

Minutes of Meeting of Partney and Dalby Parish Council held 7pm 12th September 2023 in the Victory Hall, Partney

Present: Cllr Jacqueline Oliver (Chair) Cllr Beth Dawson Cllr Richard Jones Cllr Mick Lovelock Cllr E Middleton Cllr Packa Risi Cllr Valerie Risi

Member of Public present: 2 and County Cllr Davie

Also in attendance: Jane Slaymaker – Parish Clerk

50. To open the meeting and welcome

The meeting opened at 7.08pm. The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked people who helped install the noticeboard at the bus stop, especially Cllrs Jones, Lovelock, Ratcliffe and Risi. A new bus timetable has been ordered.

51. To note any apologies and accept valid reasons of absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ratcliffe and Sargeant. The reasons were accepted.

52. To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and consider any requests for dispensations in relation to Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or any other interests as outlined in the Council's Code of Conduct

No declarations of interest were received.

53. To receive and approve the draft notes of the meeting held on 11th July 2023

It was resolved to accept the minutes of 11th July 2023 as a true record and the Chair signed the minutes.

54. To receive and approve the draft notes of the extraordinary meeting held on 28th July 2023

It was resolved to accept the minutes of 28th July 2023 as a true record and the Chair signed the minutes

55. To receive reports from the County and District councillors

County Councillor Davie reported that the Lincolnshire economy was performing well. The County Council will release an energy and infrastructure statement in the next few weeks. The Council are hoping for increased funding to Highways to enable the targeting of small rural road repairs. The Council's Children's Services and Care Services are classed as outstanding. Issues around public transport and home to school transport are challenging. Cllr Davie confirmed that there is no RAAC in any County council buildings. He also confirmed that the County Council fits solar panels to any new buildings and is in the process of fitting solar panels to their farm buildings. The District Councillor was not available to respond to a planning question concerning solar panels and new builds. Cllr Davie confirmed that he would support the Parish Council' request that the redundant national speed limit/deregulation signs be removed from Dalby Road; that a speed reduction scheme be requested for Dalby and the A158 roundabout into Partney; the condition of the pavements in Partney be addressed and the litter accumulating in the waterway at Partney Petrol Station. Cllr Davie left the meeting.

56. Finance

a) To formally note financial position

The financial position was noted: current account £718.30 interest account £9,237.99

b) To formally note bank reconciliations

The bank reconciliations were noted and signed by the Chair

c) To formally approve any automated, retrospective and future payments to be made

It was resolved to approve the following payments:

21.07.23	Wave DD £6.81
09.08.23	DD Plusnet internet £23.62
23.08.23	N King grass cemetery cutting x 2 cuts (10 and 11) £140.00
09.09.23	DD Plusnet internet £23.62
12.09.23	K & K Grass Cutting £153.00
30.09.23	Salary (under LGA 1972 s.112) £100.79
31.10.23	Salary (under LGA 1972 s.112) £100.79

d) To note any income received since the last meeting

The following income was noted:

11.07.23	Cemetery fees £30.00
09.08.23	Interest £6.76

57. Planning Matters

- a) To consider any planning applications received since the last meeting including ref: N/136/01574/23 - Extension to existing dwelling to provide additional living accommodation at Trebor, Maddison Lane, Partney and ratify informal comments made between meeting in relation to resubmitted plans for reference N/136/01032/23 - Erection of a holiday cottage and siting of a holiday lodge, existing barn to be demolished at land opposite Sausthorpe Road Farm, Partney**

It was resolved to support the application for Trebor, Maddison Lane, with comments concerning the provision of bee and swift bricks. The informal comments for land opposite Sausthorpe Road Farm were ratified.

- b) To note any planning decisions and/or appeal notifications since the last meeting**
Land off Skegness Road, Partney received planning permission on 14.08.23. The application for land at Dexthorpe House Farm was withdrawn. A letter from planners was received regarding the planning breach at Fairfield keeping the Council informed.

58. Village Matters

- a) To receive an update on highway matters**

This item was covered through the discussion with County Cllr Davie earlier in the meeting.

- b) To discuss the Dalby Church access and resolve action**

A letter had been received from the Lincoln Diocesan Registrar. The matter to be progressed by Dalby Parochial Church Council. The Parish Council agreed to support this action.

- c) To receive an update on the Dalby Road muck heap**

The Environment Agency had been contacted following the last meeting. They were asked to test the water. It was noted that the issue needs reporting every time there is a concern.

8.04pm 1 member of the public arrived.

- d) To receive an update on the LCC drains survey**

Cllr V Risi reported that she had surveyed and logged 97 drains and gullies on the County Council website. Cllr V Risi was thanked.

- e) To consider the issue of litter at the Partney Garage and elsewhere in the village and resolve action**

It was resolved that the Clerk write to the owner of the Garage to see if further steps can be taken to help keep the area around the garage clear of litter.

- f) To consider and approve an application to ELDC for an additional rubbish bin to be sited adjacent to the bus stop near Partney Garage**

It was resolved to apply to ELDC for an additional rubbish bin to be sited adjacent to the bus stop and planter near Partney Garage. The Clerk to progress.

- g) To agree a date for bulb planting around the village and Cemetery**

Bulb planting will take place on November 23rd 2023.

59. Internal Council Matters

- a) **To consider and approve the following policies: Training and Development, Equality and Diversity, Safeguarding, Dignity at Work and a Grants Policy and agree review dates.**

It was resolved to adopt the following policies: Training and Development, Equality and Diversity, Safeguarding, Dignity at Work and a Grants Policy. To be reviewed in 2 years with the exception of the Safeguarding policy which will be reviewed annually.

- b) **To consider and approve terms of reference for a Staffing Committee, appoint members to the committee and agree a date for the Clerk's annual appraisal**

It was resolved to adopt the terms of reference for a Staffing Committee. Cllrs Lovelock, Middleton and Sargeant were appointed and a date will be agreed for the Clerk's appraisal.

- c) **To consider and appoint member(s) as Finance Lead, Highways/Footpaths and Website Lead**

It was resolved to appoint Cllr Middleton as Finance Lead, Cllr Ratcliffe as Highways Lead and Cllr Lovelock as Website Lead. The Chair agreed to be the Lead for Safeguarding

- d) **To consider and approve the Cemetery Monthly Checklist**

The monthly checklist for the Cemetery was approved. Cllr Jones will carry out the checks. The Clerk will retain the records.

- e) **To consider continuance of the LIVES defibrillator guardianship contract from April 2024 and resolve action**

It was resolved to end the LIVES guardianship contract in April. The Clerk to be responsible for regularly checking the defibrillator, updating The Circuit website and ordering any pads etc.

- f) **To consider and approve delegated action for the Clerk and Cemetery Lead to receive quotations for a tree survey of the Cemetery and proceed with the most favourable quote**

It was resolved to grant delegated approval for Cllr Jones and the Clerk to obtain further quotations for a Cemetery tree survey and proceed with the most favourable.

- g) **To consider the ground condition in the Cemetery and resolve action**

It was resolved to put up some signage alerting people to the uneven ground. The Clerk to obtain a quote for filling some of the larger holes from the Grass Cutting Contractor.

- h) **To consider and approve an application to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for a Cemetery War Grave sign**

It was resolved to approve an application to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for a Cemetery War Grave sign. General signage to be discussed at the next meeting.

60. To receive correspondence and note any action required

Communication received from ELDC about Grassroots Grants and a UK Shared Prosperity Fund Briefing. The CallConnect bus fares to be capped at £2 a journey.

61. Clerk and Councillor Reports.

The Clerk reported that the litter picking kits were no longer available. It was noted that the Highways Authority owns the verge to the front of the Cemetery where the Cherry tree is situated. Letters about the importance of beck clearance to be sent out to affected residents. The usual Cemetery hedging contractor has retired. The Clerk was given details of another contractor,

62. To note the date of the next meeting of the Parish Council

The next meeting is Thursday 14th November 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm