

DALWOOD PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DALWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONWEDNESDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015AT 7.30 p.m. IN DALWOOD VILLAGE HALL

1. PRESENT : Cllr. K.G. Laing (Chairman), Cllr. P.H. Lawrence (Vice-chairman), Cllr. A.P. Bengler, Cllr. K.J. Gigg, Cllr. L.P. White, and the Clerk. 1 member of the public.

2. APOLOGIES : Cllr. G. R. Cooper, Cllr. G.J. Perry, Cty. Cllr. Moulding, Dist. Cllr. I. Chubb and P.C.S.O. Trott.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015: Two corrections were made in item 3: Mrs. Morgan to be removed as a Parish Paths Partnership Co-ordinator and Cllr. Bengler not Cllr. Lawrence to be one of the representatives on the Dalwood Lands Trust. Cllr. Bengler, seconded by Cllr. White, proposed that the minutes be approved with these amendments. Agreed.

4. POLICE REPORT: no report had been received.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 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.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS :

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

BANK RECONCILIATION	
31/05/2015	
STATEMENT 65 31/05/2015	7753.51
(Unpresented Cheques)	-271.12
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 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	£	£	£
871	Axminster Printing Co. Ltd. (May)	5.38	0.90	4.48
872	O. Morgan (Materials for repairs on FP15)	6.20	0.00	6.20
	Total	11.58	0.90	10.68

Cllr. Lawrence, seconded by Cllr. Benger, proposed that the above payments be approved. Agreed.

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

f) Annual Accounts – the Clerk went through the various end of year financial statements.

Cllr. Laing, seconded by Cllr. Lawrence, proposed that the comparative Receipts and Payments Account and the Supporting Statement for the Financial Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 be approved. Agreed.

Cllr. Laing, seconded by Cllr. Lawrence, proposed that the Accounting Statements for 2014/2015 be approved and adopted, with all responses in the Statement of Assurance being answered in the affirmative. Agreed.

g) Parishes Together Funding – Cty. Cllr. Moulding had not yet called a meeting of the Division parishes to share ideas on possible projects. The Clerk suggested that a joint project with Stockland on the path by Summer Lodge might be worth consideration but Councillors felt that the problems there were seasonal in nature and were being managed.

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

a) APPLICATIONS

None.

b) DECISIONS:

APPROVALS

15/0495/FUL

6, Town Court, Dalwood, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7HU

Construction of pitched roof over front dormers and erection of rear dormer

15/0926/FUL

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

Roof over existing silage clamp.

15/0726/FUL

Little Hawley, Hawley Bottom, Dalwood, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7HR

Raising of chimney on main dwelling; installation of flue on existing garden studio/office and creation of detached outbuilding

15/0727/LBC

Internal alterations to dwelling, installation of window and raising of chimneys with alterations and extension to existing garden studio/office

c) CORRESPONDENCE: None. The Clerk said that the training day she had attended at the District Council had been very useful. It had stressed the importance of liaison with the District Councillor if a Parish Council wished an application to go to the full Committee rather than being dealt with under delegated powers.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

a) Response to Matters Reported – some work had been done on the road past the school.

b) Matters to Report – the following matters will be reported:

Burrow Knap Way, Studhayes Road and Loughwood Lane.

9. MATTERS OF URGENCY: None.

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

11. 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.

There was discussion regarding the condition of the Pound. The Clerk said that this had never been listed as being the responsibility of the Parish Council. Cllr. Laing will seek information from Mrs. Morgan.

12. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP: Mr. Morgan had reported the following matters:-

Footpath 15-vegetation had been cut at the shop end

Footpath 22 (Loughwood to Roman Rd) –been requested to inspect problems with the surface and recommend a solution

Footpath 23 (telephone box to Danes Hill) Devon County Council had received a report of a metal gate being secured shut and following a check this was found to be no longer the case.

The Clerk said that Devon County Council was seeking land owners willing to take supplies of old road planings. The land owner would need to register with the County Council but there would be no cost involved. The planings could be used on parish footpaths and for other remedial works.

13. MAINTENANCE MATTERS:

a) Notice Boards – Cllr. Gigg said that the back panels were warping and letting water in but the board was capable of being repaired. The Chairman will have a look and seek quotes.

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

c) Telephone Kiosk – nothing to report.

d) Bus Shelters – Cllr. Lawrence will inspect the bus shelter on the A35 and Cllr. Laing that at Carters Cross.

e) Tree Matters – the condition of the small willow tree by the river was discussed as its shape had been deformed by the effect of the bigger willow tree which it had been planted to succeed. A decision will need to be taken as to whether the big tree should be trimmed or removed. A tree surgeon will be asked to inspect the trees and the horse chestnut and advise on any necessary works.

f) Dalwood Bridge and Environs – thanks were expressed to those who had cleaned the river. Councillors will look at the area adjacent to Dalwood Drain to see what works are needed to trim back the shrubs.

14. PARISH PLAN: a matter which it was felt should be addressed was that of parking by the Reading Room and parking for the Jubilee Field. It was thought that the area by the old pump house would be a suitable space and give good access.

15. AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Cllr. Benger said that there were still some teething problems, such as the fencing. The grand opening would be on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

16. RECOMMENDATIONS OF LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ELECTORAL DIVISIONS OF DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL: a letter of objection to the proposals will be sent stating that in the opinion of the Parish Council they fail on all three counts to meet the criteria specified.

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

20. PUBLIC FORUM: No points were raised.

Signed ..... Date .....