

Of a meeting of Dean and Shelton Parish Council held in Dalton Hall, Upper Dean on Wednesday, 1 September 2021

Present at the Meeting:

Councillors: Cllr R Ward (Chairman), Cllr S Brett, Cllr P Bird, Cllr C Pattison, Cllr M Pattison, Cllr A Phillips

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

Requests for Information

There were no requests for information

- 1) **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Gamblen due to work commitments.
- 2) **Disclosures of interest by members (and employees) in items on the agenda** - There were no disclosures of interest.
- 3) **Minutes of Meeting 4 August 2021** - With the agreement of all those present the minutes were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 4) **Finance:**
 - a) Updates were discussed on:
 - i. the purchase of a laptop for the use of the Clerk – an order has been placed.
 - ii. the provision of adult exercise equipment at Dalton Hall – No grants are available from BBC. Answers to queries received from Fresh Air Fitness. Cllr Bird will arrange a meeting at Dalton Hall.
 - iii. the provision of additional tree planting at Dalton Hall – Tree packs are available from Woodland Trust. Cllr C Pattison will progress an application.
 - iv. the provision of a litter bin at BOAT D26 – Cllr Ward contacted BBC who will not change its position regarding the provision of any additional bins.
 - b) Accounts for Payment – the following payments were approved:
 - i. Robert Abraham - Invoice for replacement treads to play equipment - £250.00 (*LGA 1972 s144*)
- 5) **Planning:**
 - (a) The Bedford Local Plan 2040, Draft Plan Consultation was discussed. **It was resolved** that comments would be made on affordable housing, infrastructure requirements and brownfield sites and on the sites put forward in the Call for Sites.
 - (b) **Application 21/01107/REM** – Approval of Amended Plans for Appearance and Landscaping for four dwellings – Dean Grange Farm, High Street, Upper Dean was discussed. **It was resolved** that the Council would re-iterate its previous comments.
 - (c) **Application 21/02269/FUL** – Raising height of Existing Chimney Stack – The Old Butchers Shop, Kimbolton Road, Lower Dean was discussed as un-notified business due to the time constraints for responding. **It was resolved** that the Council had no comment.

- 6) **Correspondence** - A meeting with Allison Nelson, the Rights of Way officer at Bedford Borough Council has been arranged for the meeting on 3 November. This meeting will cover a RoW clearance group and seasonal vegetation clearance
- 7) **Speeding and Police Matters** – BBC now advises further delay due to staff shortage in the reduction of speed limits at Shelton Road and the High Street, near the five new properties. Cllr Ward has contacted the Mayor but no further progress has been promised. An increase in nuisance motorbikes on the B645 has been noticed. The Police telephone number to call in our area is 101. As this road covers three counties the Police will transfer the call to each of the three counties Police forces in order for each county force to record the incidents.
- 8) **Highways and Drainage** – Nothing to report.
- 9) **Date of Next Meeting:**
 - a) Date for next meeting 6 October 2021 commencing at 7.30pm at Dalton Hall, Upper Dean.
 - b) The Clerk was asked to place an item on the Agenda for the next meeting to discuss provision of hard copies of the Honeycomb and communication around the Parish.
 - c) The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.35.

Signed by Cllr R Ward (Chairman)

at the meeting held on 6 October 2021