

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Tuesday 4th November 2008
at HYDE LEA & COPPENHALL VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillor G Diggett Chairman, H S Jones, J K Bagnall, I O'Reilly, I Collard,
County Councillor V Downes. in attendance Clerk: D W Wright

08.66 Apologies
Apologies were received from District Councillors Graham Spandler, Isobel Ford and Councillor J Richardson.

08.67 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.

08.68 Minutes
The minutes of 2nd September 2008 had been circulated previously. The minutes were amended as follows:
08.56 delete "*there was an allowance of £1.4 million for the County*"
08.61 add "*there was an extended discussion about the mobile snack bar in the A449 layby*"
The amended minutes were then approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

08.69 Matters Arising
No matters arising.

08.70 Chairman's report
Councillor Peter Lawrence had written to the Chairman tendering his resignation. She had attended a meeting of the Local Partnership, where interesting presentations were given on health care and alternative transport provision. Schemes involving travel in minibuses and taxis for fixed fees were illustrated. The Councillors expressed their appreciation of the long service of Peter Lawrence, a former chairman, and asked the Chairman to write a letter of thanks.

08.71 Finance.

- a) The Accounts for the year to date were presented and approved. The second instalment of the precept had been received. The bank balance was £ 4013.87. A small amount of bank interest £4.17 had been received.
- b) The Audit report from the Audit Commission was presented. There were no comments raised by the Audit.
- c) Accounts for payment were presented.

Dunston Village Hall	£ 14.00	500009
Clerk's salary (Oct -Nov)	£ 283.33	500010
Audit Commission fee	<u>£ 58.75</u>	500011
Total	<u>£ 366.08</u>	

The Council approved the above accounts for payment and cheques will be signed later for the above. Cashbook balance £ 3364.46.

- d) Items for inclusion in budget.
The provision of bunting and gazebos was noted. It was suggested that the council might provide some funding for administration of a loan facility for equipment.
- e) Bank Signatories
Following the resignation of Councillor Lawrence, only two of the current signatories remain as councillors. After discussion it was agreed to appoint as signatories, five existing councillors and removes the retired councillors.
Resolved: that the Council appoints as signatories for the bank account held at the Cooperative Bank the following: H S Jones, G Diggett, J Richardson, I O'Reilly, I Collard and removes J Hitchenor, D Starrs, P Lawrence as signatories.

f) Risk Analysis

The bus shelter and notice boards were reported to be in a safe condition.

08.72 Planning:

Applications determined.

08/00907/FUL The Toft Barn, Levedale Road, Levedale. Detached garage with storage area. - Approved
08/00922/FUL Coppenhall Barn, Church Lane, Coppenhall. Erect a detached three-bedroom dormer bungalow - Refused
08/00819/FUL Peel House, School Lane, Dunston, Erection of dwelling - Approved
08/00839/FUL Bryher, Bigwood Lane, Coppenhall. Ancillary annex accommodation - Approved
08/00539/FUL Dunston Heath Farm, Long Lane, Dunston, Increase in caravan site capacity from 5 vans to 10 -Approved

Applications pending.

08/00978/FUL The Heathers, School Lane, Dunston. Single storey side extension, loft conversion and convert flat roof to pitch and erection of wind turbine.

The Council was concerned about delays in enforcement of planning refusals. Clerk to raise the continuation of Debs Diner although permission had been refused. Letters to be copied to District Councillors and Chair of Planning Committee. A summary of the planning conditions associated with the development at Coppenhall Barns had been made for consideration by neighbours. The Council noted the approval of additional caravans for Application 08/00539 and will monitor any non-holiday use.

08.73 Action list

An action list had been prepared by the Clerk to allow monitoring of outstanding matters.

Daffodil bulbs had been collected from South Staffordshire Council and delivered to Councillors for distribution.

There had been no response on the telephone box in Church Close. The Council felt that they would want to retain the box even if it was no longer functional.

The environmental officer had visited Coppenhall to investigate dog-fouling. Nobody had been caught but the Officer offered signs for fitting to metal street furniture. The Council decided that it did not want a dog-bin at this time but would monitor the situation.

The islands on the A449 are still a concern in fog and Highways will be reminded that they had proposed to use better reflective material.

Following discussion with village halls it was agreed that the Parish Council would provide funding for an external Christmas tree and lights for both village halls. A sum up to £200 would be provided for each Village hall.

Resolved: .that the Council considers that the expenditure under S137 is commensurate with the benefit and is in the interest of the some or all of the members of the parish.

Following consultation the Clerk had written to Staffordshire County Council supporting Hatherton Parish Council opposition to the proposed Incinerator at Four Ashes.

08.74 Communication.

Warnings on fireworks and links to Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall have been added to the website. Information will be put in Contact about the activities of the Council, including Xmas lights, Telephone box, donations for bunting. The vacancy for a councillor for the Dunston ward will be added.

08.75 Correspondence.

a) Correspondence was presented from:

South Staffordshire Sports Council
Inter-Parish game presentation evening AGM
South Staffordshire Council
Draft Open space strategy
Regional Spatial Strategy Phase 2 Consultation presentation

Consultations on planning applications
– *This Council still wishes to receive hard copies of the planning documents .*
Information Commissioners Office
Model Publication Scheme
Stafford Borough Council
Sport & Recreation Facilities Strategies –PPG17 Assessment -Consultation

The Council noted the correspondence.

08.76 Matters raised by Members

- a) Coppenhall residents were concerned by state of Chase Lane. This had been reported to Clarence
- b) There had been complaints by residents about the parking on the road outside the Grammar School causing a major traffic hazard and risk of collisions. Councillor Jones had written to the police
- c) Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall would shortly have its AGM and there were vacancies for Parish Council representation.

08.77 Meeting Dates:

The Council considered the future meeting dates. A possible change to either the first Mondays or Thursday for meetings at Hyde Lea and Dunston was discussed but will be confirmed at the next meeting. The Council would like to be able to have the District Councillors attend.

08.78 Next Meeting: **Tuesday 6th January 2009** at Hyde Lea & Coppenhall Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 10.10pm.