

DALHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd February 2022, Dalham Village Hall.

Councillors present: John Riddell (Chair), Rachael Padman, Ian Petchey and Isobel Aylott.

Also present: Antonia King (clerk).

1. **Chair's Welcome** - Chair opened the meeting at 8.30pm.
2. **To receive Apologies of Absence** – Cllrs Bolton, Ward and Fitch submitted their apologies, their apologies were accepted.
3. **To receive Declarations of Pecuniary and local Non-Pecuniary Interests** – Cllr Padman declared a pecuniary interest in item 6b, planning application DC/22/0146/LB.
4. **To receive comment from the members of the public present:**
 - a) On the agenda under discussion – none received.
 - b) Matters regarding Dalham in general – none received.
5. **To receive and approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 20th January 2022.**
 - a) Approval of the minutes was given by all present, Chair signed the paper copy of the minutes.
6. **Planning applications to be considered by the council:**
 - a) **DC/21/1621/HYB**
Hybrid planning application – a. proposed 70 kilometre pipeline and associated above ground infrastructure at Gazeley, Isleham and Woodditton; b. Outline planning application - for the above ground infrastructure at Bexwell, Kentford, Lady's Gree and Rede with all matters reserved except for access.
Location – Land required for Bexwell to Bury St Edmunds Anglian Pipeline for Anglian Water, Moulton Road, Gazeley.
 It was resolved that the council would support the application, but with comments made regarding any disruption to footpath access on Denham Road and Dunstall Green Road.
 - b) **DC/2/0146/LB**
Application for listed building consent – upgrade of lean to roof and replacement of roof light.
Location – 36, The Street, Dalham CB8 8TF
 The council raised no objection to this application and it was supported.
7. **To receive and consider matters relating to the following:**
 - a) **Community Governance Review – to discuss the responses from properties on Dunstall Green Road regarding moving into the Ousden Parish and to formalise DPC response to the Community Governance Review board.**
 The following response was drafted and sent to the CGR board:
Following our recent consultation with the residents of Dunstall Green, 10 of the 12 properties that responded declared they wanted to remain in Dalham Parish. This included the property located on Pound Green. The residents of Dunstall Green felt very strongly that their community was part of Dalham Parish, and had been so, (in earlier manifestations, such as local government hundreds) for well over a 1000 years. It's historic boundaries being linked to the landscape and park holdings. One person also sited their close historic affinity to Dalham, having been resident in the Parish for 47 years, since childhood. Some residents specifically noted that their parish precept would increase if they were transferred to Ousden and they were opposed to this.

Losing upwards of 23 properties equates to almost 25% of the current population of the parish. To lose so many residents would undermine our already small parish and the financial consequences for those that remain would be detrimental in terms of the parish precept.

Therefore overall, the Parish Council feels that the community cohesion and identity of Dunstall Green would be best maintained by it remaining associated with Dalham rather than being absorbed into Ousden. This would also reflect the current residents wishes. It therefore would like no change to the current parish boundaries.

8. To receive any items of correspondence not previously circulated: None received.

9. Items for discussion at the next meeting:

- a) To formally acknowledge the passing of former Parish Council Chair John Aldus.
- b) Suffolk Walking Festival
- c) Great British Spring Clean Up
- d) ANPR

10. Dates of next meeting:

- a) Next meeting – Thursday 17th March 2022,7.30pm Dalham Village Hall.

11. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.14pm

Signed (Chairman) Dated