

DALTON-LE-DALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING - 2ND JUNE 2005

PRESENT : Councillor M.Oliver (Chairman)

Councillors D.Gleghorn M.Gustard, L.Keegan, W.Kennedy, R.Olaman, S.Richardson & A. Westmorland

1 resident of the Parish

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE :

Councillor W.Hepplewhite

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST :

There were no Declarations to report

3. POLICE REPORT :

The two officers present reported only one case of reported crime during the month, involving the theft of a quad bike from a garage at Dalton Heights . The culprit had not yet been identified. A member advised that a number of youths had been seen wandering through the village recently, causing potential concern, particularly to elderly persons living on their own.

4. MINUTES :

Agreed : That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 12th May 2005 (a copy of which had been circulated previously to each member) be Approved and Signed as a correct record, subject to the addition in Minute No.18 of an instruction to the Clerk to investigate the optimum interest rate which could be obtained from its Treasury Deposit Account.

5. REPRESENTATIONS BY RESIDENTS :

There were no representations to report

6. ST.ANDREW'S CHURCH - 850TH ANNIVERSARY :

The Clerk reported that there had been no further meeting of the steering committee, but that the main elements of the fete to be held on 2nd July were in place. There was however, a need for volunteers to come forward to assist with stalls, side shows, teas etc. on the day.

It was noted that the floral tubs were now in place at the Church gates and at the top of Church bank in readiness for the visit of the Bishop of Jarrow on Sunday 5 th June. There was some criticism of the arrangements for these decorative features, although the part played by Mr.Bob Glaister of South Farm in

taking delivery of the tubs, placing them on site and liaising with the garden centre staff in their planting, was acknowledged.

Agreed : That the valuable assistance of Mr.Glaister in this matter be placed on record, and that a letter of thanks be sent.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS :

The Clerk reported that following his approach, Groundwork East Durham had expressed an interest in the possible implementation of these improvements, and consequently he would arrange a site meeting at the earliest opportunity in order to progress the matter.

Discussion took place on the proposed locations for the remaining 9 large planter tubs and 17 half-barrels, and it was

Agreed : That the following locations be Approved, subject to the agreement of the District and County Councils :

a) Large Planter Tubs :

- Eastern boundary of the village
- Village Green
- Foot of Stony Cut
- Entrance to Dalton Grange (2)
- Entrance to Dalton Heights (2)
- Jubilee Avenue (boundary sign)
- Parish Boundary (Murton approach)

b) Half-Barrel Planters :

- Waring Terrace grass verge (4)
- Grass verge - Graham Way roundabout (2)
- Jubilee Terrace (2)
- Opposite entrance to Overdene
- Land opposite Church Bank junction
- Top of Times Inn Bank - near Glebe House (2)
- Dene Road service road - grass verge (4)
- Outside W.I.Hall

Further Agreed : That quotations be obtained for the siting, planting and/or regular maintenance of the planters, with a view to their early instalation.

8. DISTRICT OF EASINGTON - NORTH AREA FORUM :

The Clerk reported that there had been no attendance at this meeting.

9. SECTION 137 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE :

Members considered a request for assistance from the County of Durham Schools Benevolent Fund for the provision of shoes and winter clothing for needy children.

Agreed : That in accordance with the provisions of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, the sum of £25 be donated to this Fund.

10. PLANNING MATTERS :

The following new applications were Noted without comment :

- Proposed bay window - 18 Galfrid Close
- Proposed conservatory- 79 Weymouth Drive

The following Planning Approvals were Noted :

- Outline application for house on land adjoining 53 Queens Avenue
- Change of Use from playground to private garden on land adjoining 9 Watson Close

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT :

Agreed : That Approval be given to the payment of Invoices No. 017 to 021 in the sum of £4840.41

12. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT :

The Chairman had no report to present

13. CLERK'S REPORT :

The Clerk reported as follows :

- a) Receipt of letter of appreciation from Victim Support in response to the Section 137 Contribution of £25
- b) That the Annual Meeting of the Easington Area Association of Parish & Town Councils would be held in the District Council Chamber on Wednesday 6 th July at 7 p.m.
- c) Receipt of an invitation for the Council to be represented at a Consultation Event (Street Warden

Services Working for You) to be held in the Glebe Centre, Murton on Thursday 16th June from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Councillor Olaman agreed to attend this event.

d) That the District Council was currently investigating the ownership of the damaged wall between Grasmere House and Public Footpath No.1 with a view to its repair.

e) That the new notice boards were currently being stored by Councillor Keegan until the District Council was able to instal them on site.

14. MEMBERS' REPORTS :

a) Councillor Richardson circulated a report on the implications of setting up a Parish Council Web Site, which would be discussed in full at the July meeting.

b) Councillor Gustard reported that a recent social event organised by the Community Association raised £300.

c) Councillor Kennedy reported on the continuing efforts being made by the Community Association to secure additional funding for the proposed new hall, and referred to the efforts which were made some time ago to secure recreational facilities on the then newly developing Dalton Grange Estate. It was agreed that the Council minutes of the time be inspected with a view to obtaining information which might be useful to the current situation.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

It was Noted that the next meeting of the Council would be held on Thursday 7th July 2005 at 7 p.m.