

Minutes of the Meeting held in Dalton Hall,
High Street, Upper Dean on Wednesday 11 January 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)

Requests for Information

Mrs Cordell spoke regarding broadband provision.
Mr Grasmeder spoke regarding the street lighting proposal.

- 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 7 December 2016:** - With the agreement of all those present the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4) **Finance:** -
 - a) The **Precept for 2017/2018** was considered by the Council. **It was resolved** that it would be set at £4532. The precept request form was duly signed for this amount.
 - b) A **Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit** was carried out, accepted by the Council and signed to that effect by the Chair and RFO.
 - c) A **Review of Risk Management Policy** was carried out, accepted by the Council and signed to that effect by the Chair and RFO.
 - d) Accounts for Payment:

The following accounts were approved for payment:

 - i. Clerk salary and expenses 3 months to 31 December 2016 - £515.48(*LGA1972 S.112*)
 - ii. The Villager Community Minibus – Donation - £70.00 (*Item 4c MoM 7/12/16*)(*Local Gov.Rating Act 1997*)
 - iii. DSSA – Hall Hire for Christmas Fair - £30.00 (*Item 4d MOM 5/10/16*)(*LGA 1972 s133*)
- 5) **Planning:-** None
- 6) **Provision of Defibrillators:** - Councillor Ward has written to the Headmistress of the Eileen Wade School regarding locating a defibrillator on the wall facing the Church but has not received the courtesy of a reply. Cllr Riggs is awaiting feedback regarding exactly which defibrillators to purchase.

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7) **Correspondence:-**

- a) Cllr Morrow will respond to the Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2017-2022 Questionnaire on behalf of the Council.
 - b) **It was resolved** that the Council was not in favour of terminating or charging for post school age school transport and the Clerk was asked to respond to the survey accordingly.
 - c) Cllr Jones reported on the Rural Crime Conference and provided a contact list which the Clerk will publish.
 - d) Cllr Ward reported on the meeting of Hargrave Parish Council regarding accidents on the B645. He advised that Hargrave would prepare a letter requesting a meeting between Hargrave, Covington and Dean and Shelton and the police/ highways/ highways agency of all three authorities that have responsibility for parts of the road that all three Councils would be asked to send.
- 8) **It was resolved** that the Clerk would purchase up to 6 litter pickers and bin bags (Cost not to exceed £40) for distribution to volunteers. Once purchased the availability would be advertised.
- 9) The provision of litter bins at the end of Green Lane and the lay bye near the B645 was discussed and the Clerk was asked to seek confirmation from Bedford Borough Council that it would provide an emptying service.
- 10) Road name signs were discussed. Cllr Ward will contact Andrew Prigmore (Beds Borough Highways Asset Manager) and will ascertain whether some can be installed as part of the statutory responsibility of the Borough.
- 11) The provision of street lighting was discussed and **it was resolved** that the Council was not in favour of this.
- 12) **Broadband:-** Cllr Riggs will contact Justine Ives regarding obtaining a better understanding of the situation regarding provision to Lower Dean and to ask whether she would attend a meeting of the Council.
- 13) **Items for information:-**
- a) Date for next meeting 8 February 2017 at Dalton Hall, Upper Dean commencing at 7.30pm..
 - b) The Chair closed the meeting at 21.05.

Signed by Councillor R. Ward (Chairman)

at the meeting held on 8 February 2017

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