

Dalton-le-Dale Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING held THURSDAY 3rd June 2010

Present: Councillors: W Kennedy (Chairman), M Oliver, M Hepplewhite, M Gustard, J Humes, S Richardson, L Keegan.
Public: K Wright, C Walton.

26. **APOLOGIES** Cllr C Olsen.

27. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None.

28. **POLICE REPORT**

The local police gave apologies as they were unable to attend and had forwarded a report to the Clerk for the meeting.

Since the last meeting there were no reported burglaries, no criminal damages, no rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour, no reported stolen vehicles, no vehicle nuisance incidents and no reports of thefts.

Members advised that a house was disturbed at approximately 3am and that this matter had been reported to the police. Members also expressed concern that motor cycles were travelling through the Dene in the late evening.

Members enquired if it was worth re-launching the Neighbourhood Watch scheme as this may be of benefit to house insurance premiums. It was agreed for this matter to be raised in the next newsletter to recruit volunteers.

Members advised that they were taking part in the Road Watch training.

Members advised that the B1285 Times Inn Bank was still suffering from speeding traffic and that Flashing Speeding signs were placed in other areas.

29. **REPRESENTATIONS FROM RESIDENTS**

Residents advised that the Adjudicator was to visit Overdene Estate regarding the use of the dirt track.

30. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** held on the 13th May 2010.

These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

31. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on the 13th May 2010.

These were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from that meeting.

Members enquired what progress had been made with Easington Area Office regarding the Dog Bin Contract. The Clerk advised that he had written to the Head of Service and had received a telephone call from the Environment Officer advising that a written reply would be forthcoming. Members expressed concerns that dog fouling was a problem along the Dene and requested the Clerk to contact Easington Environment Office requesting the Dog Patrol unit to attend the site at 7.15 to 7.30 am.

32. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Members received the Durham Heritage Coast magazine and requested the Clerk to enquire if two members could receive this newsletter direct.
- b) Members received the information from DCC regarding the survey being undertaken.
- c) Members received the Link Newsletter.
- d) Members received the invitation to attend the DCC Town and Parish Councils Conference and it was agreed for the Chairman, Cllr Hepplewhite and the Clerk to attend. Clerk will book places.

- e) Letter of complaint to the Parish Council. The Clerk advised members that this matter needed to be dealt with through the council's complaints procedure and requested the complaints panel to convene after the meeting to deal with this matter.

33. PLANNING MATTERS

Proposal: PL/5/2010/0211

For: Blairgowrie, Dene Road, Dalton-le-Dale.

Members had no objections to this planning proposal.

34. PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL REGISTER of INTERESTS

The Clerk advised that he had provided members with a copy of documents requested by DCC and requested members to complete and return to him as soon as possible.

35. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a). **Unclassified Road, The Dene.** The Clerk advised that no offer of any financial support was received from our local DCC Members or DCC Highways despite a reminder.
- b). **B1285, Times Inn Bank.** The Clerk had sent a letter to DCC Highways regarding the issues raised from the last meeting and had received an acknowledgement.

The Clerk advised that the council had powers to undertake road safety improvements in conjunction with the Highway Authority and if the council could set aside a budget for road safety improvements on the B1285 Times Inn Bank it could perhaps entice the Highways Authority to devise a scheme to reduce the speed of traffic and perhaps contribute to it. In considering this proposal members suggested that the council could make a reasonable contribution to a scheme and requested the Clerk to enquire if DCC Highways would participate in such a proposal.

36. MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

The Clerk provided Members with details of the financial transactions for the month with the invoices received. Members agreed to the invoices/payments for voucher 101566 to 101573.

37. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman advised of her attendance at the opening of the Murton Youth Centre where the council's donation was thanked by Cllr A Napier.

38. CLERK'S REPORT

- a) The Clerk advised that some months ago he issued members with Training/Development Needs Questionnaires and several members had yet to return them.
- b) The Clerk advised of the information received concerning the new LINK2 Dial a ride service.
- c) The Clerk advised that he had received a copy of the Open Spaces Annual Accounts.
- d) The Clerk advised that he had received a copy of the Our Life magazine.
- e) The Clerk advised that he had received a copy of the AAP minutes.
- f) The Clerk advised that he had received an invitation for members to attend the Leader Celebration event.
- g) Due to member commitments the Environment meeting would be postponed until the 1st July and start at 6pm (before the normal monthly meeting).

39. MEMBERS REPORTS

Members expressed concerns that the website was out of date and that the Church were seeking to have information updated. The Clerk advised that the latest accounts and Chairman's report were on the website and all minutes of past meetings were on the site up to April 2010 and that he was dealing with the request to refresh information for the Church.

Members advised that men with Lurcher dogs were still frequenting the area. This information would be passed to the Police.

Members advised that the website www.eastdurham.co.uk was a good site for seeing what was happening in Seaham and surrounding areas.

Members advised that the alleyways at Jubilee had still not been cleared / tidied. Clerk would check with Easington Office.

Members advised that Groundwork is considering a resubmission for funding the Village Green project.

40. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Thursday 1st July 2010