

Minutes of the Meeting held in Dalton Hall,
High Street, Upper Dean on Wednesday 6 December 2017

Present at the Meeting

Councillors: Cllr R Ward (Chairman), Cllr S Brett, Cllr J Gamblen, Cllr L Jones, Cllr S Morrow, Cllr C Pattison, Cllr J Wells

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

Requests for Information

There were no requests for information

1. **Apologies for Absence:** - No apologies were received. Cllr Pattison was welcomed to the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
2. **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda:** - There were no disclosures of interest.
3. **Minutes of Meeting 1 November 2017:-** With the agreement of all those present the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
4. **Appointment of a Representative to the Dalton Charity** –Cllr John Wells was unanimously approved as the Council representative to the Dalton Charity replacing Cllr Morrow.
5. **Finance:-**
 - a) The Budget for 2018/2019 was discussed and **it was resolved** that it be set at £5652.57.
 - b) A grant application of £200 from Honeycomb parish magazine was discussed and **it was resolved** that it was approved.
 - c) The following accounts were approved for payment:
 - i. P Beer – Installation of Defibrillator and cabinet - £104.40 (*Item 4b MoM 08022017) (Public Health Act 1936 s234)*
6. **Planning:-**
 - a) **Application 17/03130/ADV** – Installation of non-illuminated signs – Eileen Wade School, High Street, Upper Dean was discussed and **it was resolved** that the Council had no objection.
 - b) A report on the Local Plan meeting held on 7 November was given by Cllr Wells. The Clerk was asked to make this a regular agenda item for review.
7. **Correspondence:-** None
8. **Ambulance Response Times:** - The Council is aware of a number of instances where ambulance response times seem unreasonably long. The Council will seek information from residents who have experienced unduly long waits. Anyone with first-hand information is asked to contact the Clerk.

9. **Speeding and Police Matters:** - a report on the Community Priority Meeting held on 15 November 2017 was received and noted.
10. **Highways and Drainage:** -
- a) Communications from Bedford Borough Council regarding drainage works at Grange Farm and Eileen Wade School, Upper Dean were discussed and noted.
 - b) A communication from Bedford Borough Council regarding missing footpath signs was discussed. The Council felt that in a small parish that already relies on a significant number of volunteers for other items there was not sufficient numbers to warrant seeking volunteers for another project.
 - c) The Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2018-23 consultation was discussed and the Clerk was asked to publicise it on notice boards and the website.
11. **Items for information:-**
- a) Date for next meeting 10 January 2018 at Dalton Hall, Upper Dean commencing at 7.30pm. This meeting will be agreeing the Precept Requirement for 2018-19.
 - b) The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.40.

Signed by Councillor R. Ward (Chairman)

at the meeting held on 10 January 2018