

DALSTON PARISH COUNCIL PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE MINUTES

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Minutes of the Property and Maintenance Meeting held at St Michaels Church, Dalston on the 3rd August 2020.

S. Milburn Clerk

Present

Cllr Byers Cllr Craig Cllr Potter Cllr McKerrell

Cemetery Working Group

Ian Newton Liz Auld

1. Apologies

Cllr Robson – Holiday Cllr Auld – Work Commitments Cllr Utting – Holiday
Cllr Ebbatson – Work Commitments Cllr Dinning

2. Minutes

The minutes of the Property and Maintenance meeting held on the 1st October 2019 were approved and signed by Cllr Byers as a true record.

3. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

6. Cemetery Walk

- The Clerk stated that the headstones in Ward 5, Section J were not far enough back to allow grave spaces which have been dug to double depth to be re opened. The Clerk explained that during a recent burial the headstone had to be lifted in order for the grave to be dug, thus leaving it insecure. After discussion it was agreed that in future the headstones in this section be moved further back starting at space number 32 (Elizabeth Nixon).
- The Clerk informed the Councillors that a request has been made to inter a ladies ashes into the same grave space as her stillborn child in Ward 2, Section G. This has prompted the following issues:-
 - Unfortunately the **grave space** has not been recorded in the burial records therefore the child's exact location cannot be found.
 - The grave spaces in this section were used for burials in the 1800's and more latterly the area was ring fenced as a children's area.
 - The location of grave spaces in this section don't correspond with the burial records.

- The Armstrong grave space was not purchased. An interment fee and minister fee was however paid.

After careful consideration it was agreed that a recommendation to refuse the request would be made to the Parish Council at the next full meeting on the 11th August.

- It was agreed to level the graves in Ward 5, Section F. Clerk to obtain a quote from Nick Horn.
- A request has been made for a memorial seat to be placed by the river in the cemetery. Unfortunately as this is for a lady from outside the Parish a recommendation will be made to refuse the request at the Parish Council meeting on the 11th August 2020. A new memorial policy is to be formulated at the next P&R meeting on the 27th October 2020.

7. Millennium Sign / Dog Fouling Sign Mill Race

- Ian Newton with the help of Cllr Dinning kindly offered to put up both the Millennium garden plaque and the replacement dog fouling sign at the Mill Race.

8. Repairs To Outbuilding Forge Green & Wall

- The Clerk reported that a beam and polystyrene had come away from the roof in one of the outbuildings at FG. A quote of £160 + VAT was approved to complete the necessary work to the roof spa's.
- Clerk to speak to Cllr Dinning in relation to re pointing the gable end wall on the outbuilding at Forge Green.

8. Village Entrance Signs

It was agreed the Clerk write to Cllr Allison requesting that the dilapidated village entrance signs be raised and renewed incorporating the achievements of Britain In Bloom.

9. Bus Shelter on The Green

Thanks were given to Cllr Dinning for kindly removing the graffiti in the bus shelter on The Green.

10. No.1 Walk Mill Common Land

Councillors looked at the recently erected fencing. This is to be discussed further at the Parish Council meeting on the 11th August 2020.

11. Councillor Matters

- Cllr Potter reported the road sign at the Union bridge was in need of attention. Clerk reported to highways. Ref no. W2081009973.
- Cllr McKerrell spoke in relation to the new Government funding scheme for cycle paths. Clerk to make this an agenda item at the PC meeting on the 11th August 2020.

Date of Forthcoming Meetings.

The next meeting of the PC to take place via zoom on the 11th August 2020 at 7.15pm.
Policy & Resource Meeting Dates for 2020:- 27th October 7.15pm at Forge Green.
Property & Maintenance Meeting dates for 2020:- 29th September venue to be decided.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm