Summer 2020

Dalham Parish Council News



Next Meeting

Thursday 16th July 2020 at <u>7pm</u> in Dalham Village Hall (or remotely via Zoom)

The meeting will begin with an Open Forum.
This is a chance to meet parish councillors and talk about any items on the agenda.
Everyone is welcome.

Minutes of the meeting can be viewed on the Parish Council's website at

<u>www.dalham.onesuffolk.</u> net

Your Parish Councillors
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(Chairman)
Isobel Aylott
Rachael Padman
Jackie Bolton
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Alternatively leave a letter addressed to Dalham Parish Council in the Village Hall letter box This report has been prepared during the ongoing Coronavirus crisis which has had an impact on all of us and has changed our lives dramatically. Thanks to the hard work of volunteers in Dalham a support network was set up to help residents who are not able to leave their homes because they have to isolate or shield themselves from the risk of infection. The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers for acting quickly to ensure that people who need help have someone they can call on.

The Coronavirus outbreak has affected the way all Government organisations work. Parish councils are now allowed to hold meetings remotely to ensure that they can continue to function. Dalham Parish Council held its Annual Meeting via Zoom on 19th May. The decision was made to limit the agenda where possible to items that need to be dealt with promptly, for example financial issues.

Annual Parish Meeting

Each year in May, Dalham holds an Annual Parish Meeting. This is a village meeting, not a Parish Council meeting, and is an opportunity for residents to meet parish councillors and other local government representatives. The decision was made to cancel this year's Annual Parish Meeting as public meetings are not allowed. Instead, reports have been uploaded onto the Annual Parish Meeting page of Dalham Parish Council's website at http://dalham.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/annual-parish-meeting/annual-parish-meeting-2020

Reports from County Councillor Andy Drummond, District Councillor Mike Chester, Dalham Village Hall and Dalham Parish Council have been uploaded onto this page.

Planning applications

West Suffolk Council is continuing to process planning applications. If you would like to find out about planning applications in Ousden, West Suffolk Council publishes weekly planning lists which give details of planning applications in West Suffolk and a decisions list, which details whether or not an application has been approved.

To view the weekly planning lists, visit https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning_applications/weeklyplanninglists.cfm

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

John Riddell was re-elected as Chairman and Isobel Aylott was re-elected as vicechair.

Finance and the Annual Audit for 2019-20 were the main items on the agenda. The Council approved the accounts and supporting documentation which will be published on the Parish Council's website later in the year.

Each year Dalham Parish Council has to decide whether its accounts need to be submitted for an external audit. This year, the Parish Council is exempt from external audit as its income and expenditure was below the £25,000 threshold.

New County Councillor

Dalham's new County Councillor is Andy Drummond. He replaced Robin Millar in a bi election earlier in the year. He attended the Zoom meeting on 19th May and introduced himself to councillors. He has agreed to honour the pledge made by Robin Millar to use some of his locality funding to help pay for the new village sign. The Parish Council would like to thank him for his support. If you wish to contact him, his email address is andy.drummond@suffolk.gov.uk