

# DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018 at Dunston Village Hall.

Present; Parish Councillors; - Ms C Holden [chair] - Mr G Pliva -Mr J Richardson-Ms S Court

District Councillor-Mr L Bates [until 20.05]- County Councillor-Mr M Sutton

Clerk to the council; Mr D Jones-one member of the public.

Prior to council business, Mr McKinnon addressed the meeting about planning application 18/00472/OUT.

**01; Chairman's welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.40**

**02; Apologies had been received from;** Parish Councillors Mrs G Diggett & Mr J Bagnall.

**03; No interests were declared or dispensations requested by the councillors in any agenda items.**

**04; Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018;**

It was proposed by Councillor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Pliva that the minutes, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true record, with the following amendment.

*Item 11; should have included Councillor Richardson's complaints about work done on ditches adjoining his farm by AMEY, subcontractors to County Council Highways. The work involved cleaning out ditches which is his responsibility and not the County Council's, and despite complaints, no contact had yet been received from the County Council.*

**05; Report on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

Red Telephone box on Church Close, Dunston. The previous residents' meeting to discuss the phone box was cancelled, it was suggested that the meeting be rearranged for Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**06; Councillor Bates;**

The Planning Committee will consider the Turkey Farm application on 21st August. The meeting planned for 17<sup>th</sup> July was cancelled at short notice as new EU legislation had just been issued and the planning officer needed time to consider it.

He also intends to tackle Highways about various road issues in this and other parishes.

**07; Councillor Sutton;**

Thought that Councillor Richardson's problems regarding the ditches had been resolved, but as they obviously have not he will follow up.

The County Council are facing more financial pressure as the Revenue Support Grant from the government has gradually reduced by £240million over the last 9 years and will be zero by 2021.He will advise parishes in due course what services will have to be cut.

**08; Finance-** Payment of the following invoices was agreed;

Clerks salary & expenses	£- 230.297	cheque no-400029
PAYE	£- 50.60	cheque no-400030

**09; Planning Issues; no planning issues raised.**

**10; Highways and other matters;**

Councillor Holden raised the issue about the bridleway that runs from Bradley Lane, Hyde Lea into the Coppenhall parish area. This was diverted some years ago and the new bridleway is dangerous in places due to flooding. Work has been done by the County Council but this is unsatisfactory and they have promised to look at it again. Councillor Sutton promised to look into this and it also being pursued by Councillor Wilkes from Hyde Lea parish.

Report on finger/sign posts; Councillor Holden & Court identifies a number of these that require painting, repair or replacement [photos of these have been circulated via email]. The council agreed in principle but require details such as cost or type of replacement before a firm decision can be made.

Dog fouling in Dunston was again raised.

**11; Correspondence; the following has been received since the last meeting;**

**Via email**

- List of VCSE projects funded by South Staffs District Council
- Advice that new governance of Staffordshire Fire & Rescue service start on 3<sup>rd</sup> August.
- Council news Round Up; this is a weekly publication.
- August Crime prevention poster.
- Advice of Parish Summit on 28<sup>th</sup> September.
- Promoting the council lottery in local communities.
- Advice that the Community Council for Staffordshire closes on 31<sup>st</sup> August.
- An email received from a Coppenhall resident regarding broadband provision in the locality was read to the meeting. Councillor Court offered to contact the resident and discuss the issue.

**12; Clerks salary review.**

The council agreed to raise the clerk's salary to Spinal Column Point 25 effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

**The next meeting is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall village hall**

**Meeting ended at 21.05    Derek Jones clerk to the council  
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