

DALWOOD PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DALWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONWEDNESDAY, 2nd MARCH 2016AT 7.30 p.m. IN DALWOOD VILLAGE HALL

1. PRESENT : Cllr. K.G. Laing (Chairman), Cllr. P.H. Lawrence (Vice-chairman), Cllr. A.P. Benger, Cllr. K.J. Gigg, Cllr. L.P. White, Cty. Cllr. Moulding, Dist. Cllr. I. Chubb and the Clerk. 2 members of the public.
2. APOLOGIES : Cllr. G. R. Cooper (ill health), Cllr. G.J. Perry (ill health), and P.C.S.O. Trott.
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 20th JANUARY 2016: Cllr. Benger, seconded by Cllr. Lawrence, proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2016 be approved and adopted, subject to the numbering of the last three items being corrected. Agreed.
4. POLICE REPORT: P.C.S.O. Trott had informed the Clerk that no crimes had been reported since the last meeting.
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 20th JANUARY 2016: None.
6. FINANCIAL MATTERS :
- a) Current Position - the Clerk reported the financial position stood as follows:

<u>BANK RECONCILIATION</u>	
31/01/2016	
STATEMENT 72 31/01/2016	8670.84
(Unpresented Cheques)	-1184.55
Post Date Payments	0.00
	7486.29
Post Date Receipts	0.00
Total	7486.29

This was broken down as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT SUMMARY</u>	
P3 Balance	751.05
Parish Business Balance	6735.24
Grants Balance	0.00
Total	7486.29

- b) Requests for Financial Assistance - after discussion it was agreed, duly proposed and seconded, that £75 be donated to both the Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride and the East Devon Citizens Advice Bureau. In relation to the former it was felt that they should advertise their services more widely than they appear to do.

c) Intervening Payments to be Approved – None.

d) Payments to be Approved for which bills had been received :

CHQ NO.	PARISH BUSINESS	Sum	V.A.T	Goods
	Payee	£	£	£
898	Axminster Printing Co. Ltd. (Jan)	1.70	0.28	1.42
899	S.C. Burns (Drainage Work Dec, Jan, Feb)	175.00	0.00	175.00
900	Amelia Scource (Website Costs)	306.25	0.00	306.25
	Total	482.95	0.28	482.67

Cllr. Bengler, seconded by Cllr. Lawrence, proposed that these payments be authorised. Agreed.

e) Forthcoming Payments: The Clerk said that the bills for stationery, ditching and employment costs may fall due before the next meeting.

f) Parishes Together Funding – the Clerk said that it had not been possible to reach an agreement with Stockland Parish Council in time to meet the deadline required. However, she would endeavour to have the Dalwood allocation directed towards the BSharp Project and the Netball Project as there were already partners in place for these.

g) Pensions Auto Enrolment – it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Devon County Council pension fund to find out whether Dalwood Parish Council could register with it.

7. PLANNING MATTERS:

a) Applications:

15/2812/FUL

Ford Farm, Wilmington, Honiton, Devon. EX14 9JU

Change of use from outbuildings to holiday let/visitor accommodation

DALWOOD PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTS THIS APPLICATION

b) Decisions –

APPROVAL

15/2855/FUL (ADJOINING PARISH (SHUTE) CONSULTATION. NO PAPER COPIES PLEASE LOOK ONLINE)

Land South Of Hill Farm Dalwood

Construction of extension to existing agricultural barn

REFUSAL

15/1831/FUL

Danesfort Dalwood Axminster EX13 7HA

Agricultural Machinery Store.

c) Correspondence –

E.D.D.C. – Planning Training

The Clerk reported on the above session which she felt had been very useful. The District Council will cease to provide paper copies of plans so some means of electronic provision will be needed. The Clerk said that she was aware that funds were available to purchase the necessary equipment and would look into that.

d) Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr. Laing reported on the meeting which Cllr. Moulding had called for his ward parishes to discuss Neighbourhood Planning. Cllr. Moulding outlined the benefits and

problems posed in undertaking such a plan, which relates particularly to development. The matter will be discussed further at the Annual Parish Meeting.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

a) Response to Matters Reported Previously – major improvements had been undertaken on Studhayes Road and Burrow Knap. A letter of thanks will be sent to Devon County Council. Councillors asked the Clerk to request Not Suitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles signage to protect these roads from damage from such vehicles.

b) Matters to Report:

- i. A malfunctioning drain just above the Newberys site.
- ii. Potholes from the Gravel Pit to Carters Cross.
- iii. A local contractor will be asked to refurbish the traditional finger post signs.
- iv. The metal work by the Irish Ford needs attention.
- v. The first post by Dalwood Bridge needs attention.

Cllr. Lawrence, seconded by Cllr. Benger, proposed that an application be made for funding for the provision of suitable storage of sandbags on either side of the river in the village centre and suitable barriers/signage warning of flooding. Agreed.

9. MATTERS OF URGENCY: the Chairman said that she had had numerous comments regarding the problem of dog fouling. Cllr. Chubb advised what assistance could be provided by the District Council.

10. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP: a request has been made for a grant for vegetation clearance. In addition, Mr. Morgan had identified other necessary works, for example the provision of steps on FP13 and with drainage issues on the path from Loughwood to the Roman Road. Tenders were being invited for both the village and P3 grass cutting.

11. EMERGENCY PLANNING: the Clerk said that there was funding available for flood resilience and it was suggested that storage points for sand bags and some signage would be helpful. There was discussion as to whether signage or a water depth marker would be most effective and the Clerk will discuss the latter with the Neighbourhood Highway Officer. Some Councillors felt that it would be better for residents who needed them to fill their own sandbags.

12. ARRANGEMENTS FOR H.M. QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY: there was discussion regarding the purchase of commemorative medallions to mark this event and as to whether this should be one per child or one per household. The Clerk will try to find out how many households there are in the parish.

13. MAINTENANCE MATTERS:

a) Notice Boards – Cllr. Gigg said that the back had been repaired but the Clerk said that although the woodwork had been done the fibre board to which she pinned the notice had not been replaced and this needed to be done. She said that corkboard might be a better alternative. He will let her have the receipts for the materials used to date and the dimensions for the cork board.

b) Grass Maintenance – it was agreed that Mr. Burns be awarded the contract to do the work.

c) Telephone Kiosk – nothing to report.

d) Bus Shelters – these will be inspected to check whether any repairs are needed.

e) Tree Matters – Cllr. Benger said he had been unable to identify the tree in question but following discussion will have another look and report at the next meeting.

f) Seats – Cllr. Benger said that during the summer the silt which had built up over the winter under the seats and around their legs should be removed.

14. SUPERFAST BROADBAND: the need to register with a suitable internet service provider was stressed but it was pointed out that the monthly subscription was quite high.

15. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF DEVON DECISION: Councillors were most unhappy that the objections of local parishes had been ignored by the Boundary Commission. The Clerk will write to the local Member of Parliament seeking his support to have the decision rejected by Parliament.

16. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: these were in hand.

17. CORRESPONDENCE: Various items were put into circulation.

18. PUBLIC FORUM: Cty. Cllr. Moulding reported on County matters which affected the Axminster area, such as the County Council Budget which had been increased by 3.99% with most being allocated for social care costs.

A pothole opposite Rose Lea was reported.

Dist. Cllr. Chubb reported that a new waste contract had been agreed, that the Tour of Britain would be coming to Devon again and that the opening of the Seaton Jurassic centre would be taking place shortly. He also gave an update on the proposed move from Knowle.

It was reported that the Heritage Centre will open in late March.

Signed Date