

DUNSTON with COPPENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Thursday 12th November 2009
at DUNSTON VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillor G Diggett (Chairman), H S Jones, I Collard, J Richardson, J Bagnall

09.69 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs I O'Reilly (absent for business reasons)

09.70 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

09.71 Minutes

The minutes of 7th September 2009 had been circulated previously. The minutes were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

09.72 Matters arising

- a) Dogbins. There had been no negative reaction to the provision of signs and bins
- b) Telephone box. An application had been made to adopt the box.
- c) Vacancy for a Councillor. No one had yet applied but one possibility being explored. Cllr J Bagnall that he intended to retire at earliest opportunity due to increased workload.
- d) Purchase of Brush Cutter. £120 grant received. Discuss purchase and arrangements for use at next meeting
- e) Highway access of Hyde Bank. No follow up response from Highways Dept. They have asked Holts to establish ownership of the land. Write again.
- f) Action List.

09.73 Chairmans report

The Chairman had been to the Transport Meeting with South Staffs Council. They had explained how they brought in new transport systems. Considering minibuses for rural areas rather than dial up rides. South Staffs will conduct surveys on volunteer car systems and other alternative methods of providing rural transport. A presentation had been made of the Locality profile.

09.74 Finance

- a) The Audit Commission had completed the Audit and the return was presented to the Council. There was no matters of concern.
- b) The Accounts for the year to date were presented and approved. The bank balance was £4258.02.
- c) Accounts for payment were presented.

Audit Commission Fee	£ 57.50	500025
Dunston Village Hall rent	£ 10.00	500026
Clerk's salary (Oct-Nov)	<u>£ 283.33</u>	500027
Total	<u>£ 350.83</u>	

The Council approved the above accounts for payment and cheques were signed for the above. Cashbook balance £ 3907.19.

A revised bank mandate had now come into force.

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- d) Donations. A letter had been received from St Leonard's Church, Dunston in respect of an application for a donation towards the construction of a new notice board. The budgeted cost of £ 2000 was considered excessive by the Council and it was suggested that a repair or more realistic expenditure should be considered. The Council decline to support this application at this time.

- e) The provision of a replacement bench at Dunston Village Hall was discussed. The Council is willing to support this but wished to do so in memory of two long serving councillors, J Hitchener and P Lawrence who both died earlier this year. The Clerk will write to the Village Hall to explore adding a plaque to a suitable bench and providing £100 assistance for provision of this replacement bench.
- f) Risk. The bus shelter and notice boards are satisfactory.
Noted that the wall at Dunston Hall is falling onto roadway. Report this to Clarence. The block paving around the bandstand in Church Close is uneven and Grounds Maintenance will be notified.

09.75 Planning

Applications determined.

09/00635/LBC St Lawrence Church Listed building consent for storage shed.
Approved

Applications pending.

09/00823/FUL St Lawrence Church Construction of wooden shed.

09.76 Communication

It was suggested that further information should be put in Contact including: Dunston railway bridge notices, Supply of daffodil bulbs, Donation towards shed for Church, Bench for Dunston, Vacancy for a Councillor, Adoption of telephone box and the Dog bins and signs.
A calendar of future meetings will be prepared and circulated.

09.77 Correspondence

South Staffordshire Local Strategic Partnership - Locality Member Forums
South Staffordshire NHS Primary Trust - Annual Report 2008/9
South Staffordshire Council - Gypsies, Travellers, and Travelling ShowPeople
 Draft Interim Policy Statement
 'Your Community' Newsletter
 Easter 2010 'Sussed' Children's Activities 2010
 Pest Control Service

Acme Tree Services - Tree and ground maintenance
Wicksteed Leisure - Play equipment

The Council noted the correspondence.

09.78 Matters raised by Members

- a) Coppenhall House development. Concern that there may be inadequate spaces for car parking leading to parking on the roadway. Investigate whether an application for a restriction on overnight highway parking is possible and whether there may be undesired side effects elsewhere along the road in Coppenhall.
- b) The questionnaire and future activities of the Parish Council should be added to the agenda and discussed at the next meeting.

09.79 The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th January at Dunston Village Hall at 7.30pm.
This meeting will consider and approve the Precept request for 2010/11

The meeting was closed at 9.45 pm