

**MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR LAVERTON PARISH
(INCLUDING DALLOWGILL) HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY APRIL 5 AT
7:30PM.**

The meeting was chaired by the Parish Council Chairperson Pippa Manson with minutes taken by the Parish Council Clerk. 7 members of the public were present.

Note: The meeting was held remotely using video conferencing methods in accordance with legislation which came into force on April 4, 2020 as set out in 'The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020'.

It was confirmed by the Chair that all persons attending could hear and be heard prior to commencement of the meeting.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly explaining the nature of the Annual Parish Meeting, stressing that it was not a Parish Council meeting, but effectively a residents' meeting. It involved the Parish Council Chair and Clerk as they were best placed to arrange it. Residents were invited to raise issues of community interest.

2. Discussion of items relevant to the Parish:

a) Provision of a defibrillator in the telephone box in Laverton

The Chair advised that a local resident has agreed to fund the defibrillator in memory of her husband. The Parish Council have agreed that a plaque could be placed on the Phone Box in his memory. A resident expressed concern that people would need to be trained to use the defibrillator in order for it to be fully effective. It was suggested that a training session be organised. A resident also asked that having an unlocked defibrillator be considered, due to the rural location. It was noted that the defibrillator battery would need to be checked regularly and the Parish Council would look for a volunteer to do this.

b) Items raised by Electors on the evening:

Footpaths

Concern was raised about footpaths and signage in the local area. Resident felt that some footpaths were not clearly marked making it difficult for visitors to stick to the paths. Residents advised that they have also made their own signs asking people to close gates etc. It was suggested that if the signs were official, people would be more inclined to follow them. Concerns about some broken stiles were also raised. The Chair explained that Cllr Floyd had taken on the lead role for footpaths in the Parish Council and he would be looking into the situation. The Chair confirmed that problems with paths could be reported to the Parish Council for referral to NYCC Footpaths Department.

Dallowgill Outdoor Centre

Residents discussed the new Outdoor Centre and how an improvement in signage of the surrounding footpaths would benefit the groups visiting the centre. It was suggested that photographs of some of the damage caused by the building works to roads and a bridge could be sent to Delta Academies Trust with a request they restore the damage caused. An offer to the Academy by a resident to provide educational resources about the local area had not yet been taken up. Residents raised their expectation that increased traffic and pedestrians from the outdoor centre would cause road safety issues.

Belford Lane (Drift Lane)

Residents raised concern that damage continues and drivers were not aware of the road closure to motorised vehicles. Signs have been placed by NYCC but people are either not seeing them or ignoring them.

Broadband

A resident in Dallowgill advised that this was an ongoing issue for the area, though hopefully connections would soon improve for their own property.

History Group

The history group had taken a break during the pandemic, but it was hoped that it would be re-established soon possibly with a focus on practical activities.

3. Close of meeting.

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 20.05pm.

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