**Dalton Piercy Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Council meeting**

**Thursday 14th September 2017**

Members present: Councillors L. Noble, D. Rezai (chair), K. Johnson, A. Timothy

HBC Rep: None.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs. A. Burroughs, B. Loynes, M. Patrick

Declarations of Interest: K. Johnson (Planning).

Visitors: D. Hall, T. Hall, M. Jackson

**Approval of the minutes of the meeting held Thursday 13th July**

It was proposed that the minutes be approved as correct with the following changes:

* Within public participation, it was a member of the public, not a resident, who handed out the court orders
* Also within public participation, the words ‘with HBC’ should be removed when talking about maintenance of the track.

Proposed: Cllr. Timothy; Seconded: Cllr. Noble (3-0) (Cllr. Rezai was not present so abstained).

**Public Participation**

Before starting the meeting, Cllr. Rezai explained that DPPC had received correspondence from a resident asking to record the meeting. It was announced that the meetings could not be recorded without consent of the council, as per the standing orders. It was voted that consent would not be given to anyone to record the meeting, except the clerk in order to prepare accurate minutes.

A resident enquired about the back road, as the kerbs were still sloping. Furthermore, it was reported by Cllr. Noble that there was an increase in members of the public riding horses with little control along the backroad. This would be reported back to Cllr. Loynes.

Another resident complained of the parking at Three Gates, enquiring as to why the police weren’t involved as it was very dangerous.

Furthermore, another resident asked if the council had looked into making a claim on the damage to the dog mess bin from the drunk driving incident a month or so ago. The clerk was asked to contact police about this.

It was also enquired how money was being spent due to ongoing legal issues. Cllr. Rezai explained that not all decisions made by the council could be put into the public domain due to the legal nature of matters. The resident requested that draft minutes of the prior meeting be distributed more quickly.

Finally, it was asked why the wire within the Batts in Dalton Beck had not been moved. It was discussed that it was the legal obligation of the owner of the land to remove it, and that it may cause environmental issues.

**HBC Report**

Due to Cllr. Loynes being unable to attend the meeting, Cllr. Rezai read out a report provided by her.

Bushes near allotment – these have now been trimmed.

Bridal Pathway – this should have been cut. This was disputed by Cllr. Noble, and would be reported back to Cllr. Loynes.

Double Yellow Lines – If they had not been done they are imminent. To be reported back to Brenda that they have not yet been completed.

Pot Holes – The pot holes have been reported to an inspector. If they are more than 40mm deep an order will be raised to fill them.

College Close – This road has been adopted by HBC.

Speed Signs – These are now in place, where power supply is free of trees and bushes.

Sewage – The chief engineer had visited several times and couldn’t smell anything. The council needs to be more specific with where the smell was coming from.

Cllr. Rezai agreed to report back to Cllr. Loynes.

**Matters Arising**

Zurich - Insurance

An update would be given by the clerk in the next meeting.

**Substantive Items**

Easements

To be dealt with in the exempt meeting due to financial nature.

Rural Plan

Cllr. Noble had attended the regeneration services committee meeting on the 4th of September to gather information on the rural plan. With the inspectors report, the plan went through without any issues. There were some problems that the rural plan development group looked at, however following amendments this was submitted without issue, meaning that the referendum stage can now start. The inspector suggested that the referendum should only include people within the villages, without peripheral input, then the plan would go back to the regeneration committee.

Land Registry Village Hall

No update.

Red Gap Wind Farm

Several projects were included in applications by DPPC, including regenerating the pond, a playground area, phone box restoration, restoration of the footpath, repair of the damage caused to the village green caused by parking and vehicles driving across the green and fencing for The Batts.

There will be a meeting next week.

Sewage

No further progress.

BT Broadband

No update to report – clerk to follow up.

Parking at North View

Evidence to support issues given to Jane Tindall – no further update.

**Village Residents Association**

Awaiting outcome of applications to Grantscape for Red Gap Funding.

**Planning Applications**

No comments arising.

**Financial Report**

A financial statement had not been prepared. It was agreed that this should be prepared as soon as possible and circulated to councillors.

**Correspondence**

Letter from Resident – Council Meetings

A resident had sent in a letter with concerns over land development issues and ongoing historical legal matters. Cllr. Rezai explained that he wished to keep the parish council as transparent as possible, with open books. However, the council does not agree to meetings being recorded.

Letter from Resident – Parking at Allotments

A resident expressed concerns with people parking at the allotments not in the allotted spaces. The council would look into this for the next meeting.

Letter from Cllr. Johnson – Maintenance of Batts

A letter was received from Cllr. Johnson requesting that the parish council does remedial work due to erosion caused by Dalton beck damaging his land within the Batts. This had caused crop damage.

Cllr. Rezai said he would take legal advice, also carrying out a site visit to see the issues caused, and would look at the barbed wire at the same time. Cllrs Noble and Timothy agreed to attend the site with Cllr. Johnson.

**New Agenda Items**

Mr. Bates Land Registry

A claim had been made regarding the land ownership near Lower Piercy Farm. This had been dealt with by the solicitor.

**The Meeting closed at 9:30 pm.**

**An exempt meeting to discuss closed issues occurred following this.**

**The date of the next meeting is Thursday 12th October 2017 at 7.30 pm**