

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE MINUTES

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Minutes of the Property and Maintenance Meeting held in Dalston Village on Tuesday 30th April 2019.

M Watling Assistant Clerk

Present

Cllr Byers Cllr Craig Cllr Potter Cllr Robson Cllr Auld Cllr Roberts

Apologies

Cllr Ebbatson

Minutes

The minutes of the Property and Maintenance meeting held on the 30th May 2018 were approved and signed by Cllr Byers as a true record.

Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Public Participation

2 members of the cemetery working group were present.

Bridge End

- It was approved to move and renovate 6 bins into planters at Bridge End to prevent parking on the verge. These are to be spaced 2.4m apart for the length of the tarmac at the bus stop and 1.2m in from the footpath. Thereafter lengths of wooden fencing will be placed with gaps between each length. It was suggested the standard length of the fencing is expected to be 3.6m (12 feet). Gaps of 1.2m (4 feet) should be left between each fence to prevent cars parking in between.
- Discussion where to place the picnic bench took place. Suggestions were behind the bus shelter, in the wood and on the opposite side of the river. Discussion also took place as to whether the seat and litter bin at the bridge on Ben Hodgsons side of the road could be moved behind the bus shelter and the new picnic bench located elsewhere.

After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr Craig and seconded by Cllr Auld to locate the picnic bench at Forge Green to replace the broken seat. Riverside is a popular walk for many parishioners. All were in favour of this proposal.

- It was pointed out that the timetable board inside the bus shelter is broken and should be removed. The timetable is now displayed outside the shelter. The seat should also be varnished. Clerk to action.

- Cllr Auld observed that the flashing on both sides of the bus shelter roof was loose and asked for it to be repaired when men were installing the bases for the planters. Clerk to action.
- Discussion took place whether the common land area at the bus shelter was part of the grass cutting contract. Clarification is to be sought.
- Cllr Roberts enquired about the cherry trees which he understood were to be removed. The Clerk to follow up with Mike Lowther.

Cemetery Walk

- It was reported that Nick Horn is commencing work on the cemetery path on the 13th May 2019.
- An owl was seen flying away from Hearse House. Cllr Auld requested the clerk to investigate obtaining a wireless camera for the autumn in order that the school could observe the owl activity.
- The chain around the Robert Twentyman memorial in Ward 2 Section M space 32 is broken. The clerk to ask Cllr Ebbatson if he knows anyone who could make new metal links to repair the chain.
- Cllr Craig enquired about the location of the replacement flagpole. It was decided the location should be 1m in from the wall and 2.5m from the Lychgate. The clerk to contact Keith Potter.

Jubilee Garden

- The preferred location for the new seat is to the right of the entrance to the garden adjacent to the tree and looking up The Green. Cllr Byers will contact the Jubilee Gardeners to ensure they approve this location.
- Cllr Auld observed the litterbin outside of the Jubilee Garden which was rusting and in need of repainting. It was suggested that Peter Hunter of Paint and Paper be contacted and asked if he would carry out work such as painting litterbins, bollards and seats in the bus shelters. Clerk to action.

Tree Works

- The following tree works were approved and are to be completed by Lowther Tree Surgery:-
Fell dead tree in the Millennium Garden - £100.
Fell dead tree on The Green - £150.
Fell the ash tree outside the Parish Office - £100.
Pollard the sycamore tree at Bridge End - £350.
- It was also agreed to spray the weeds on the Kingsway Car Park and weed the flower bed at Forge Green. Clerk to organise.
- Cllr Auld requested the area from which the Horse Chestnut Tree had been removed be raked over and reseeded. Clerk to action.
- The branches left on The Green after the grasscrete work was carried out are to be removed.

Councillor Matters

- Cllr Byers advised that the boiler in 2 Forge Green would be serviced and Singletons would do some paint patchwork before a new tenant moved in.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings

The Annual Parish Meeting to take place on the 7th May 2019 at the 7pm in the Victory Hall.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to take place on the 14th May 2019 at 7.15pm at Forge Green.

Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2019:- 4th June and the 22nd October at 7.15pm Forge Green.

Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2019:- 25th June 7pm Church House and 24th September 7pm Forge Green.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm