

PARTNEY AND DALBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Annual Parish Meeting** held on Monday 25th May 2021. 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr J Boulton (Chair) Cllr J Oliver
 Cllr N Blanchard Cllr B Dawson
 Cllr D Morris Cllr S Sargeant
 Cllr L Sharp

Staff present: Sophie Potter (Parish Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone back to face-to-face meetings and thanked everyone for how well they had adapted to the Zoom technology.

	ACTION
<p>1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN The Chairman stood down for the election process to take place when nominations were invited from the floor; Cllr B. Dawson proposed Cllr J. Boulton (who was willing to stand) and this was seconded by Cllr N. Blanchard. A unanimous vote took place and Cllr Boulton resumed his place as Chairman.</p>	
<p>2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN Cllr J. Boulton proposed Cllr J. Oliver and this was seconded by Cllr S. Sargeant. Cllr Oliver was willing to stand. A unanimous vote took place and Cllr Oliver was appointed.</p>	
<p>3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received from Cllr E Middleton and Cllr A Ratcliffe</p>	
<p>4. APPROVE MINUTES / MATTERS ARISING The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman (pages 24? – 24?). As a Council we need to apologise to the residents that there was no notice of AGM taking place. This was due to the date changing at last minute as a result of local government guidance. As a Council we held a minute's silence for John Hudson who sadly passed away during the coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>Gates at Dalby Church – The formal complaint has been submitted to LCC and the Clerk has asked for an answer by 14th June 2021.</p> <p>Verges in the Village – Carl Valentine is currently doing a very good job and we have allowed him a further £200.</p> <p>New bins – These are to be chased up.</p> <p>Defibrillator – We are taking out a contract with LIVES which will cost £150 a year and they take guardianship of the machine.</p> <p>Chapel Lane – Cllr N. Blanchard has looked into this matter further and the owners of the newly constructed property have to put the lane right when all building works have been completed.</p> <p>Mulberry Cottage – The matter over the fence between this property and the development on Fairfield is being dealt with directly between the parties and the builder is going to go and see the neighbours. It is not a Parish Council matter. The deeds also may need to be referred to.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>5. CORRESPONDENCE Planning application N/136/00928/21 This planning application has been submitted by Robert Myers on behalf of Mr. G. Avison. This is for 2 further bungalows on the already existing development site. Cllr. J. Boulton had previously spoken to Robert Myers and he is very grateful to the Council for supporting the turning around of the 2 properties fronting onto Skegness Road. As a Council, we feel that if granted, these 2 additional properties will finish off the estate. To do anymore development they would require a new access. A vote took place and 7 Councillors supported the application.</p>	

<p>6. 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</p>	
<p>7. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021 The accounting statements were circulated by the Parish Clerk and agreed and signed by the Chairman</p>	
<p>8. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE ACCOUNTS TO DATE The Accounts were circulated to all and explained by the Parish Clerk. The accounts were approved. The Clerk is to ask Nicola Carr to carry out the internal audit again. A thank you email is to be sent to Nick King for all his work at keeping the cemetery clean. The village signs need cutting around now they are all complete which Cllr D. Morris will sort out.</p>	
<p>9. ACCOUNTS TO PAY Ian Leverton – Hedge Cutting (£70.00) Carl Valentine – Village upkeep (£200.00) Newsletter Printing (£70.14) Jacqueline Oliver – plants for planters (£32.50) Insurance (£165.33) Sign refurbishment (£1,452.82) Nick King – cemetery cutting (£180.00) Sue Sargeant – plants for planters (£171.81) Andy Ratcliffe – new clips for village signs (£52.56)</p> <p>All these payments were approved.</p>	
<p>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Village Gates – Cllr S. Sargeant has not really gone any further with this matter as she got the consensus from the last meeting that it was not something that would happen. Would it take the feature away from our new signs and planters? Some people feel it would make no difference to the speeding. Would a smaller set of gates be a benefit at Dalby. A vote took place. 2 For, 3 Against and 2 Abstained. If we feel we have an issue with speeding, we can contact Highways and they will send someone out with a speed gun. Rubbish on the Bypass – This is currently a real mess as there is loads of litter being chucked out of vehicles. This should be kept clean by Highways as it is not safe for our villagers to be walking down the side litter picking. Village Tidy Up – A village tidy up day was suggested however we feel this works better undertaken in March. Some villagers keep doing a little bit and trying to keep on top of it. Parish Clerk Wage Review – Emails had been circulated before the meeting between the Councillors and as from today they wish to increase the rate by 5% to £10.60 per hour. Hardings Lane – The Highways need to be contacted regarding the missing road sign at the village end. VAT – The Clerk is going to investigate whether we can claim the VAT back from the Government on large expenditure. Drainage – Some drainage issues that need reporting to Highways are: end of Maddison Lane, outside vicarage and near North & South Cottage</p>	
<p>11. DATES OF NEXT MEETING 26th July 2021 13th September 2021 15th November 2021</p>	

<p>10th January 2022 (Precept) 14th March 2022 16th May 2022 (AGM)</p>	
<p>Cllr B. Dawson took over the meeting to discuss the planning applications that Cllr J. Boulton had to declare an interest in. Also Cllr J. Oliver left the meeting at this point as she had to declare an interest to the same planning applications.</p> <p>N/136/00883/21 1 property on Hardings Lane A little discussion took place and everyone was in favour.</p> <p>N/136/00882/21 7 properties opposite Cemetery A little discussion took place. The only concern was all the flooding that happens already at the bottom of the junction. We are aware that Highways have been looking into this matter. Everyone was in favour of the application. In our comments we are just going to add a sentence that we are happy as long as it fulfils all planning requirements in particular the issue of flooding due to the poor drains.</p>	
<p>On and off, I have known John Hudson for most of my life. Initially from when I worked as a lad working at the Partney Sheep Fair and latterly as a resident of Partney.</p> <p>I had the privilege of serving with John on several committees including the school, Spilsby almshouses and Parish Council.</p> <p>Needless to say, John was the chairman of them all! Everyone was pleased to serve with him and he was always very motivational and reassuring. His energy and enthusiasm lifted everyone's spirits and his sense of fun was always evident.</p> <p>John certainly lived a meaningful and full life, giving all his spare time to the community.</p> <p>I believe John's goal was always to make things better for everyone else and nearly all his 88 years were spent doing so, particularly for the residents of Partney.</p> <p>Although I have taken over his position as chairman of the Parish Council, I will always "look up to him" (which I did quite literally)! Although the council meetings are now shorter, sadly they do not end with one of John's humorous (and slightly risqué) lengthy stories. John Hudson will always be missed but we must all "carry on the good work"!</p>	
<p>Meeting closed at 20.35pm</p>	