

Of a meeting of Dean and Shelton Parish Council held in Dalton Hall, Upper Dean on Wednesday, 7 August 2019

Present at the Meeting:

Councillors: Cllr R Ward (Chairman), Cllr S Brett, Cllr J Gamblen, Cllr D Rostant,
Cllr P Bird (part)

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

Requests for Information

Mr Cook spoke regarding the withdrawal of Planning Application 18/01145/FUL.

Mrs Bird spoke regarding Planning Application 19/01369/FUL.

Mr Reynolds raised questions regarding Speedwatch and e-mails.

Mrs Cordell raised a question regarding the notice for the recent closure of Lower Dean High Street.

- 1) **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from Cllr Pattison.
- 2) **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda** - There were no declarations of interest.
- 3) **Minutes of Meeting 3 July 2019** - With the agreement of all those present the above minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 4) **Co-Option of Councillor:** An application for co-option received from Mrs P.Bird was discussed and **it was resolved** that she be co-opted. As Mrs Bird was present at the meeting she completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took her place on the Council.
- 5) **Acceptance of Office Form:** Completed by Cllrs Bird and Gamblen.
- 6) **Finance:**
 - a) A financial statement, review of expenditure against budget and bank reconciliation to 31 July 2019 was tabled by the RFO, considered by the Council and approved.
 - b) Accounts for Payment - None
- 7) **Planning – Application 19/01369/FUL** – Change of Use of Agricultural Land to create access track – Elm Farm High Street, Lower Dean was discussed and **it was resolved** that the Parish Council had no objection. Cllr Bird declared an interest in this item and left the room while it was discussed.
- 8) **The Standing Orders of the Parish Council** were reviewed and approved by all those present and signed by the Chairman as such.

- 9) **Correspondence** - a presentation on the Code of Conduct Training for Parish Councillors was noted.
- 10) **Speeding and Police Matters:**
- a) Bedford B.C. Highways have advised that the posts for Speed Indicator Devices will be installed within four weeks whereupon delivery of the SIDs will be arranged.
 - b) Cllr Rostant has been advised that there is currently no Speedwatch co-ordinator for the Parish. She is considering volunteering for this position.
- 11) **Highways and Drainage:**
- a) The “slow down for horses” sign on Shelton Road (Upper Dean to Shelton) will be erected within four weeks by Bedford B.C. Highways. The speed limit revision in the same location is in the process of public consultation.
 - b) Despite numerous complaints from Cllrs and residents, to the Mayor, the Ward Cllr and Bedford B.C. Highways the closure of the whole road from Upper Dean towards Swineshead has gone ahead. Cllr Ward will draft a formal letter of complaint.
- 12) **Items for Information:**
- a) Date for next meeting 4 September 2019 at Dalton Hall, Upper Dean commencing at 7.30pm. Discussion of the Village Survival Guide will be an item on the next agenda.
 - b) The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.30.

Signed by Cllr R Ward (Chairman)

at the meeting held on 4 September 2019