

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 14th May 2015 at Dunston Village Hall.

The meeting followed on from the Annual Parish assembly and started at 20.05 hrs.

Present;

Parish Councillors;-Mrs G Diggett [chair]-Mrs H Jones-Mr P Thompson-Mr J Bagnall-Mr G Pliva-Mr J Richardson-Mr I Collard

Clerk to the council; Mr D Jones; There were no members of the public in attendance.

01/ Councillor Diggett opened the meeting and accepted apologies from District Councillor L Bates and County Councillor M Sutton who had to leave immediately after the parish assembly.

02/ The council agreed unanimously that the following be co-opted as councillors to fill the vacancies. Mr I Collard, Mr P Thompson & Mr J Richardson. All completed the required Acceptance of Office Declaration.

03/Councillor I Collard was elected unanimously as Deputy-Chair.

04/Representatives on the village hall committees.

It was agreed that although some councillors sat on village hall committees they did not represent the parish council as formal nominates

05/No declarations of interests made or dispensations required.

06/Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 2nd February 2015

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

07/ Report on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Junction 13; clerk had contacted the Highways agency who had cleared the litter from around the junction, but the problem is ongoing.

Chase View lane. Confirmed that there are HGV warning signs at either end of the road.

Bus shelter. Has been cleaned out and clerk has asked insurance company to include on the council assets.

08/ Finance-

A] Payment of the following invoices was agreed

Came & Co [insurance premium]	£265.00	cheque no 500125
J Bagnall [domain renewal]	£19.16	cheque no 500126
C Heelis [audit fees]	£15.00	cheque no 500127
SPCA [annual membership]	£177.00	cheque no 500128
Clerks salary & expenses	£227.53	cheque no 500129
PAYE	£49.60	cheque no 500130
Insurance premium	£251.75	cheque no 500112

B] The Annual Accounts for the year ended 31/03 2015 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were accepted unanimously

C] The Annual Governance Statement; a copy of parts 1 & 2 was circulated to the councillors and the clerk explained the background and purpose of this form. It was accepted by the meeting and signed by the chairman.

09/ Highways and other matters;

Managed motorway from J13 to J 15; clerk reported that he had been contacted by an agent acting for the Highways Agency who has been tasked with contacting landowners whose land adjoins the M6 between these junctions as a prelude to the eventual work.

Footpath diversion Coppenhall; Councillor Jones explained the long ongoing saga of the attempt to divert footpaths in the village. Unfortunately the action has been held up by one resident who has objected.

Coppenhall; it was confirmed that the 30 mph signs have been moved. Thanks to Councillor Sutton for his help in this matter.

Coppenhall; Chase View Lane the remedial work on the road will be done eventually once funds are available.

Coppenhall; Litter/dog fouling is again an issue.

Dunston; there is a wall in dangerous condition

10/ Planning-

The following applications had been received since the last meeting;

15/00143/FUL .Eyton House, School Lane, Dunston-single storey rear extension with balcony /terrace with access from dwelling plus new windows and front porch along with front facing dormer window.

15/00205/FUL; The Heathers, School Lane, Dunston-conversion of flat to pitched roof.

15/00314/FUL; The Lane House, The Lane, Coppenhall-alterations and 2 storey rear extension to provide store & dressing room.

Clerk reported that this had appeared on the weekly list of planning applications from the District Council but nothing further had been sent. He will investigate further.

11/ Communication/correspondence;

Clerk gave details of recent correspondence and emails received.

- Police information relating to incidents of note from 3rd February to 12th May was read to the meeting.
- Telephone box; clerk reported that he had received communication from BT asking if the community wished to purchase the telephone box in Dunston. He was asked to find out more details and report to the August meeting.
- Came & Co [insurance brokers]; spring 2015 news letter
- SPCA; spring 2015 journal
- South Staffs Citizens advice bureau request for a donation.
- Friends of Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Archive Service [FoSSA] is a registered charity raising funds to enable the digitisation of the tithe maps of parishes held at the Lichfield record office. A request for sponsorship.
- Police & Crime Commissioner's people power fund; letter from Matthew Ellis outlining the fund and inviting applications.

12/ Parish Council future issues.

The councillors addressed various matters that would effect to council during the coming year;

It was agreed that Councillor Bagnall would prepare a parish newsletter and also a double sided notice with "Trick or Treat /No Callers" shown for display by residents. He will send out a draft for comment. The council will then organise printing and distribution before the end of October.

Councillor Bates explained at the February meeting that grants were available for local initiatives.

This was discussed at length but due to the demographics of the parish and the scattered community it was very difficult to decide on a suitable project. Councillor Jones gave two examples of ideas at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall. The provision of play equipment for children was suggested by vetoed by the committee. Also a bench was suggested which will be provided by a local resident. The councillors decided that although nothing was apparent at present they would keep the matter in mind for any suggestions from the residents.

Dunston notice board; is currently in a poor state a new one needed. Clerk asked to investigate and report to the August meeting.

13/ Dates of next meetings; the following dates and venues have been agreed.

August 3rd 2015-to be held at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall

November 5th 2015 to be held at Dunston Village Hall.

Meeting ended 22.00hrs

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