

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 2nd September 2008
at DUNSTON VILLAGE HALL

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

08.55 Apologies
Apologies were received from District Councillors Graham Spandler, Isobel Ford and County Councillor Veronica Downes.

08.56 Declarations of Interest
J Richardson declared an interest in the Planters. The District Council had asked that members review their declarations in the Register of Interest to ensure that they were up to date. The District Council now investigates complaints and not the Standards Board.

08.57 Minutes
The minutes of 1st July 2008 had been circulated previously.
The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

08.58 Matters Arising

- Planters: John Richardson had put one on site but did not think they looked right. Comments suggested that the public did not think they looked rural. After discussion the Council decided not to proceed with the planters at this time.
- Highways. There had been a forum on 15th July to explain the new Community gang maintenance system. P Lawrence reported that t Clarence receives 14000 calls per annum. There is an allowance of only £1.4 million for the whole of the County. V Downes had asked for a meeting schedule and that councils be given enough warning of the Community Gangs arrival instead of only 2 days notice of arrival.
- Work in progress. A short worksheet was presented of outstanding items. Additional items were added by the Council and an updated copy will be issued with the agenda for each meeting

08.59 Chairman's report
The owner of the Heathers having originally consulted the Planning Officer before submitting his application, had been disappointed with the planning department response to his application.. The refusal of planning permission for extensions at OddAcre, Stoney Lane, Dunston Heath had been upheld on appeal by the Planning Inspector.

08.60 Finance.

a) The Accounts for the year to date were presented and approved. The bank balance was £ 2,224.70. A small amount of bank interest £4.93 had been received.

b) Accounts for payment were presented.

Clerk's salary (Aug-Sept)	£ 283.33	500008
Dunston Village Hall	<u>£ 10.00</u>	500007
Total	<u>£ 293.33</u>	

The Council approved the above accounts for payment and cheques will be signed later for the above. Cashbook balance £ 1,931.37.

c) Donations.
Dunstonians had written requesting support for assistance with the purchase of a small gazebo for use in their outdoor events. The Council considered that this could be beneficial for the local community. It was resolved that up to £100 could be available but the Council would look sympathetically at a case for more.
The possibility of providing Xmas trees and lights at the two village halls was discussed. This will be added to the next agenda but enquiries will be made to the Village Hall committees to determine if this is acceptable.

d) Risk Analysis

The bus shelter and notice boards were reported to be in a safe condition. Letters had been written to the Highways Department about overhanging vegetation at the end of School Lane and about dead trees as noted in the last minutes.

08.61 Planning:

Applications determined.

08/00576/FUL 6 Beech Lane, Coppenhall, Erection of 2m high close-boarded fence.
- Approved

08/00606/FUL Coppenhall Barn, Church Lane, Coppenhall. Two rooflights on north elevation
-Approved

08/00676/FUL Dolcoath House 2 Chase View Lane, Coppenhall. Two storey side extension and conversion of flat roofs to pitched roofs
-Approved

Applications pending.

08/00635/FUL The Heathers, School Lane, Dunston. Single storey side extension, loft conversion and convert flat roof to pitch and erection of wind turbine. This application was withdrawn but will be resubmitted.

08/00819/FUL Peel House, School Lane, Dunston. Proposed new build house. The Council is concerned about the access.

08/00839/FUL Bryher, Bigwood Lane, Coppenhall Ancillary annex accommodation. The Council is supportive of this application due to the Applicants special circumstances but requires that the accommodation is demolished once those circumstances cease.

08/00893/FUL The Toft Barn, Levedale Road, Levedale. Modification of existing driveway with new walls and gates.

08/00898/FUL Dunston Dairy Farm, Wolverhampton Road, Dunston Modification to existing cattle building.

The Council reviewed the plans and agreed that they had no comment to make.

08.62 Communication.

Information should be put in Contact about the activities of the Council, including proposed Xmas lights, Telephone box, donation for bunting. As November , some thing about the sensible use of fireworks should be added to the website.

08.63 Correspondence.

a) Correspondence was presented from:

Community Council

Request for details of Church magazines and websites

AGM 25th Sept, News & Views no 3

Environment Agency – Focus newsletter

Staffordshire County Council

Local development framework

E-consultation

South Staffordshire Council

Open space audit

Members Code of Conduct –Register of interests

South Staffs NHS Primary Care Trust - AGM

Staffs Parish Councils Association -Newsletter & AGM

The Council noted the correspondence.

08.64 Matters raised by Members

a) Bonfire nuisance

08.65 Next Meeting: **Tuesday 4th November 2008** at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 9.40pm.