

PARTNEY AND DALBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday 11th January 2021 via Zoom. 8:00pm.

Present: Cllr J Boulton (Chair) Cllr J Oliver
 Cllr N Blanchard Cllr A Ratcliffe
 Cllr B Dawson Cllr E Middleton
 Cllr D Morris Cllr W Grover (ELDC)

Staff present: Sophie Potter (Parish Clerk)
 There were 2 members of the public present.

	ACTION
<p>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Sargeant and Cllr L Sharp.</p>	
<p>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p>3. APPROVE MINUTES The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman (pages 239 – 240).</p>	
<p>4. MATTERS ARISING Kissing Gate – This is still broken and the request for repair needs chasing up. A map is to be sent to the Parish Clerk for this to be chased up. Gates at Dalby Church - A formal complaint is in the process of being made to the Highways. The Clerk has drafted a complaint to be sent in. This has been amended slightly by Cllr Ratcliffe and is awaiting checking by Cllr Boulton. Village Sign Poles – The branches around the signs have been cut however Cllr Morris has had to do some more trimming. Cllr Morris asked how high the Council would like the planters off the floor. The decision was made of 18 inches to 2 feet. 6 x 2 timbers will be used instead of scaffold boards as it is treated and won't rot as quick. Cllr Oliver is to ask her husband if he has some spare soil for the planters. The village signs need taking down so they can be collected by courier for restoration. It is best this is done now while there isn't so much traffic about. This is to be done by Councillors. The Village sign poles have been donated to the village by Mill Farm Services. Verges in the Village – Carl Valentine is currently doing the trimming for us as he goes around the village. He hasn't spent his £200 budget yet and will invoice us when he does. There have been various comments of how much better they look. Cemetery Hedge – Caroline Hudson has put the hedge cutter to bed. Cllr Boulton is to ask Ian Leverton. New bins – This application is being pushed through by ELDC as initially it has been mislaid in the system. Cllr Grover is going to keep an eye on this matter for us as well. New Flags – The cheque payment has been received. Funding – The grant application form needs to be resent to Cllr Grover. Village Gates – This is to go on the next agenda as Cllr Sargeant was not present. Christmas Tree – A lot of comments were made of how good it looked and brought the community together during these times. A thank you letter is to be sent to the person who donated the tree.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>NB/AR</p> <p>JB</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>5. PLANNING MATTERS The Grange – This application has been withdrawn. Land adjacent to Partney Pumps – This has been passed with conditions and these can be found on the planning application on the website.</p>	
<p>6. FINANCIAL MATTERS The financial information was circulated and explained at the meeting by the Clerk. In the current account the balance was £11, 304.25 and in the savings account £1,957.99. A copy of the online banking screen is to be taken to the Chairman when the minutes are signed for checking.</p>	

<p>Payments for approval Nick King (cemetery cutting) £60.00 Newsletter printing £60.40 Batteries for christmas tree lights £21.60 Christmas tree lights £178.97</p> <p>The remaining grant money is to be transferred into the Savings account and transfer back when used. This will be done when the Clerk has the cheque book back from the Chairman and has checked a couple of payments made.</p> <p>Cllr Sharp is storing the Christmas tree lights.</p>	
<p>7. CORRESPONDENCE There was none from the Parish Clerk.</p>	
<p>8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Precept – Without the Covid Small Business grant which we received there is £5,000 surplus in the accounts. We are aware Parish Councils are trying to limit any increase. Last year we went up 4.9%. We need to be mindful that the Parish Council part is very minimal. As a council we need to be happy that we can provide an explanation of what we are keeping the money in the account for. As a Council we are going to become responsible for the footpath to the Fairfield and are looking at an area for the village plus legal costs will be incurred. We also have the cemetery to upkeep and do have some projects in mind. We always need to hold a £2,000 balance in case we ever have to have an election of Councillors. The every day running of the Council is costing around £2,200 every year. The proposal was made by Cllr Boulton for a 3.45% increase and this was seconded by Cllr Dawson. This was voted on and unanimously agreed. Village Hall Car Park – Contact has been made by Max Hugo that the developers are now ready to hand this over. The assets are to be transferred to the Parish Council and then we will transfer it onto the Village Hall Committee. We will need a solicitor for doing all of this and contact is to be made with Tinn Criddle on this matter. When the Parish Council receives the footpath it would be nice to plant it up for wildlife. We do need to be aware that there is currently a dispute on the footpath over a 3ft fence instead of a 6ft. Looking over the application there was no requirement for this but as a Council we need the dispute to be sorted before we take over ownership. Max Hugo requires an email back. Recreational Area – This has been looked into and they would be very reluctant to allow this to happen. We would have to have a good idea of what we was going to use the area for to benefit the village. Litter picking – Cllr Morris has been doing this during the lockdown and has collected substantial amounts of rubbish. He has been using the Village Hall bins due to the Hall not currently being used. He asked if there was anyway we could arrange for the rubbish to be collected and get some bags. This matter is being dealt with by Cllr Grover. Defib – The defibrilator on the village hall needs to be serviced every 3 years. This needs to be done imminently. Chapel Lane – Due to the construction work happening down here we need to ask Highways to come and look at the condition of the road due to the heavy traffic. This gets reported on Fix My Street. Drains – The drain opposite David Scrimshaw house is once again overflowing onto the road. This matter is to be looked into by Cllr Ratcliffe. Maddison Lane – The 2 new houses have put a fence up along the hedge which belongs to them. We need to keep an eye on this matter. Hedges – The hedge along the side of the footpath from the cemetery to Field Farm need looking at. John Hudson use to get these cut when he was Chairman. Footpaths – As Partney is designated as a large village should we not have more footpath access. During the current pandemic you are being asked to shop local and</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>JB</p> <p>WG</p> <p>JB</p> <p>AR</p> <p>AR</p>

<p>there is no footpath from the village to get to the Farm Shop and Garden Centre.</p> <p>Village Hall Notice Board – The Parish Council are currently taking over the Village Hall Notice Board. When the Victory Hall is allowed to operate again they will need there board back. Can the Council consider purchasing there own or make better use of the existing board.</p> <p>Minutes & Agendas – As a council we have a legal obligation to display the minutes from the meeting a month after on either or both the website or notice board and the agenda is to be displayed 2 weeks before a meeting.</p>	<p>JO</p>
<p>9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be on Monday 8th March 2021, 7:30pm. How the meeting will take place will be decided nearer the time.</p>	