

DALBURY LEES ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.00pm, held via Zoom.

Present: Cllr P Coultas, Cllr S Trowbridge, Cllr S Morris, Cllr C Timmins, Cllr J Archer.
Parish Clerk, M Fox, Cllr L Brown (SDDC) and no members of the public.

PM21/1 Appointment of Clerk for meeting.

M Fox was appointed clerk for the meeting.

PM21/2 Minutes of the Annual Meeting 2019.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th June 2019 were noted as a correct record. There was no Parish Meeting in 2020.

PM21/3 Parish Council Report.

The report was agreed by Parish Councillors prior to the meeting and all attenders at this meeting had received it and was taken as read. (see attachment)

PM21/4 Reports by Police, Borough and County Councillors and village and parish groups.

SDDC – Cllr Brown apologised for no written report.

The pandemic caused disruption but SDDC soon got organised at working with the virtual meetings and teams. This has all gone very well over the past year. We are now being forced back into the Council Chamber from 7th May but this is not safe due to size and open to the public. They will therefore be using the Green Bank Leisure Centre for the Annual Meeting, Civic meetings, planning etc. as the indoor venue. Meeting will be held in Grove Hall which is expected to be bad for acoustics.

Business grants were big focus during the pandemic and coordinating voluntary teams and supporting residents in need. Covid cases are down this week at 35 from 10th-23rd April compared with 83 for the previous two weeks. Testing is still ongoing for over 11-year-olds.

Crime in general is down but hate crime is up.

There have been problems with planning enforcement and Enforcement Officers had trouble to keep up. At the Planning Meeting last week, The Cow in Dalbury Lees did get retrospective planning permission but with a lot of adverse comments. If it had come in before the construction, SDDC would have made some changes but they would have been limited. Applicants were taken to task for not giving everyone the chance to use their democratic rights.

Local plan – there has been a call for sites and these are currently underway. Government doubled the housing numbers and then reduced it again to 550 per year every year. Then the Freeport arrived in the budget on 3rd March and has possible impact on housing and numbers may be revised. A lot of other factors need to be put into the plan as this is an enormous site to come into the area. There will be challenges to local residents near the site (between Etwall and Eggington), some of whose houses will be demolished or others who have it on their garden boundary. New planning officer, Steffan Saunders has been appointed and now has this monumental challenge. The Freeport will make the District very profitable in the near future.

DCC – No input.

German Pole Trust – Due to Covid there is nothing to report apart from to reiterate that anyone in the village embarking on tertiary education or apprenticeship and needs assistance then please contact either George Giles or Denise Morley as this is what the fund is for.

Village Hall Trust – There is nothing to report due to Covid, as it has been shut for 12 months. Only essential maintenance and insurance inspections had been carried out.

The meeting noted that the play area at the back of the hall and managed by the Trust had been a boon for local families over the last year of lockdowns.

Police – They no longer issue reports, all information is on social media and Derbyshire Alert which are available to interested parties.

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Parish Council Finance Report

We started the last financial year with £7434.84 as the cash book balance and finished the year with a balance of £7323.49 so we are maintaining a similar balance. To date this year, we have received £800.00 Precept with £102.00 top up, VAT refund of £295.39 and £168.00 Minor Maintenance payment. We have already paid out cheques to the value of £129.33 and the current balance is £8225.98. Other income during the next few months will be the second Precept payment of £800.00 and the concurrent payment which will probably be just over £1000.00, but this is just an estimate. This amount is £202.00 less than last year due to the claims criteria being changed.

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Any other items raised.

None.

The meeting closed at 7.31 pm.