

Dale Community Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Monday 25th September 2023 at 7.00pm in the Coronation Hall, Dale

1. Present

Lyn Jones (LJ)(Chair), Peter Morgan (PM), Daniel Jones (DJ)

Francesca Jones (RFO)

Apologies

Mark Reynolds, Paul Garnish, Chris Millership

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held 4th July 2023

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th July 2023 were agreed as a true record and Councillors were happy to sign them off.

4. Matters arising

i. An email was sent to Claire Williams in the Council and the relevant people were copied in. A response was received on the same day, which was very pleasing. However, not much has come of that except that the hedge cutting issue is to be raised by Stephen Benger with highway managers. Cllrs discussed the matter and are becoming more frustrated that such a safety issue is being overlooked. It was agreed to speak to Tom Stamp at the Fort to see if he has raised the issue independently.

Action – Clerk to speak to T Stamp.

5. Village Matters

i. Public Toilets

The overall cleanliness of the toilets this season has been poor. Councillors have had it mentioned to them and DJ has witnessed it first hand when working nearby and using the facilities. There is also a hole in the roof at the moment that has still not been fixed. Up until this year there has never been an issue with the quality of the service provided by Danfo.

Action – Clerk to contact PCC.

ii. Date to discuss standing orders

As half the Councillors were not able to attend, it was agreed that the Clerk will send out a date for October/November.

Action – Clerk to email a date

iii. Peninsula Papers

PM told the meeting that the Peninsula Papers have decided to stop sending copies to Second Homes during the winter months. The decision is based on funding. DJ suggested that a few copies could be put in the village shops so that Second Home owners can access them there if needed.

6. Parking

i. The carpark gate at the entrance to the summer road has collapsed PM reported, probably due to people climbing over.

Action – Clerk to report to Mark Owen

ii. The main problems with parking that the village face have not really been an issue this year as the village has been so quiet.

7. Highways

Signage from the recent road resurfacing has still not been collected by PCC. It was noted that vehicle speed has been visibly slower since the 20mph has come in. The speed warning sign was agreed to be put on hold for the time being as some local ones have had issues with them and with the new speed limit it may no longer be as much as an issue.

8. Planning

NP/23/0196/FUL – land west of Charnwood has been granted with 21 conditions. One of which is that the property must be used as the owner's main residence for more than 183 days a calendar year. This is something that we have not seen before, and it was decided to look in to the condition as it could be useful in combating empty second homes.

Action – Clerk to contact County Cllr Reg Owens to find out more and to see how the National Parks plan to police such a condition.

NP/23/0144 – 71 Blue Anchor Way remains undecided

NP/23/0342 – 77 Blue Anchor Way remains undecided

9. Training

Councillors agreed that a training session should be arranged for November/December.

Action – Clerk to circulate the training sessions

10. Correspondence

i. Boundary Commission

There are plans to create less Community and Town Councils by merging smaller councils together. It was noted that this would create a huge job for one Clerk to do, it would cost more to pay them as they'd need a full-time job to be able to manage everything. The amount of electors they are basing the figures on doesn't truly reflect Dale because our Councillors represent the large number of visitors who use the village each year as well. The meetings for 3 different communities would be longer and each village would only have 2 representatives. It was thought that they want to lower representation to stop having to deal with as many issues.

Action – Clerk to find out the date of the meeting at County Hall to discuss this.

11. Financial Report

i. September 2023

Receipts/Expenditure/Balance

Community/Current Account

Opening Balance (01/07/23) £1130.74

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| Expenditure | £ 142.68 | Reimbursement of plaque fee to Clerk |
| | £ 100.00 | Peninsula Papers |
| | £ 250.00 | Cemetery Grant |
| | £ 100.00 | Coronation Hall |
| | £ 665.88 | Clerk Wages |

Income £1400.00

Closing Balance (31/08/23) £1272.18

Business Premium

Opening Balance (01/07/23) £3519.11

Income £ 0.00

Closing Balance (31/08/23) £3519.11

Totals:

Community/Current £1272.18

Business Premium £3519.11

Payments to be issued today:

£100.00 Madpads

£75.00 Wreath

All were happy to make the payments today and the Audit report has come back as unqualified which is good. The Clerk can now publish the Audit notice and copy of the Annual Return.

12. County Council Matters

None

11. Date for the next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 27th November at 7pm in the Jubilee Suite, Dale.

Meeting was closed at 8.13 pm.