

DALWOOD PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF DALWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONWEDNESDAY, 20th MAY 2015AT 7.30 p.m. IN DALWOOD VILLAGE HALL

1. PRESENT : W.M.J Slee (Retiring Chairman), Cllr. A.P. Benger, Cllr. G. R. Cooper, Cllr. K.J. Gigg, Cllr. K.G. Laing, Cllr. P.H. Lawrence, Cllr. G.J. Perry, Cllr. L.P. White, Dist. Cllr. I. Chubb and the Clerk. 5 members of the public.

2. SIGNING OF DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE: All Councillors signed these and the signatures were duly witnessed by the Clerk.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

a) Chairman - The retiring Chairman, W.M.J. Slee, called for nominations for the position of Chairman. Cllr. Benger proposed Cllr. Laing. Cllr. White seconded the proposal. There being no other nominations, Cllr. Laing was duly elected and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

On behalf of East Devon District Council, Dist. Cllr. Chubb presented a certificate to the retiring Chairman, Mr. Slee, to mark his 40 years' service to the parish as a Parish Councillor.

b) Vice-Chairman – Cllr. Laing called for nominations for the position of Vice-chairman. Cllr. Perry proposed Cllr. Lawrence. Cllr. White seconded the proposal. There being no other nominations, Cllr. Lawrence was duly elected.

The following appointments were made, duly proposed and seconded:

- c) Planning – all members.
- d) Dalwood Village Hall – Cllr. Laing.
- e) Parish Paths Partnership Co-ordinators – Mr. and Mrs. Morgan.
- f) Responsible Financial Officer – the Clerk.
- g) Devon Association of Local Councils Area Representatives – Chairman and Vice-chairman.
- h) Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride – Cllr. Cooper.
- i) Dalwood Lands Trust – Cllr. Laing and Cllr. Lawrence.
- j) Internal Auditor – Mr. Walker.
- k) Dalwood Recreational Trust – Cllr. Perry.

4. APOLOGIES : Cty. Cllr. Moulding and P.C.S.O. Trott.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 1st APRIL 2015: Cllr. Laing, seconded by Cllr. White, proposed that these be approved. Agreed.

6. POLICE REPORT: the Clerk had received a written report stating that there had been no crime since the date of the last meeting.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 1st APRIL 2015: notification had been received that it was hoped that the in-patient beds at Axminster Hospital would be re-opened at the end of July.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS :

a) Current Position - the Clerk reported the present financial position stood as follows:

BANK RECONCILIATION	
30/04/2015	
STATEMENT 64 30/04/2015	7803.51
(Unpresented Cheques)	-321.12

Post Date Payments	-13.70
	7468.69
Post Date Receipts	0.00
Total	7468.69

This was broken down as follows:

ACCOUNT SUMMARY	
P3 Balance	1411.25
Parish Business Balance	6057.44
Grants Balance	0.00
Total	7468.69

b) Requests for Financial Assistance - None.

c) Intervening Expenditure to Approve: The following payments had been made:

CHQ NO.	PARISH BUSINESS	Sum	V.A.T	Goods
	Payee	£	£	£
868	Devon Association of Local Councils (Annual Fee)	89.27	11.54	77.73
869	Axminster Printing Co. Ltd. (Apr)	13.70	2.28	11.42
	Total	102.97	13.82	89.15

Cllr. Perry, seconded by Cllr. Laing proposed that the above payments be approved. Agreed.

d) Payments to be Approved for which bills had been received : None.

e) Forthcoming Payments: The Clerk thought that a bill for cutting of the grass in the village may due.

f) Annual Accounts – the Clerk apologised that because of personal circumstances it had not been possible to present these at this meeting.

g) Parishes Together Funding – The Clerk said that an email had been received from Musbury Parish Council which was co-ordinating the Lengthsman Works, suggesting that some of the funding be spent on killing weeds along the roadsides. Councillors felt that the money would be better spent on rectifying issues relating to drainage, such as clearing of ditches.

9. PLANNING MATTERS: the following had been notified to the Parish Council:

a) APPLICATIONS

15/0926/FUL

Coombeshead Farm, Dalwood, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7HS

Roof over existing silage clamp.

DALWOOD PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTS THIS APPLICATION

b) DECISIONS:

APPROVALS

15/0578/FUL

Endwell, Dalwood, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7DZ

Two storey annexe extension.

15/0725/FUL

Brays Farm, Dalwood, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7HG

Proposed agricultural straw store.

c) CORRESPONDENCE: Councillors expressed their concerns regarding use of the field adjacent to Shute garage for storage of vehicles.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

a) Response to Matters Reported – various items had been marked out on the roads for attention.

b) Matters to Report – there were water leaks outside East View and at Smitters Pit. The Clerk will try to find out what category the road at Larkshayes is and when it is likely that any works there will be done. The sides of the road at Loughwood are in poor condition.

11. MATTERS OF URGENCY: concerns were expressed about some canisters of a hazardous substance which had been dumped within the parish. Dist. Cllr. Chubb said that because this was on private land it would be up to the land owner to arrange for its proper disposal. There was also a problem with some concrete which had been dumped. Cllr. Bengier will advise the landowners affected that they will need to take action themselves.

12. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS: it was agreed that this be deferred to the next meeting.

13. PROPOSED CHANGES IN PARISH ADMINISTRATION: The Clerk said that from July this year there would be a requirement that more detailed financial information be put on websites and that revisions had been made to the Quality Councils programme.

14. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP: The Clerk said that the Annual Grant had been received. A local contractor would carry out the strimming of the paths as necessary under the direction of Mr. Morgan. Mr. Morgan asked residents to let him know what works they felt were needed. Mr. Morgan will re-erect a sign which has fallen down near Combeshead Farm.

15. MAINTENANCE MATTERS:

a) Notice Boards – the Chairman will look into what work is needed on the Parish Council Noticeboard and the Village Noticeboard.

b) Seats – the seats by the river need to be treated.

c) Telephone Kiosk – nothing to report.

d) Bus Shelters – Cllr. Lawrence will inspect the bus shelter on the A35.

e) Tree Matters – it was reported that the copper beech beside the bus shelter at Carters Cross had now come into leaf.

f) Dalwood Bridge and Environs – Cllr. Perry is liaising with the Environment Agency regarding the timing of the cleaning of the river. It was reported that Dalwood Bridge had been repointed.

16. PARISH PLAN: the Clerk reminded Councillors that this should be reviewed to make sure that the objectives were being worked through and revised if appropriate.

17. AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Cllr. Bengier said that this had now been completed and an opportunity had been given to local residents to look round the houses before they were occupied. The comments made had been very favourable. The communal areas will be maintained by the housing association.

18. RECOMMENDATIONS OF LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL: The Clerk said that the proposal was that Dalwood become part of an electoral division which would stretch from Chardstock in the east to Whimble in the west and would sever the long-standing ties with the town of Axminster.

She said that Cty. Cllr. Moulding was hoping to arrange a meeting for all affected parishes sometime during the first part of June. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

19. CORRESPONDENCE: Various newsletters had been received and were put into circulation.

20. PUBLIC FORUM: A member of the public said that the stencilling of deposits of dog mess did not appear to have had a deterrent effect.

Several residents expressed their disgust at the number of potholes. The road to Moorcox Cross and Danes Hill (outside Cobb Cottage and Heronsmead) were mentioned particularly.

It was reported that the public footpath from Loughwood to the Roman Road was very wet.

Dist. Cllr. Chubb spoke about the negotiations involved in renewal of the Waste Collection contract and the improvements which it was hoped would arise from relocating the District Council headquarters to modern, purpose built premises in Honiton.

Signed Date