

Dalton Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Dalton Parish Council at 6.30pm 20th April 2023 held at Dalton Parish Hall

Members: Cllrs M Gleadhall, D Pickering, R Gleadhall, S Pickering, P Botham, C Malia, M Bray, R Fox, J Carrington, I C Barron, K Oxley and J Workman

In Attendance: J Holsey (Clerk), R Chico (Clerk), One Ward Councillor

6190 To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting

None

6191 To consider the approval of reasons given for absence

None

6192 To note any declarations of interest on items to be discussed at this meeting

None

6193 To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th March 2023

Resolved: The minutes were accepted as a true record

6194 To resolve if members of the press and public are to be excluded from any agenda items of the meeting due to the nature of the business to be transacted. Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2))

None

6195 To note any issues from members of the public in attendance

None

6196 To consider any community matters from Councillors

None

**6197 To receive a verbal Clerk update regarding matters from previous meetings
6197.1 To receive update regarding right of way over allotment land**

Site meeting took place and awaiting RMBC to look into the possibility of re-opening previous access, which would then mean there is no requirement for a right of way over the allotment land.

6197.2 To note correspondence received from community group hirers and confirm any further action

Correspondence had been received from two community groups with regard to the removal of the subsidy for the groups: putting them on the same hire rate as all other groups in the centre. Both groups have been offered face to face meetings to discuss. One group has attended a meeting, where all parties of their committee were present. Both parties



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explained their circumstances, it was mutually agreed that the rent remains at the rate for all hirers.

6197.3 To note correspondence from Rotherham Advertiser and John Healey MP with regard to correspondence from community group hirers and confirm any further action

Both the Rotherham Advertiser and John Healey MP had made contact with the Parish Council regarding the issue in 6197.2. The response to the Advertiser had been circulated to Councillors via email and circulated to John Healey MP. Both responses explain the circumstances of all groups paying the same rates for the centre, that we have reached out to host a discussion.

Advertiser response:-

"Dalton Parish Council are trustees for the charity that manage Sunnyside Community Centre, a centre for use by the public. The centre is managed in the same way as it always has been via a committee of volunteers, made up of members of the community and councillors. Bingo is one of the many groups in the centre and has been charged no rent for many years and more recently given a substantially reduced rate; all in the aim of the group becoming self-sustainable. The group, like all the other groups that use the centre, is an asset to the community hence why Dalton Parish Council have aided and supported its development to now be a very sustainable group with funding in reserves.

The group meet twice per week and the rent they have been asked to pay is £15.00 per hour, which is the rent charged to all other groups who use the centre, many of which are also essential to our community and provide a vital lifeline to parishioners across all age groups.

The council is aware the way the rent increase has been portrayed looks like the council have been unfair in their approach; however, this is not the reality of the situation. The group have been supported by the council in order to be a financially sound group. The council facilitated the opening of the groups bank account and wrote its constitution, which specifically allows the group to apply for grant funding. The Council suggested the group can access grant funding to pay for items such as rent and signposted them to Rotherfed for assistance. The parish council are unclear at this stage whether the bingo club have explored grant funding, have been declined, cannot afford to pay the rent at the going rate, or whether they just don't want to pay the same rates as all other users. The parish council would welcome a discussion with the bingo club to ascertain their position.

As you can appreciate, the costs of running a large centre are vast and in the recent years these have increased and are set to increase drastically again as we come off cheap fixed utility rates. The council do not make a profit from running the centre and heavily subsidise the use of the building to aid the essential groups that run there for community benefit. The council raised this very issue at the Sunnyside Community Committee meeting at the beginning of March with councillors and volunteers (who also help run and attend Bingo sessions), no concerns regarding bringing all user groups in line to pay the same rent were expressed at the meeting. The matter was subsequently referred to full council for a



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decision. At the councils ordinary meeting, it was decided to request groups who weren't paying full rent to do so with effect from 1st May 2023, with their first invoice being due for payment sometime in June. This was done to allow the groups sufficient time to seek grant funding if they require it.

It is also noted that this circumstance has affected the social supermarket, which again has been fully supported by the Parish Council. The council initially agreed to temporarily allowing the room to be used for a food bank during covid and gave the room for free up until very recently. This support has also included applying for grants, when the group were a food bank on their behalf when they were not constituted, to gain equipment needed and providing grants to access the foodshare scheme.

The Parish Council provide a range of facilities for use in the area and take pride in providing amenities for all age groups and locations in the parish area. This includes things like a free childrens holiday club, free fitness classes for the elderly and Christmas lunches; which are provided at both the centres managed by Dalton Parish Council. In order to ensure the sustainability of the centres and provide fairness for all our community groups, sadly, the council has had to make these difficult decisions; if not the facility is lost for everyone."

6197.4 To confirm pricing for commemorative tree for Kings Coronation

Prices obtained for purchasing an established Oak tree and planting, which was advised to be around Nov to March, were explained to council.

Resolved: Clerks to look at the possibility of using a tree already in growth but in light restricted areas from RMBC. Also, to contact the arboriculturist for guidance on the best ways to protect a newly planted tree.

6198 To consider financial matters including: -

6198.1 The authorisation of payment of accounts since the last meeting (distributed at the meeting)

Resolved : The below payments of accounts were approved: -

| Chqs/DD | Transaction Detail | Date Paid | Total | Payee Name |
|---------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| DD | Bank Charges | 22/04/2023 | £8.00 | HSBC |
| DD | Mobile Phones | 07/03/2023 | £11.57 | ee |
| DD | Mobile Phones | 07/04/2023 | £11.57 | EE |
| DD | Electric Bill 21/2-25/3 | 09/04/2023 | £242.51 | Scottish Power |
| DD | Pension Fee | 01/04/2023 | £18.00 | Smart Pension |
| DD | Pension | 10/04/2023 | £762.67 | Smart Pension |
| DD | Pension | 19/04/2023 | £1,853.95 | SYPA |
| DD | Mobile Phones | 22/04/2023 | £70.20 | O2 |
| DD | Grass Cutting Contract | 26/04/2023 | £1,314.47 | Rotherham MBC |
| DD | Photocopying | 26/04/2023 | £31.86 | Copy Print Scan Limited |
| BACS | Tax & Ni | 24/03/2023 | £1,110.22 | HMRC |
| BACS | Salaries March | 24/03/2023 | £4,041.18 | Various |



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| BACS | Expenses - Carpet Cleaner | 24/03/2023 | £305.98 | J Holsey |
| BACS | Memo of Fee's | 24/03/2023 | £54.00 | R Ogle |
| BACS | Brecks Lane Allotment Lease | 24/03/2023 | £190.00 | RMBC |
| BACS | Interim Audit Fee | 26/04/2023 | £354.60 | P Parkin Ltd |
| BACS | Caretaking DPH | 26/04/2023 | £250.00 | J Elvidge |
| | Alarm Remote Signalling | | | |
| BACS | Upgrade | 26/04/2023 | £150.00 | PN Alarms |
| BACS | Commercial Waste | 26/04/2023 | £826.00 | RMBC |
| | Playground Repairs Ruby | | | |
| BACS | Cook | 26/04/2023 | £447.70 | Lightmain Ltd |
| BACS | Legionella Risk Assessment | 26/04/2023 | £450.00 | Guardian Ltd |
| BACS | Easter Holiday Club/Seated Ex | 26/04/2023 | £960.00 | Activ Regen |
| | Entertainment - Kings | | | |
| BACS | Coronation | 26/04/2023 | £240.00 | L Simonite |
| BACS | Membership YLCA | 26/04/2023 | £1,144.00 | YLCA |
| BACS | Grounds Maintenance Contract | 26/04/2023 | £16,720.18 | RMBC |
| BACS | Pest Control - BLA | 26/04/2023 | £48.75 | Green Pastures |
| BACS | SLCC Membership | 26/04/2023 | £296.00 | SLCC |
| BACS | Memo of Fees | 26/04/2023 | £42.00 | R Ogle |
| BACS | Expenses - Signed For Letter | 26/04/2023 | £2.60 | J Holsey |
| BACS | Expenses - 2 x Signed for | 26/04/2023 | £25.18 | J Holsey |

6198.2 To receive and agree bank reconciliation to March 2023

Unable to be completed due to passbook requiring update

6198.3 Following the meeting of Dalton Parish Council as Sole Trustees of Sunnyside Charity, to confirm and agree the alteration of the accounting presentation to reflect all expenditure within the charity accounts and Dalton Parish Council provide a grant provision for any deficit

Resolved : To look into presenting the accounts with the true costs and show the full value of the grant Dalton Parish Council pay as Sole Trustees of Sunnyside Charity

6198.4 To receive the interim internal audit

Resolved : Interim internal audit received and approved

6198.5 To review quotations for the internal audit for 2024 and appoint internal auditor

Quotations had been received to carry out the internal audit, inclusive of one from the current auditor. Prices were considered and the importance of keeping adequate scrutiny.

Resolved : Following receipt of quotations. To appoint a new auditor for the period from 2024 for 3 years.

6199 To consider any general correspondence and publications including:-

6199.1 To receive a summary and agree any actions for play inspections reports



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6199.1.1 To consider and agree any remedial works for Magna Lane recreation ground

Quotations were received for repair works to the existing equipment at Magna Lane. In addition the see-saw had been removed through vandalism. The see-saw had been found in the stream and an additional quotation received for this to be re-instated at the site.

Resolved : To proceed with the quotation for Hags for all works inclusive of the re-instatement of the vandalised see-saw

6199.1.2 To note ground resurfacing has been carried out under the a-frame access to Magna Lane recreation ground

An update was given to council regarding the request from a resident for a more even entrance. RMBC carried out the resurfacing under the a-frame to provide a smooth entrance. The resident has been sign posted to RMBC for concerns over the levelling of the pathways.

6199.2 To note ward priority correspondence as emailed to Councillors

6199.2.1 To note any key issues or priorities identified within Dalton Parish to feedback to RMBC

6199.3 To note any planned programmes or initiatives over the next 12 months to feedback to RMBC

All of the above items were noted, Councillors to email the Clerks should they have any items

6200 To discuss and agree any actions with regard to security / fencing at Sunnyside Allotments

The issue of the fencing on the outer boundary to the private car park at Sunnyside Allotments was explained.

Resolved : Site visit to be carried out with councillors to consider options.

6201 To consider the request from Leverton Way Tara to borrow rubbish barrow

Resolved : Leverton Way Tara to be granted permission to borrow the rubbish barrow for a set period of time, to be reviewed annually

6202 To consider planning matters including new planning applications in Dalton

6202.1 Planning: - 11 – 15 (List 15 items to be emailed to councillors prior to the meeting)

Discussion took place around a previous planning item regarding the siting of containers, this item had been raised with planning directly by a councillor.

Resolved : The below items were noted: -

RB2023/0464 - 3 The Fold Dalton - Two storey rear extension

RB2023/0468 - Land east of Brecks Lane Herringthorpe - Erection of 23 dwellings, associated works and creation of access amendment to layout of outline application



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approved under RB2019/1891 and subsequent reserved matters application
RB2021/2054

6203 To notify the Parish Clerk for any matters for inclusion on a future agenda

None

6204 To note dates of future committee meetings, events, and the next Parish Council

Parish Council – 6:30pm

18th May 2023

15th June 2023

20th July 2023

21st Sept 2023

19th Oct 2023

16th Nov 2023

Other Meetings / Events

Dalton Parish Council Community Café held on the above dates at 9am – 1230
at Dalton Parish Hall

Finance Meeting – 6:30pm

6th July 2023

Sunnyside Charity Meeting – 6pm

20th July 2023

Sunnyside Meeting – 6:30pm

8th June 2023

The meeting was closed at 19.50pm

Chairman.....  Date 18th May 2023