

DUNSTON WITH COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th May 2016 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village hall. This meeting followed the Annual Parish Assembly and started at 20.00 hrs.

Present;

Parish councillors – Mrs G Diggett [chair]-Mrs H Jones-Mr J Bagnall-Mr J Richardson- Mr G Pliva- Mr P Thompson- Mr I Collard {deputy-chair}.

Clerk to the council- Mr D Jones. There was one member of the public present.

01; Councillor Diggett was elected unanimously as chairman, and duly signed the Declaration of Office.

02; Apologies had been accepted from; County Councillor-Mr M Sutton & District Councillor- Mr L Bates

03; No interests were declared or dispensations requested by the councillors in relation to any agenda item.

04; Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 4th February 2016;

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were agreed and signed as a true record with the following amendments.

Item 10-Planning Application relating to Whitegates, Coppenhall should have read “the Coppenhall councillors raised no objections”.

Item 12-Correspondence-last paragraph, Huntingdon should have read Huntington.

05; Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the minutes;

Wall adjacent to main road in Dunston-it was established that the owner of the property is Mr Mark Holt, who was contacted but has not as yet responded.

Signpost School Lane/Long lane junction. The two residents who replaced the signpost were written to and thanked on behalf of the parish council & residents.

Footpath diversion orders in respect of Footpath No 14[part] and Footpath No 6[part] & Public Bridleway No 7 Coppenhall parish and Public Bridleway No 28 Castle Church parish have been published and advertised in the local press.

06; Finance;

A; Approval was given for payment of the following invoices-

C Heelis[audit fees]	£15.00-	cheque No 00142
SPCA [annual membership]	£178.00-	cheque No 00143
Came & Co[insurance premium]	£273.75-	cheque No 00144
Dunston Village Hall[annual fee]	£50.00-	cheque No 00145
Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall[annual fee]	£50.00-	cheque No 00146
Clerks salary & expenses-	£227.99-	cheque No 00147
PAYE-	£49.60-	cheque No 00148

B; Annual accounts; the accounts for the year ended 31/03/2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were accepted unanimously.

C; Annual governance statement; copies were distributed to the councillors and the clerk explained the purpose of the document. It was accepted by the council and signed by the chairman.

07; Planning;

Proposed development in Dunston village was discussed. Concern was expressed that a member of the public obtained the information .A matter the parish council was not aware of. To date there have been no further developments but the matter will be kept in hand.

08; Highways;

Fly tipping; is a major concern and various solutions were discussed. It was agreed that John Littleton, from the District Council, be approached for an outline of the formal policy on this problem so that it can be publicised within the parish. It was also suggested that a sign and dummy CCTV cameras be positioned in one hot spot to deter offenders.

Managed motorway; Highways England have advised that the scheme from J13 to J15 of the M6 will start in early 2016 with a finishing date 2019/20.

09; Correspondence;

By email -

The District Council is to encourage parishes to remove unauthorised signage /fly posting in their own area. This follows on from the spraying of dog signs & similar initiatives. This was sent by Lucy Macdonald who will attend parish council meetings if required.

The District Council are to undertake a review of litter bin provision and will look to remove those they consider underused.

The County Council is reviewing the provision of Highways assistance to parishes and other local area. The role of Neighbourhood Highway Teams will be reviewed next year and they are looking for local communities to take some initiative in carrying out work in their local area.

10; Matters raised by members for information;

Chase View Lane; a resident has asked for the 30mph sign to be moved ; after a brief discussion it was decided no further action was justified.

Broadband speed in Dunston; Councillor Pliva complained about the speed or lack of speed in the village broadband.

The problem of Identity theft was discussed. This is a frequent crime and residents are advised to dispose of personal documents carefully and inform the police as soon as they are aware of a problem.

Next meeting is on Thursday 4th August 2016 at Dunston Village Hall;

Meeting ended at 21.45hrs.

NB; since the meeting further information from Highways England regarding the start date of the managed motorway scheme.

Full details on www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects/m6-junction-13-to-junction-15-smart-motorways