Dalbury Lees Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 13 November 2023 at Dalbury Less Village Hall

Present;

Cllrs S Trowbridge (Chair), S Morris , C Timmins, M Butterworth, J Archer
Trustees of the Roman Pole
Clerk – N Trowbridge

40/23 Apologies

There were no apologies

41/23 Declarations

There were no additional declarations

42/23 Issues from members of the public

Comment was made on the amount of litter in the village despite the best efforts of the volunteers in clearing it up. The Council stated that this was an area of concern that continued to be monitored.

43/23 Items from Part 1 into part 2 confidential

The chair advised that Item 7 Clerks correspondence would be taken as a part 2 item

44/23 Minutes from the meeting of 11 September 2023

The minutes were approved and the progress on actions was noted especially:

The clerk commented that he had received a thanks you phone call form the owners of Easy Chair cottage about the voucher that had been given to them. All other actions had been completed with the exception of the gravel for the area by the sewage farm which the Chair stated he would deal with and the locations for the trees which was underway

ACTION ST to obtain and put down gravel

45/23 German Pole

The Chair welcomed Geraldine Trowbridge and Martin Tolley to the meeting asking them to give an update on the situation with the German Pole Trust.

It was advised that there had not been a formal handover yet as there is a meeting of all the Trustees from the 5 parishes on the 16 November. 3 amounts had been paid out in the last 3 months but apart from that there had been little action

Mrs Trowbridge had spoken to the Church but they had little knowledge of the trust or its activities and no involvement.

In response to a question Mr Tolley confirmed that the 5 Parishes were:

Mickleover

Mackworth

Radbourne

Dalbury

Mercaston

The money ids distributed equally between the Parishes and is to be spent of supporting children in post school education

A question was raised on whether this was a loan or a gift and if the course is not finished is there a repayment required. There was also the question of who would be Chair as the Clerk advised the meeting that based on the information he had one of the Trustees who has not been re-elected was both the Chair and Secretary

The Chair asked the Clerk to e mail Mr Giles and Mrs Morley to confirm that they had removed themselves form the Trustee list.

ACTION Clerk to e mail former trustees regarding resignation confirmation

ACTION Further update to be provided to the next meeting

46/23 Chairs Comments

The fly-tipping that was reported to SDDC has been cleared up. The sign and the mirror have been reported again and he would send the details, including the reporting number, to the Clerk so they can ask Kirk Langley PC to report it as well

As previously mentioned thanks need to go to Viv and her volunteers for all the good work litter picking

It was disappointing that the e mail response form the planning Officer provided no help or support. The door on the telephone box needs some work on this and after a discussion it was agreed that the Chair and the Councillor Archer would look into what needed doing to sort the problem out

ACTION ST to send reporting details to the Clerk

ACTION ST to look at issues with telephone box door

47/23 Planning

There was nothing additional to report

48/23 Police - Community speedwatch

T***he Chair confirmed that he had received the paperwork for the Speedwatch grant which offered up to £400 He would send the information to the clerk to progress this . He had also looked at the speedwatch signs that were needed and these cost £85 each on e bay, an alternative had been found through Lemon signs who will do the required signs on a semi-rigid frame for £72 plus VAT***

It was agreed to go ahead and purchase the signs from Lemon signs

The meeting discussed the situation around speeding and it was confirmed that DCC would not put in speed calming as there had been no deaths in the village due to speeding and the cost of flashing speed signs was very expensive at over £2000

ACTION ST to purchase signs from Lemon Signs

49/23 Climate

Sarah advised the meeting that she was looking at arranging a talk on solar Panels using somebody from Transition Belper.

The meeting discussed this and thought it was an excellent idea and wondered if this could be expanded to look at the options for insulation and wind turbines

It was agreed that an e mail would be sent to all residents after Christmas to advertise the talk and that SM would undertake drafting this early January and send to Councillors for approval.

ACTION SM to draft e mail for approval

50/23 Allotments

The Clerk advised that the payments were being received and the meeting agreed that it would be best for the water to be turned off and the tanks drained during the winter to prevent damage from freezing conditions

ACTION ST to drain the tanks

51/23 Footpaths

The meeting discussed the situation with the footpaths agreeing that due to the weather most were in a poor condition. The Chair stated that he would do the stoning near the sewage farm.

In answer to a question, it was confirmed that the stiles are the responsibility of the landowners and the enforcement person at SDDC is very good in sorting out issues. Any concerns need to be raised via the reporting sheet on the website.

On Footpath 26 by the Village Hall part of the fencing is rotten and has started bowing out making it a danger to walkers

CT with support from SM agreed to sort this on behalf of the Village Hall

ACTION ST to complete stoning of area by sewage farm

ACTION CT to sort fencing

52/23 Trees

The trees, which were in large pots, had been delivered and the invoices provided to the Clerk who confirmed that they had been paid referring the finance sheet for the details. The meeting discussed the planting locations and it was agreed to have the Coronation trees closer to the phone box

ACTION ST/JA to agree final planting locations.

53/23 Clerk Report

The Clerk took the meeting through the finance sheet identifying the main transactions that had taken place.

The meeting was advised that the reading of the Standing orders and Financial Instructions had been completed. They were both very complex documents probably more suited to running a larger body however no changes were proposed.

The meeting approved the Standing orders and Financial instructions.

The Clerk stated that a new code of conduct had been approved by the council and he was looking at the changes before submitting it for approval. They also advised the meeting that there is a Police information event at the Village Hall on 18th December and they would circulate more information as soon as it was available

54/23 PART 2 Confidential

3 items were discussed

The next meeting is on 8 January 2024 subsequently amended to 15th January 2024