

## DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 6th January 2009  
at HYDE LEA & COPPENHALL VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillor G Diggett Chairman, H S Jones, J K Bagnall, I O'Reilly, I Collard, J Richardson.  
in attendance Clerk: D W Wright

- 09.01 Apologies  
Apologies were received from District Councillors Graham Spandler, Isobel Ford and County Councillor V Downes
- 09.02 Declarations of Interest  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 09.03 Minutes  
The minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008 had been circulated previously. The minutes were amended as follows:  
08.73 add " as Councillor Richardson was not present, the Clerk would write directly to the Dunston Village Hal committee"  
08.76(b) add "It was determined that this was not Parish Council business"  
08.76(d) add "The parish council on donations was considered and it was identified that before it was raised at the AGM, it should be included as an agenda item for the Parish Council meeting."  
The amended minutes were then approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 09.04 Matters Arising
- a) 08.74 Information about the Xmas lights, and the Council vacancy had not yet appeared in Contact. Information has now been supplied to the Editor
  - b) 08.73 The Village Halls had erected trees with lights and appreciate the support of the Council.
  - c) Vacancy for Councillor . There had been no request for a bye-election. No candidates for co-option had yet come forward. The Parish Council's intention to co-opt was to be advertised in Contact and on the notice boards and website.
  - d) Action List.  
The council was not satisfied with the response of SSC on the enforcement actions at Drayton Manor Farm.  
No response on the telephone box. Further efforts to be made to get BT to respond  
Dogbins. Ask Environmental Officer for signs to display.  
School lane. Write to obtain an update of the programme of work for the resurfacing. Ask for a meeting to discuss the work and problems of flooding.
- 09.05 Parish Council policy.  
There was a length discussion on the way forward for the council and what purpose it might serve. It was felt that this needed to be properly discussed at a special parish council meeting with a single agenda item.  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council holds a further meeting on Wednesday 11 February at Dunston Village hall. The agenda to be limited to a discussion of the Parish Council and its policies and way forward.**
- 09.06 Chairman's report  
The Chairman had attended the Parish Summit. Presentations on Parish Plans and movement to Quality Council. Chris Reas of Advantage West Midlands had made a presentation on the problems of rural living, transport and isolation and how they were looking at ways of helping with this. Inspector Morris Arnutt of Staffordshire Police explained about the Police Community Support Officers. They were very proud of their work which was concerned with the problems of youth. The PCSO role is mainly in reporting crime. Chris Welch of the Community Council of Staffordshire talked about the provision of websites for parish councils, and grants for Village halls.. There was then a workshop on Regional Spatial Strategies. With the issue of planning permission there were often planning gains and the Parish councils should come up with a list of things they might want.

09.07 Finance.

a) The Accounts for the year to date were presented and approved. The bank balance was £ 3392.32. A small amount of bank interest £3.86 had been received.

b) Accounts for payment were presented.

Hyde lea & Coppenhall Village Hall	£ 14.00	500012
Clerk's salary (Dec -Jan)	£ 283.33	500013
Total	<u>£ 297.33</u>	

The Council approved the above accounts for payment and cheques will be signed later for the above. Cashbook balance £ 3070.99.

c) Risk Analysis

The bus shelter and notice boards were reported to be in a safe condition.

09.08 Planning:

Applications determined.

08/00978/FUL The Heathers, School Lane, Dunston. Single storey side extension, loft conversion and convert flat roof to pitch and erection of wind turbine. Approved

Applications being considered

08/01097/FUL Church Farm Church Lane Coppenhall Cattle building

08/01141/FUL Oddacre, Stoney Lane Dunston Heath First floor extension

08/01142/COU Heath Farm Cottage Whittamoor Lane Levedale.  
Convert existing outbuilding and double garage into single dwelling

08/01161/COU Food kiosk Wolverhampton Road Dunston  
This is an application to legalise an existing mobile kiosk in a layby on the A449. The Council had previously asked for enforcement action and has objected to this application.

09.09 Communication.

The vacancy for a councillor for the Dunston ward will be further publicised.

09.10 Precept

a) A budget for expenditure in 2009/110 was presented for discussion. The planned total was £5626, an increase from £4300 in the current year, some of which would be funded from reserves. After some discussion on the level of reserves it was agreed that the precept should remain unchanged.

**Resolved: That Dunston with Coppenhall Parish Council sets a precept of £3570 for 2009/2010.**

09.11 Correspondence

*Staffordshire County Council*  
Winter gritting, Inter-Parish games  
*South Staffordshire Council*  
Locality Working. Invite to next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
Liasion Group Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> Feb  
*British Conservation Trust Volunteers.* Two for one offer

The Council noted the correspondence.

09.12 Matters raised by Members

- a) Parking on Railway bridge at Dunston is blocking traffic. Request for Grit Bins at Chase Lane in Hyde Lea. Raise with SCC Highways.
- b) Projects for the future to be included as a separate Agenda item for the next meeting.

09.13 Meeting Dates:

The Council considered the future meeting dates. A change to the first Monday of a month for meetings at Hyde Lea and the first Thursday for meetings at Dunston was agreed. The Annual Assembly will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> of April to avoid the 4<sup>th</sup> May, a Bank Holiday

09.14 Next Meeting: **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009** at Dunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

09.15 The March meeting is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at Dunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 10.05pm.