

**Minutes of the Meeting of Partney and Dalby Parish Council held
7pm 11th March 2025 in the Victory Hall, Partney**

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

Also in attendance: Jane Slaymaker – Parish Clerk

71. The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm as no members of the public were present.

72. Apologies were received from Cllrs Lovelock and Sargeant. The reasons for absence were accepted.

73. No declarations of interest were received.

74. It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2025 as a true record. The Chair signed the minutes.

75. No County or District councillors were in attendance.

76. Finance

- a) It was noted that the current account is £591.66 and the reserves account: £7,534.38.
- b) The bank reconciliations for January and February were checked and signed by Cllr Middleton.
- c) Bank transfers from the Reserves to the Current account of £500 on 15.01.25 and £500 on 07.02.25 were noted.
- d) It was resolved to approve the following payments:
27.02.25 DoxDirect newsletter printing (Local Government Act 1972 s.142) Debit card £71.76
11.03.25 Partney Dalby and Dexthorpe Hall committee hall hire 2024/25 £200.00
11.03.25 Lloyds bank charge £4.25
31.03.25 Salary £172.38 (LGA 1972 s.112)
28.04.25 Salary £175.11
- e) Income received since the last meeting was noted:
09.01.25 Interest £7.23
10.02.25 Interest £7.05
10.03.25 ELDC Community Grant £300

77. Planning Matters

- a) No planning applications were received since the last meeting.
- b) No planning decisions and/or appeal notifications were received since the last meeting.

78. Village Matters

- a) It was noted that County Councillor Davie had a meeting with LCC Richard Fenwick on the 10th March and the ongoing highway concerns were raised. The Clerk to chase if no feedback is provided within the next 7 days.
- b) Cllr Ratcliffe gave an update on the development of an emergency village action plan. The draft plan will be sent round to Councillors for feedback before submission.
- c) It was agreed to defer the item on the designation of Partney as a 'large village' in the 2018 Local Plan to the May meeting.
- d) The following Parish Plan updates were reported:
Cllr P Risi had given some additional information to residents about the Dark Sky Initiative and reported that the school are installing a sensor to their lights. Cllr Risi is trying to engage with the District Council about the increasing issue of fly-tipping and

littering on the highways.

Cllr Jones has undertaken a housing audit of Partney and contacted ELDC for further information.

The Chair confirmed that following dialogue with the Trustees, the Poor Field would not be available to use as a recreation area and green space.

- e) It was agreed to hold the Partney Village Clean-up Day on Saturday 3rd May 10.30 – 1. Bacon baps etc to be available in the Victory Hall at 10.30.
- f) It was agreed to put out flags, bunting and the silhouettes to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Residents will be asked for any veteran stories etc for a display. The Victory Hall Management Committee are organising an event.
- g) Further feedback regarding changes to the lighting schedule had been received. The change happened very quickly. Many people could see the environmental benefit of the changes.

79. Internal Council Matters

- a) It was resolved to re-adopt the following policies: Communications and Risk Management.
- b) The monthly Cemetery checklist was received and noted. Scattered branches to be collected during the Village Clean-Up Day.
- c) It was agreed not to expand on the wording of 'natural flowers only' in the Cemetery regulations. The situation will be monitored.
- d) It was agreed to monitor the Cemetery grass-cutting costs against budget on a quarterly basis and take action if necessary.
- e) It was agreed to monitor the Partney village grass-cutting costs against budget on a quarterly basis and take action if necessary.
- f) The Training Record for 2024 was noted. Councillors were encouraged to attend a Councillor Refresher course when possible.

80. Correspondence

Ossian sent consultation documents re the National Grid proposals. There is a consultation event at the Franklin Hall in Spilsby on Saturday 22nd March 9-12pm.

ELDC and Lincolnshire Resilience Forum sent an update following the North Sea incident. The Public Right of Way improvement plan survey will be passed to Cllrs Lovelock and Radcliffe for comment.

LCC confirmed that further grant money will be available for properties affected by internal flooding.

81. Clerk and Councillor Reports

Cllr P Risi reported back from the Councillor Coffee Morning Session. An increase in dog fouling has been reported. It was suggested that the posters could be redone, an article put in the Navigator newsletter and ELDC contacted to see if the area can be patrolled. Littering continues to be an issue with residents as does the condition of the footpaths in Partney village. The Wednesday craft club is missed and it is hoped someone might come forward to run a similar session.

The Clerk reported that the ELDC Community grant money had been received. This will be used to fund the printing costs of the Navigator newsletter.

82. It was agreed to defer the feedback from the Clerk's appraisal to the May meeting.

83. It was agreed to change the date of the Annual Parish Council Meeting to 20th May 2025 at 7pm following the Annual Parish Meeting at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 8.31pm.