

DUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Dutton Parish Council, held at Dutton Hall, Gallows Lane on Wed. 28th November 2018

Present: Councillors J Hargreaves (Chairman) , A Forrest, W.R Holden, S Hopwood, E Parker, A. H Penny and M Whalley . Cty Cllr David Smith in attendance Clerk Mrs C Penny

1811.2. To confirm minutes of meeting held on 17th October 2018

1811.3. To consider Matters Arising from the Minutes

a) 1810.3.b GDPR All Councillors confirmed that they had received a copy of the Privacy Notices the Parish Council have adopted. Cllr Forrest and the clerk were thanked for their work on this.

b) 1810.8.b Trees at the Dingle Cllr Holden advised that he had looked at the tree growth overhanging the road from the Dingle. There are only high branches overhanging which should not cause problems to vehicles, but he will cut these back in the New Year.

c) 1809.9.c Blocked Drains/grates in Gallows Lane There is no evidence that any work has been done to unblock the drains. Cty Cllr David Smith that he also had reported them and that he would follow this up for the Council. The clerk is also to report still blocked.

1811.4. Planning Applications

No new applications

1811.5. Reports from other organisations

Knowle Green Village Hall: Cllr Whalley reported that the Hall are still looking to install broadband, but they are currently looking at a different supplier – PMG Installations

Parish Council Liaison Committee Cllr Hargreaves had attended the last meeting, the main item on Neighbourhood plans was not very relevant to Dutton. The talk about Lancashire County Nursing Trust did not happen, but attention was drawn to the work of the Trust, which helps anyone not just those working in nursing. A question had been asked regarding who is responsible for unsafe trees – the answer is the land owner.

1811.6. Finance

In Current account £1,544.77 in Money Manager account £2,207.10

a) Budget and Precept for 2019/20. The Council does have healthy bank balances so there was discussion as to whether the precept should be reduced. After consideration it was agreed that there could be an increase in annual expenditure if a new clerk was employed and there are other items of potential expenditure with the Dingle and so it was agreed to ask for the same precept as in the past few years, £500.

1811.7. Correspondence

a) RVBC planning minutes and notice of meetings

b) LCC by email temporary road closure, Church St, Ribchester on Sunday 9th Dec from 8.30am until 15.30pm or until completion of the works within that period..

1811.8.. To consider any other matters brought to the meeting

a) Beech Tree near phone box at top of Gallows Lane, this tree is on LCC land, but as it has been planted by the Parish Council it was agreed that it would be better trimmed and Cllr Holden offered to do this.

b) Cllr Parker mentioned that the railings in the dip by the entrance to Dutton Manor were in a very poor state of repair and with the steep drop this was dangerous – the clerk was asked to report this.

c) Grate blocked on Longridge side of Dutton Manor entrance – clerk to report

d) Footbridge on Ribble Way repair work on the handrails is required on the footbridge on the bend near the boundary between Dewhurst Farm & Heyhurst Farm. Clerk to report

e) Hillside School – impending Closure Cty Cllr Smith advised that he had heard that the whole school may close, but there is a move to try and save the Junior School at Hillside.

1811.9. Date of next meeting was arranged for Wednesday 23rd January 2019 at Dutton Hall, at 7.30pm.