

Minutes of the Meeting held in Dalton Hall,
High Street, Upper Dean on Wednesday 31 May 2017

Present at the Meeting

Councillors: Cllr J Gamblen (Chairman), Cllr S Morrow, Cllr C Riggs

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

Ward Cllr M Towler

Requests for Information

There were no requests for information

- 1) **Election of Chair:-** Due to Cllr Ward being unavailable Cllr Gamblen was unanimously elected (proposed Cllr Morrow, seconded Cllr Riggs) as Chair for the meeting.
- 2) **Apologies for Absence:** - Apologies were received from Cllrs Wells and Ward for holiday and personal reasons respectively.
- 3) **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda:** - There were no declarations of interest.
- 4) **Minutes of Meeting 3 May 2017:** - With the agreement of all those present the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 5) **Finance:** -
 - a) Annual Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2016- The annual accounts were tabled and explained by the Responsible Financial Officer and were approved by all those present and signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.
 - b) The Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2016 was tabled and considered and with the approval of all those present the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) and the Accounting Statements (Section 2) were signed by the Chair and the Responsible Financial Officer.
 - c) It was resolved that the purchase of Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration was approved - approximate cost £76.00 (*LGA1972 s111*)
 - d) Accounts for Payment
The following accounts were approved for payment:
 - i. Came & Company – Insurance renewal 2017 - £280.00 (*LGA1972 s111&114*)
 - ii. Playsafety Ltd Invoice 28634 – Playground Inspection 2017 - £79.80 (*Local Govt (Misc. Prov.)Act 1976 s19*)
 - iii. R Grasmeder – Purchase of litter pickers & sacks - £43.66 (*MOM 11/1/2017 Item 8 Litter Act 1983 ss5, 6*). The litter pickers are now available for loan from the Clerk (strictly by appointment).
- 6) **Co-Option of Members:-** Applications for co-option from Mr Beard and Mrs Brett were considered. A vote was taken and Mrs Brett received the highest number of votes and the Chair declared that she had been duly elected. The Clerk was asked to extend the Council's thanks to Mr Beard for his application.

7) Planning:-

- a) The remainder of the questions from Bedford Local Plan 2035 consultation were considered and responses agreed. The Clerk was asked to respond online.
- b) Application 17/01281/LBC – Erection of portico and enlarged doors to provide extra garaging – Dean House, High Street, Upper Dean was discussed and it was resolved that there was no objection.

8) Correspondence:- A request for support from Mr M Wady regarding Post School Age transport was considered. It was resolved to publicise the online petition when it becomes available.**9) Broadband:-** This item was held over until the result of the General Election is known.**10) Speeding and Police Matters:-** This item was held over to the next meeting pending Cllr Jones report from the meeting.**11) Highways and Drainage –** Due to problems arranging a meeting with Andrew Prigmore, Members of the Council and the Clerk will enter pothole information on Fix My Street**12) Items for information:-**

- a) The date for next meeting is 5 July 2017 at Dalton Hall, Upper Dean commencing at 7.30pm.
- b) The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30.

Signed by Councillor R. Ward (Chairman)

at the meeting held on 5 July 2017