PARTNEY AND DALBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday 26th July 2021. 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr J Boulton (Chair) Cllr N Blanchard Cllr D Morris Cllr L Sharp Staff present: Sophie Potter (Parish Clerk) Cllr J Oliver Cllr B Dawson Cllr S Sargeant

ACTION **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr E Middleton. 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none declared. **3. APPROVE MINUTES / MATTERS ARISING** The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman (pages 244 -246). Gates at Dalby Church – A complaint has been lodged by the Council as we feel the Lincoln Diocese need to be interested in the matter. Cllr Ratcliffe is to help the Parish Clerk Clerk on this matter. A letter is to be sent to Lincoln Diocese about access being AR required at all times and concerns are being raised by the residents of Dalby, "they have actually cut off a highway". New bins – This is to be chased up yet again. Clerk **Defibrillator** – An email to be sent chasing up where we are regarding the servicing. Clerk Rubbish – There is still a major issue with rubbish in the village (and on the by-pass) and an email is to be sent asking the District Council to deal with the matter. Clerk 5. PLANNING MATTERS There were no planning applications to be discussed. **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS** The Accounts have been circulated prior to the meeting. Since the last meeting we have received a £300 grant from Councillors Community Grant to pay towards the cost of the newsletter printing. A thank you email has been sent to Cllr Will Grover. In the current account we have £3,851.63 and in the savings account we have £8,033.37. Of this money in the savings account £5,821.71 remains from the Coronavirus loan we received which is to be invested in improving the village. Payments to be approved:-Nick King (cemetery cutting) £120.00 Parish Clerk wages £251.51 7. CORRESPONDENCE We have not heard that anything has happened with the transferring of the car park and footpath from Gary Avison to the Parish Council. We are guessing this will happen once the development has been finished. It was brought to the Parish Council attention that the minutes need to be published within 4 weeks of the meeting happening. The agenda needs to be published 3 working days before the meeting. Also as a Council we have a legal duty to publish the accounts for inspection for 30 working days following the year end. East Lindsey District Council have emailed us regarding a Treescape grant. We can put an application in to receive some trees which we then plant. A suggestion was made of using part of the Poor Field for this which is owned by the Village. The trustees of this are Cllr Blanchard, Caroline Hudson and Stewart Oliver. The suggestion was made of

using this area where someone can plant a tree to commemorate the scattering of

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someone's ashes being scattered. (Birdsong at Sloothby is a consecrated area operating a similar scheme.) Cllr Blanchard and Cllr Ratcliffe are to measure the area so we know how many trees to apply for.	AR
 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Hedge Cutting down Chapel Lane Footpath – this is the responsibility of the new owner of The Cottage. Cllr Blanchard is to have a quiet word with the new owner. Public footpaths – One Councillor has had 5 members of the village contact him about the state of the footpaths. A lot of the public footpaths around the village are not passable. Lincolnshire County Council needs to be contacted about this. The worst is from Partney across to Alford Bypass to Langton. If the footpaths are not passable walkers are entitled to choose are creating an alternative route. As a Parish, it was left for us to try to get the highways authority to take some action in this matter. Pig Muck – In the past and no doubt, later this season, pig muck will be heaped up at the North end of the village. The problem we have is that the muck is being stored on his own private land and therefore are limited as to what we can do. We are going to keep monitoring the situation to ensure that effluent does not end up in the watercourses. This kind of muck legally has to be kept a certain distance from 	NB Clerk Clerk
watercourses and the rules will be looked into. Dog litter – As a village there is only one dog litter bin and we have put a request in for another which we are still waiting for. Residents are fed up of dog muck being left on their properties. Can we as a village do a campaign to try and resolve the problem. An article is going to be placed in the next newsletter. We feel we should get another 2 bins as there are now over 90 dogs in the village. The dog warden at East Lindsey District Council is also going to be contacted about the matter. Village Hall Car Park & Footpath – A question was raised as to whether, as a Council have we got a policy as to what state we will accept the footpath and car park in when it is handed over by the developer? How robust is the chain link fence before we accept ownership? We also need to ensure the village does not have the financial responsibility of putting it right when the contract is signed. When Cllr Boulton spoke with Robert Myers, who is the building contractor, he was assured that the footpath would be dressed and a weed membrane laid. When we give Tinn Criddle the go ahead to start acting all of this will be addressed. Also, as a village should we be asking for a new fence from one end of the development to the other? The problem is then we will have the responsibility for the upkeep of this fence. We also need to be mindful that all services go under the footpath.	JO Clerk
Meeting closed at 20.44pm	
The next meeting will be on 13 September 2021 at 7.30pm	