

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th November 2018 at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall.

Present; Parish Councillors; - Mrs G Diggett [chair] – Ms C Holden- Mr G Pliva-Mr J Bagnall- Mr J Richardson-

County Councillor; Mr M Sutton

Clerk to the council; Mr D Jones.

01; Chairman's welcomed those present and the meeting started at 19.30.

Councillor Diggett thanked the councillors for delivering leaflets and attending the extraordinary meeting about the West Midland Interchange, but was disappointed at the low turnout from the residents. The turkey farm planning application had been approved despite strong local protests and she thanked Councillor Bates for his support. She also pointed out that a large number of residents were extremely disappointed and upset with Councillor Ford for her support of the project.

02; Apologies had been received from; Parish Councillor Ms S Court & District Councillor Mr L Bates.

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

04; Minutes of the parish council meeting held on 2nd August 2018;

Proposed by Councillor Bagnall and seconded by Councillor Richardson, the minutes, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true record

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

The red phone box at Church Close, Dunston; A further meeting had been called for the residents to discuss the adoption and refurbishment of the phone box, but non turned up. To take the project further it was proposed that the Dunstonians circulate a letter to stimulate local interest.

06; Councillor Sutton;

Again, explained that the County faced a shortfall of £35 million in spending for the next financial year, with the revenue support grant eventually disappearing. The social care budget has risen from £200 million per annum 10 years ago to £350 million currently. The Chancellors recent budget has promised some financial assistance to local authorities but no time scale has been confirmed. The County are currently deciding which services they can cut to balance their books, but this will mean more maintenance and other work being passed to local communities. He promised to advise us further when decisions had been made.

07; Finance- A; Payment of the following invoices was agreed;

SPCA-	£35.00 - Cheque No 400031
Hyde Lea Village Hall -	£50.00 - Cheque No 400032
D M Payroll Services-	£30.00 - Cheque No 400033
Clerks salary & expenses-	£370.67-Cheque no-400034
PAYE -	£86.00 - Cheque No 400036

B; Precept for 2018/9-

It was agreed, after a lengthy discussion, to keep the precept at the same level as the current year; i.e.£2500.

08; Highways and other matters;

Dog fouling is an ongoing problem and was discussed at length. The dark evenings make the problem worse so it was agreed to request items from the District Council to see if some progress could be made. It was noted that the neighbouring parish, Hyde Lea, are embarking on a campaign with input from Stafford Borough Council

Repair to parish signposts; it was agreed to go ahead with repair/replacement to some of the signs. Councillor Diggett agreed to research suppliers and contractors who could help.

It was pointed out that the speed limit in Dunston village needs extending due to some flagrant breeches of the 30mph limit.

09; Correspondence; the following has been received since the last meeting;

Via email;

- South Staffs District Council; Offer of dog fouling leaflets etc.
- Summary of services provided by Streetscene.
- Advice of Partnership event planned for 9th November
- South Staffs Work Clubs- letter outlining their operation.

Via surface mail;

- South Staffs District Council- Street homelessness survey to be undertaken on 7th November.
- South Staffs Local Plan review; issues & options consultation [this is a quite bulky set of documents.]

10; Councillor Diggett explained the council's policy on planning applications which were revised following the issues raised with the application for the church car park, and advice given by David Pattinson the legal officer of South Staffs council. However, when comments were made about the bungalow application on Old Hall Lane by individual councillors the issue was raised again.

To consider number of parish council meetings; we currently have 4 meeting per annum which was agreed some time ago. However bi monthly meetings would enable planning applications to be considered at a full council meeting and encourage shorter meetings. Clerk explained that Hyde Lea parish meetings lasted from 7.30pm to 9pm which was sufficient to conduct council business.

The issue to be discussed at the February meeting.

The dates for next year's meeting were agreed as follows;

MONDAY 4th FEBRUARY- Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall-start 19.30

ELECTION MAY 2nd

THURSDAY 9th MAY-Dunston Village Hall [AGM & Annual parish meeting]-start 19.30

MONDAY 5th AUGUST-Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall- start 19.30

THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER- Dunston Village Hall-start 19.30.

Meeting Ended 2155; Derek Jones clerk to the council

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