

Minutes of the Meeting held in Dalton Hall,
High Street, Upper Dean on Wednesday 1 March 2017

Present at the Meeting

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

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

Ward Cllr M Towler

Requests for Information

There were no requests for information

- 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 8 February 2017:** - 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 28 February 2017 was tabled by the RFO, considered by the Council and approved.
 - b) Accounts for Payment
The following accounts were approved for payment:
 - i. Reids Playground Maintenance - Invoice 2088 – Replacement swings - £372
(MoM 7/12/2016 Item 4d) (Local Gov. (Misc Provisions) Act 1972 s143)
- 5) **Planning:- Application 17/00373** – Erection of detached eco-dwelling and cart lodge – Mill Cottage, Brook Lane, Upper Dean was discussed and **it was resolved** that the Council had no objection.
- 6) **Provision of Defibrillators:** - The Eileen Wade School have agreed with Cllr Riggs the position of the defibrillator and cabinet on the school wall. An order has been placed for defibrillators and cabinets and delivery is expected imminently.
- 7) **Resignation of Cllr Brooks:-** The Council received the resignation of Cllr Brooks and thanked her for her input during her time in office.
- 8) **Cheques Signatory:-** Following Cllr Brooks resignation a further cheque signatory is required. **It was resolved** that Cllr Wells be appointed as authorised signatory to the bank accounts and may give other instructions or requests for information to the bank in accordance with the mandate.

- 9) **Correspondence:-** A communication from Bedford Borough Council regarding the formation of a flood group was discussed. **It was resolved** to invite attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting on 3 May 2017.
- 10) **Broadband:-** A further response from Trish Etheridge (Broadband Contract Manager Central Beds Council) regarding timescales for broadband provision for Upper and Lower Dean has been received and posted on the Parish Council website. This response advises that speeds of 20Mbps will be available in 2018 and also the availability for grant aided satellite broadband in the meantime.
- 11) **Speeding and Police Matters:-**
- a) The advertisement for volunteers for Speedwatch had been drafted and will be publicised.
 - b) It was confirmed that a plastic policeman was available and was deployed around the parish on an ad-hoc basis.
 - c) Andrew Prigmore had confirmed that the cost for re-positioning the speed limit signs would be approximately £2000.
- 12) **Neighbourhood Plan:-** Following the Secretary of State's decision to overrule a Neighbourhood Plan at Newick, East Sussex. It was resolved to re-visit this item in approximately six months and in the meantime to monitor the situation with other plans.
- 13) **Items for information:-**
- a) Date for next meeting 3 May 2017 at Dalton Hall, Upper Dean commencing at 7.30pm unless any urgent business is received in which case a meeting will be held on 5 April 2017 at the same time and location.
 - b) The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30.

Signed by Councillor R. Ward (Chairman)

at the meeting held on 5 April 2017