

**PARTNEY AND DALBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL
(HELD ON-LINE BY USING ZOOM)**

Held on the 8th June 2020

Present: Mr. J Boulton (Chairman), Mrs. B Dawson, Mrs. J Oliver, Mr. N Blanchard, Mr. L. Sharp, Mr. A. Ratcliffe, Mrs. S. Sargeant, Mr. D. Morris, 2 residents of Partney

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. E. Middleton

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TO CONSIDER ANY REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations of interest declared.

3. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THE 9TH MARCH 2020

The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman (pages 227 - 229).

4. TO ADDRESS ANY ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Gates at Dalby to Church. The Parish Clerk has attempted to make various phone calls and there has been no answer. The Parish Clerk will send an email.

5. PLANNING MATTERS:

Fairfield – J. Boulton has tried on several occasions to get in contact with Mr. L. Humphreys at East Lindsey District Council with no luck. This is a complicated situation and the Chairman doesn't want to meet with the planning applicant, Mr. G. Avison without having all the facts. Mrs. B. Dawson believes that now is the time for the area to be fenced off and left in good condition. From the Section 106 the applicant believes there is no requirement for any land to be given to the village. The Parish Clerk will send the direct email address for the planning officer (LH) to the Chairman to assist with contact. A suggestion was made to bypass LH and go straight to Chief Development Officer.

The other day, a contractor on site informed a Partney resident that they believed the whole piece of land was being developed. Do we need to be taking legal action? Mr. J. Boulton is going to chase the matter up this week.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

To consider and approve the Annual Governance Statement – These were circulated and the statements which ensured there is a sound system of internal control for accounting were signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

To consider and approve the Accounting statements to 31st March 2020 – The accounting statements were circulated by the Parish Clerk and agreed and signed by the Chairman.

To consider and approve the accounts to date – The accounts were circulated to all and explained by the Parish Clerk. In the current account we have £5,029.21 and in the savings account, we have £1,957.68.

To approve payments to date

Cheques (approval via email due to no meeting as a result of the coronavirus situation) have been sent to

Nick King for £120.00 and £180.00. These were for 5 cuts of the cemetery in line with his quote.

LALC membership - £83.23

Zurich Insurance - £164.53

These payments were all approved.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

8. DATES OF NEXT MEETING(S)

20 th July 2020	6.30pm	either via Zoom or outdoor meeting
14 th September 2020	TBC	TBC
9 th November 2020	TBC	TBC
11 th January 2021 (Precept)	TBC	TBC
8 th March 2021	TBC	TBC
10 th May 2021 (AGM)	TBC	TBC

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Communications – Mrs. S. Sargeant raised this point in regard to if we have to carry on having Zoom meetings and email communications due to the current coronavirus situation. Do we have measures in place to make sure everyone is receiving correspondence? In future, all the Councillors will acknowledge receipt of all documents emailed and if no reply received within a couple of days the Parish Clerk will send a back-up email.

Cemetery Charges - A discussion took place on the current charges for the cemetery as these have not been reviewed for 6 years or more. A new list of charges has been compiled and Mrs. E. Middleton is to let the Parish Clerk have these along with any paperwork. Also, when everything is sorted Mr. N. Blanchard would like forms to reserve plots.

Public Footpaths – The public footpath from Partney to Skendleby is not passable. It requires someone down there with a big strimmer. Mrs. J. Oliver is to speak to her husband regarding this as it is their field.

On the public footpath from Partney to Spilsby (A158) the gate has now completely broken. The Parish Clerk is to email Lincolnshire County Council regarding this matter.

Mr. N. Blanchard keeps strimming the footpath behind the Rectory so the public can keep using it for walking.

Litter bin – The Parish Clerk is to chase up the situation with the litter bin and dog waste bin on Hardings Lane.

Sign on cemetery – The new grass cutting contractor has suggested we put a sign up asking for people to take away their own rubbish as the contents in the bags being left is not our responsibility to dispose of. Mr. J. Boulton is to draft the wording for a sign for the next meeting.

Abandoned cars in the village – There is a few cars around the village parked on grass verges that have not moved for many months. Can we check that these are licensed? Mr. A. Ratcliffe is going to investigate this. If the vehicles are SORN they should be parked on private driveways otherwise it is an offence. In addition, the village grass cutters cannot do their job properly.

Fairfield Development – It was asked that Mr. J. Boulton is to provide an update to all the Councillors next week of where we are at. It was agreed that this matter should not be left to go on

until the next meeting.

Burnt tree trunk at the top end of the village – At Dalby end of the village someone has set fire to a tree trunk which blocks the access on land that belongs to Simon Hawkes. Mr. D. Morris has spoken to the farmer who has tried several different things to stop people gaining entry, but nothing seems to work. The farmer is going to put a heap of brick rubble or soil to stop entry. With this not being public land, we have to leave it in his hands and see what happens. Signs have been erected here saying “you are being watched on CCTV” to deter rubbish being dumped and since, there has not been as much.

Support to the village in the future – The Chairman started by thanking all the residents of the village who are taking the time to help the elderly and vulnerable in the village. The Parish Council was asked to look at the work that has been done and to think if it can be developed in any way. Meat, fish, fruit and veg. deliveries have been organised. The vulnerable people have a list on who to contact and there now seems to be a set pattern. There are 5 residents that use this service on a regular basis. Mrs. S. Sargeant has received a lovely phone call from Margaret Potts thanking the volunteers for all of their help. Mrs. S. Sargeant asked for a special “thank you” to go out to Tina Crow, Jenny Elwick, Angela Morris, Debbie Boulton, Ann Lovelock and Jacqueline Oliver who have all helped enormously.

Covid 19 Grant Fund Application – The application for this £10,000 has been submitted and we are still awaiting to see if we have been successful.

Councillor Community Grant Scheme during Covid-19 – This grant can be used to help people out with food parcels and such. The people who is currently being helped will be asked what they would like from this grant and then the application will be submitted.

Sub-committee for Covid-19 – The Council asked for a sub-committee (not just of councillors) to be formed to consider the Covid-19 work and the members will be Mrs. S. Sargeant, Mrs. J. Oliver, Mr. A. Ratcliffe and Mrs. A. Lovelock.

Website Amendment – the names of the 2 new councillors need to be put on the website.

Village TOTE – this information was put on the website at the weekend.

Public Comments

Mr. N. Blanchard passed on a message from Malcolm Draper regarding the footpath in the front of his house which is a mess. This footpath is very uneven. The Parish Clerk is to send a letter to Highways. The footpath is opposite the building site.

Regarding the village signs, an update was given that the steel poles are still waiting to go to the galvanisers as they have been closed with the coronavirus situation.

If we are successful with the grant money for the cemetery it was felt that we would need to make a decision on how it will be spent in order to prove to villagers why the precept is still needed to be set at the required rate.

The Cemetery looks in a very good condition and as though it is being cut by someone who cares.

A message from the vulnerable people in the village was sent via Mr. Lovelock to “thank you very much for everything the volunteers are doing”.

The Meeting Closed at 7.34pm
Date of Next Meeting 20th July 2020 at 6.30pm.