was resolved** that a donation be made in the same amount (£70) as previous years.
 - d) A quotation for the purchase of replacement swings for the playground at Dalton Hall in the sum of £310 from Reids Playground Maintenance Ltd. was discussed and **it was resolved** that it was approved.
 - e) Accounts for Payment:
The following accounts were approved for payment:
 - i. Stodden Churches JPCC – Donation towards Honeycomb magazine - £200.00
(Item 4d MoM 5/10/16)(LGA972 s142)
 - ii. Playsafety Ltd - Annual Inspection of play equipment Invoice 26313 – £79.80
(Local Gov.Misc.Prov.Act 1976 s54)
- 5) **Co-Option of Councillor:** - Applications for co-option from Mr Beard and Mr Wells were considered. A vote was taken and Mr Wells received the highest number of votes and the Chair declared that he had been duly elected. The Clerk was asked to extend the Council's thanks to Mr Beard for his application.

Subject to Approval

6) **Planning:-**

- a) A letter from Bedford Borough planning giving reasons for the approval of **Application 16/02530/DC3** – provision of single storey classroom building at Eileen Wade School, High Street, Upper Dean was received. It was noted that apart from the Parish Council there were only four comments from residents recorded on the Planning website - two in favour and two objecting.
- b) A communication from Bedford Borough planning regarding **Application 16/02237/FUL** – new access at Millcroft, Shelton was received and the Clerk was asked to seek clarification as to whether and under what circumstances the Section 106 Obligation could be removed.

7) **Provision of Defibrillators:** - The grant payment from Chelveston Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund has been received. Various quotations have been received and are to be considered. Clarification on some is required. Cllr Ward will contact Eileen Wade School regarding locating a cabinet there.8) **Correspondence:-**

- a) The Top Three Priorities Survey for Bedfordshire PCC was considered and it was resolved that these are Prioritising Rural Crime; Speeding; Lack of Police Presence.
- b) An invitation to Parish Council meeting with Alistair Burt was received – Cllrs Morrow and Ward will attend.
- c) An invitation to the Rural Crime Conference was received – Cllrs Jones and Morrow will attend
- d) An invitation to Hargrave Parish Council meeting was received – Cllr Ward will attend.

9) **Items for information:-**

- a) The dates of meetings for 2017 were agreed as: (Wednesday) – **11 January**, 8 February, **1 March**, 5 April, **3 May** (will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council), 31 May, **5 July**, 2 August, **6 September**, 4 October, **1 November**, 6 December. Un-bold dates are provisional.
- b) The date of Annual Parish Meeting was agreed as 3 May commencing at 7.00pm.
- c) Date for next meeting 11 January 2017 at Dalton Hall, Upper Dean commencing at 7.30pm.
- d) Items for the next agenda – Post 16 school transport; purchase of litter pickers and bags; litter bin for Green Lane Lower Dean; street lighting; naming of roads.
- e) The Chair closed the meeting at 21.15.

Signed by Councillor R. Ward (Chairman)

at the meeting held on 11 January 2017