

GAYLES PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
19 March 2024
Dalton & Gayles Village Hall

Apologies: John & Elfreda Cormode, Heather & Ian Roberts, Glenys & Graham Rogers

Attendees: Linda Goulbourne, Mick Hutchinson, Jo Newton, Henry Robinson, Cath Stanwix, Kevin & Michelle Sutton, Mel Tallantire. Chair: Ian Goulbourne Secretary: Catherine Robinson

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Minutes were approved.

Election of Officers: IG and CR were elected for 2024 and both are prepared to take on the roles for no more than three years.

MATTERS ARISING

Gayles Parish Noticeboard

IG encouraged us on the importance of keeping notices and flyers fresh and up to date. At first glance, a seemingly minor matter, yet impactful.

Holmedale

LG reported the success of this biodiversity project and now includes Skeeby and Gilling West, as well as the original Barningham, Gayles, Washton, Ravensworth, Newsham. LG has volunteered as it is important to have Gayles represented.

AGENDA ITEMS

A66 Dualling

The scheme has been approved by the government. After the Decision Challenge period, the government will need to approve funding. A feeder road north of Gayles is proposed.

Emails to the Village

The consensus was that emails are most helpful means of information to the Parish. IG aims to send not more than once a month. (The Chair currently receives 10 spam emails to the Parish email address per day!)

Broadband Update

All agreed it was not acceptable that Gayles is in the situation where the poles have been erected but - despite writing to the MP/PM and bodies concerned - no one will commit to completing the work to provide Gayles with superfast fibre optic broadband which should be made 100% available throughout the country. A villager on West Street was recently informed by Quickline, their proposed new broadband provider, that the 5G signal was blocked by trees. Various tips on alternative providers, methods, boosters, ensued.

Action: IG to set up public meeting with Gayles Parish and our County Councillor Angus Thompson (and Councillor Keane, or whoever is successful in Mayoral bid) to resolve this, and other following matters.

Quarry Update

CS reported that the campaign against the redundant 100 year+ old quarry reopening is ongoing. The campaign team are working very hard to address each issue and the very many local concerns raised over this proposed reopening.

Verges

The Green on West Street has worn away more in recent years due to increased amount of deliveries. It was agreed that on the one hand, nature will recover. It was also agreed that IG could send an email with suggestions on how to best park (facing downwards, 2 wheels on, 2 wheels off) and delivery vans should be discouraged from reversing

onto the Green and that grass seed could be sown again. MH suggested the best grass seed would be "tough grass" and it was agreed that the seed should be left for a minimum of three months.

Action: IG to send email about traffic on the Green.

Flooded Roads & Ditches

KS shared that the Safety Officer from Highways had been helpful in getting works seen to on West Street. MT shared that she resorted to clearing out the drains every day, as they were daily blocked. Her property has been so severely flooded, that it is sometimes impossible to remove their car. MS brought up the state of the roads outside the village having broken away, both on the Kirby Hill side and between Gayles and Dalton. MH shared about the website "Fix My Street".

Action: IG to meet with Councillor regarding overflowing gulleys and email residents encouraging us to use "Fix My Street".

Action: KS will supply to IG a helpful map of some of the various underground Springs.

Future Events

IG and LG intend to host another "Picnic in the Paddock" (BYOFood) to be held on a Sunday in July,

Action: IG to inform the parish of the date and time of the picnic.

Finances

The defibrillator pads will at some point need to be replaced, but there are sufficient funds earmarked for our use by the Dalton & Gayles Village Hall committee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Village Website

IG encouraged us to contribute any articles or old photographs to place on the website. KS will look out old maps and deeds of water extractions, etc.

Action: IG/KS

Date of Next Meeting:

Action: IG to notify Parish

Meeting ended 8:10 pm.