

# *DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL*

## **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Dunston Village Hall.**

**Present;** Parish Councillors; - Mrs G Diggett [chair]-Mrs H Jones-Mr J Bagnall-  
Mr J Richardson- Mr G Pliva.  
County Councillor; Mr M Sutton; [left after item 08]  
District Councillor; Mr L Bates. [left after item 07]  
Clerk to the council; Mr D Jones

**There were no members of the public in attendance.**

**01/ Chairman's welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.30**

**02/Apologies had been received from;** Parish Councillors; Mr I Collard & Mr P Thompson.

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

**04/Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015.**

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true record with the following amendment-paragraph 11 item 4- the drainage problems are in Oliver Bank and not Old Vicarage Lane.

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

Dunston Notice board; clerk had approached Mr W Holmes, who has provided notice boards in the Seighford Parish area, for a quotation. His specification and quotation of £280.00 was accepted by the council.

**06/ Chairman's report;**

Councillor Diggett thanked Councillor Bagnall for his work in preparing the newsletter and also thanked the other councillors who helped with the distribution.

**07/ Councillor Bates reported as follows;**

Discussions have been ongoing recently among various West Midland authorities, including Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Cannock Chase District on the feasibility of creating a large Metropolitan Council. South Staffordshire has decided not to join mainly to protect green belt land from housing developments.

**08/ Councillor Sutton reported as follows;**

- Gulleys on Oliver Bank; have been cleaned out and the situation will be monitored. If any problems occur please let him know.
- Trees adjacent to Junction 13, which are in Acton Trussell parish, require cutting but this will have to be done by specialist contractors.
- Wall adjacent to the main road in Dunston has been examined by Highways who have concluded that it is not a Highway problem.
- Yellow Lines on School Lane, Dunston would require a traffic order to implement which is quiet an involved process. Only so many of these can be actioned during a financial year so matters will have to remain and be monitored for now.

The meeting wished to put on record their appreciation of Councillor Sutton's help to the parish council with various issues that have arisen over the past years.

## **09/ Finance-**

A] Payment of the following invoices was agreed;

Printing of newsletter	£85.75	cheque no-500135
PAYE	£49.60-	cheque no-500136
Clerks salary & expenses	£214.51-	cheque no-500137
First Responders [grant]	£100.00-	cheque no-500138

B] The Parish Council bank account balance at 31/10/2015 stood at £5933.36.

C] Precept; the council agreed to request a precept of £2500 for 2016/7, the same as for the current financial year.

## **10/ Planning;**

The letter from South Staffs District Council regarding planning restrictions on temporary signage was discussed. Councillors Collards response was praised but no further comment has yet been received from the District Council.

Planning applications received since the last meeting as follows;

- 15/00808/FUL-8 Chase View Lane ,Coppenhall
- 15/00768/FUL-Diamond Cottage, Stoney lane, Dunston Heath.
- 15/00370/LBC-Hay House Farm, Whittamoor Lane, Levedale.
- 15/00700/FUL-Dunston Heath Farm, Long Lane, Dunston Heath.
- 15/00469/FUL-Dunston Business Village; Penkridge Parish Council invited us to comment on this.

## **11/ Highways and other matters;**

- Footpath in Coppenhall; Councillor Jones reported that one objections was still extant but the two landowners concerned were in agreement, the Rights of Way Officer was dealing and hopefully the matter will be concluded shortly.
- Ice buster initiative; details of the scheme were explained.

## **12/Correspondence; the following has been received since the last meeting-[all via email]**

South Staffs District Council; Dog stencil spraying  
Enforcement policy consultation  
Cycling initiative sponsored by the Health& Wellbeing Department.  
The Good Life South Staffordshire, promotional material.

Codsall community Arts Festival-March 2016

Staffordshire County Council; Countryside Estate review; feedback invited.  
Highway Winter Operations, roads covered by gritting can be found on  
[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/winter](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/winter)

Crime statistics were read to the meeting and will be circulated separately.

Also promotional material had been received via surface mail from The Good Life South Staffordshire.

## **13/ Matters raised by members for information;**

Councillor Jones explained the purchase of land in Coppenhall which backed onto her and neighbours houses and also a field adjacent to the church. The church intend to use part of the field for car parking, the other land was purchased to retain the view from the rear of the houses.

## **14/Next year's meeting dates & venues were agreed as follows [all meetings to start at 19.30hrs];**

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2016 –	Dunston Village Hall.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2016-	Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall [AGM & Public meeting].
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2016-	Dunston Village Hall
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2016-	Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall.

**Meeting ended at 21.25;**

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