

DALWOOD PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DALWOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ONWEDNESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER 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. Benger, Cllr. K.J. Gigg, Cllr. G.J. Perry, Cllr. L.P. White, Dist. Cllr. I. Chubb and the Clerk. 3 members of the public.
2. APOLOGIES : Cllr. G. R. Cooper (ill health), Cty. Cllr. Moulding and P.C.S.O. Trott.
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 5th AUGUST 2015: The Clerk apologised that these were not available.
4. POLICE REPORT: A written report had been received stating that there had been one crime recorded in August
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 5th AUGUST 2015: None.
6. FINANCIAL MATTERS :
- a) Current Position - the Clerk reported the financial position as at the end of August stood as follows:

<u>BANK RECONCILIATION</u>	
31/08/2015	
STATEMENT 68 31/08/2015	6908.86
(Unpresented Cheques)	-362.00
Post Date Payments	0.00
	6546.86
Post Date Receipts	0.00
Total	6546.86

This was broken down as follows:

<u>ACCOUNT SUMMARY</u>	
P3 Balance	1405.05
Parish Business Balance	5141.81
Grants Balance	0.00
Total	6546.86

Since then the second instalments of Council Tax Support Grant and Precept had been received.

b) Requests for Financial Assistance - None.

c) Intervening Payments to be Approved – Cllr. Laing, seconded by Cllr. Lawrence, proposed that the following intervening payment be authorised. Agreed.

CHQ NO.	PARISH BUSINESS	Sum	V.A.T	Goods
	Payee	£	£	£
878	R.G. Landscaping (Grass maintenance)	81.60	13.60	68.00
879	Axminster Printing Co. Ltd. (July)	6.25	1.04	5.21
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881	G.J.& P Perry & Son	72.00	12.00	60.00
	Total	169.85	26.64	143.21

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

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e) Forthcoming Payments: The Clerk thought that bills for stationery, audit, elections and cutting of the grass in the village may due.

f) Parishes Together Funding – there was discussion regarding the possibility that the provision of defibrillators might be a suitable project for this funding. A local resident gave the background to the installation of the present defibrillator and said that he had been advised that this was now in need of replacement. The opportunity will be taken to relocate it to the Village Hall.

Another possibility was some work to re-instate a path linking Stockland and Dalwood. Cllr. Perry will liaise with a local contractor to get an itemised indication of costs.

g) External Audit Report: the external auditor had commented on the fact that internal audit had been undertaken after the Council had approved the accounts. The Clerk said that in fact that option had been mentioned as being possible in the guidance notes as she had checked before taking it up.

The Chairman proposed that Agenda Item be brought forward for consideration at this point. Agreed.

7. **SUPERFAST BROADBAND:** A local resident was invited to speak. He stated that Dalwood had very slow speeds and asked when it was likely that the fibre optic cables installed in the area would be brought into use. It was thought that it would be January 2016 at the earliest. The resident asked that the Parish Council take measures to put pressure on British Telecom and the Government to be more pro-active in ensuring its provision in rural areas. The Clerk suggested that this might be done more effectively if it was orchestrated through the Devon Association of Local Councils. The general feeling was that broadband is, in effect, now a basic utility and it was not satisfactory that so many rural areas were disadvantaged by a lack of adequate provision.

8. **PLANNING MATTERS:**

a) Applications – None.

b) Decisions –
15/1441VAR

Andrewshayes Caravan Park, Dalwood, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7DY
Variation of planning conditions 2 and 7 of planning application 14/1366/FUL to allow the use of non-timber materials for the windows

c) Correspondence – None.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

a) Response to Matters Reported Previously – various defects had been remedied and others were marked up for attention.

b) Matters to Report – obstruction of a pipe by surplus tarmac following a repair; severe deterioration of the tarmac edges on Loughwood Lane and the condition of Lower Lane by Waterfall Cottage.

Cllr. Perry will liaise with a local contractor to arrange for some ditching to be done once the hedges have been cut and before winter sets in.

10. MATTERS OF URGENCY: None.

11. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP: nothing to report.

12. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS: Consideration of Financial Regulations will be undertaken at a later date.

13. MAINTENANCE MATTERS:

a) Notice Boards – the work was in hand.

b) Grass Maintenance – the contractor doing this work was retiring. A new specification would need to be prepared. The Clerk will let Cllr. Bengel have details regarding the Chapter 8 regulations.

c) Telephone Kiosk – nothing to report.

d) Bus Shelters – nothing to report.

e) Tree Matters – a working party to undertake some of the necessary work will meet on a date to be confirmed.

f) Seats – these had been prepared but still need to be treated.

14. CORRESPONDENCE: Various items were put into circulation.

15. EMERGENCY PLANNING: the Clerk will order some sand for sandbags.

16. PUBLIC FORUM: A resident from Danes Hill said that the grit applied to the surface had been washed away.

The matter of water on the road near The Retreat needs to be investigated and resolved. It was felt that a grit box would be useful at this location.

Signed Date