## PARTNEY AND DALBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday 21st September 2020. 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr J Boulton (Chair) Cllr J Oliver

Cllr N Blanchard Cllr L Sharp
Cllr A Ratcliffe Cllr S Sargeant
Cllr B Dawson Cllr E Middleton

Cllr W Grover (ELDC)

Staff present: Sophie Potter (Parish Clerk)
There were no members of the public present.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received in advance from Cllr Morris as he was on holiday.	
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
3. APPROVE MINUTES The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman (pages 234 – 236).	
4. MATTERS ARISING Fairfield - A representation for the village has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the Fairfield Development. We have heard nothing further yet. The Village Hall committee have also heard nothing from the developer regarding the handover of the car park area.  Kissing Gate - This is still broken and the request for repair needs chasing up. Gates at Dalby Church - The Clerk has spoken to Lincoln Diocese and Vicar at Dalby Church regarding the gates being locked. It is their understanding that access is never an issue via the intercom. Cllr B Dawson made it clear that vehicle access is always needed. This is not a matter of ownership and the Diocese needs to do something about it. A letter is to be sent to Lincoln Diocese stating that a verbal agreement is not satisfactory as it is more of a legal matter. The access road is records as being a public highway. A letter is to be sent to Lincoln Diocese and also to the Highways Dept. of LCC. A copy will also be sent to Savills.  Abandoned Cars – Most of these have now been removed from the highway and Cllr Blanchard is keeping an eye on the situation.  Village Support – (Sub-committee on helping the village during the coronavirus pandemic) A meeting has been held and a lot of ideas put forward including a Partney & Dalby Newsletter to keep the community spirit going, a walking group (socially distanced of course) and a book sharing scheme.  Pig Muck Heap – This is not causing a problem now. Gypsum is currently deposited and presumably will be applied to the land very soon.  Village Sign Poles – These have now arrived and are going to be taken to Cllr Oliver's. An email will be sent to Cllr Morris informing him where they are so he can arrange erection.	Clerk/JB
5. PLANNING MATTERS An email was circulated earlier in the month as comments need to be submitted before this meeting. R. Oliver A comment was submitted in support of the application regarding alterations to an access.	
<b>6. FINANCIAL MATTERS</b> The financial information was circulated and explained at the meeting by the Clerk. In the current account the balance was £14,123.67 and in the savings account £1,957.93. Due to the success of the Covid-19 grant application, this money will be used to support the cemetery and village upkeep. The online banking paperwork is all completed and just needs signing by ClIr Boulton and ClIr Oliver.	JB/JO

Payments for approval Nick King (cemetery cutting) £120.00	
Paul Snell (railings at church) £1,756.00	
7. CORRESPONDENCE Nick King has brought to our attention again that the bin at the cemetery is overflowing. If there is a bin, then the Parish Council will have to take responsibility for the emptying of it. The Council decided to remove the bin just as soon as the new sign is erected. We have been informed by Nick King that Mrs. Benson's grave has sunk about 6 or 7 inches due to the wet weather. The funeral directors have been informed and they have attended to it.	JO
An email has been sent by Dawn Richardson asking if a memorial bench can be put in the church yard (this is a matter for the Church). The email will be sent to the Church Warden (Mick Lovelock).	Clerk
Nick King has asked if we are going to arrange for the boundary hedges to be cut at the cemetery. Colin Bark has done this in the past and he would be asked to do this work	Clerk
again.  Nick King enquired upon our intentions with the grass cutting over the winter. As a Council, it was agreed for him to use his discretion and an email would be sent to this effect to him.	Clerk
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS  New bins we have requested for Hardings Lane still have not appeared. This matter is to be chased up.  Flags in Churchyard – Cllr Blanchard asked if the Parish Council wished to purchase some new ones. These are sewn and not printed.  Union Jack £84.25 plus VAT  St George £45.30 plus VAT	Clerk
Toggles £10.00 plus VAT The last set were bought in 2013 so have lasted around 7 years. It was agreed the Council would buy the flags on this occasion and the money would come out of the £10,000 Covid-19 grant.	NB
A resident in Partney wants us to be aware of all the stray cats in the village. Litter along the by-pass and around the shop is getting considerable. The worst area is the Skegness side of the by-pass. It was felt that this is a District Council matter and not safe for residents to be down the side of the busy road. A letter will be sent to ELDC and the Gill Marsh petrol station.	Clerk NB
Verges in the village will no longer be cut by the Council. Do we need to be employing someone to cut them? Cllr Blanchard kindly agreed to investigate the matter.  Regarding the piece of land opposite the new bench, we would enquire if the Highways Dept. at LCC would allow us to use it as a recreational ground.  A new website is being launched and information is being transferred over.	NB AR Clerk
9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be on Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2020, 7:30pm How the meeting will take place will be decided nearer the time.	