

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT WITH RAGNALL, DARLTON AND FLEDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th January 2000 at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors R Spink (Chairman), G Ashton, M Barden, N Bett, S Cobb, D Copley, D East, C Gaisford, R Gourley, B Grimes, P Lyon, M Matthews, G Saville, I Sharpe and District Cllr D Yates.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllr I Atkinson and County Cllr J Hemsall.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 6th December were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Matthews and **Seconded** by Cllr Bett.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Accidents:** Two incidents on Low Street.
 - b) **Criminal Acts:** Car broken into at Bridge Inn Car Park.
 - c) **Highways – A57:** No matters raised.

Cllr S Cobb arrived at 7.07 p.m.

- d) **Highways – Parish Laneham Road** - Fiona Jones MP has advised that she will follow up our request, for a 30mph speed restriction, with NCC. **Old NCC Depot** - Clerk has obtained a list of approved contractors for the removal of asbestos. It was proposed that NCC be contacted about covering the costs for this.
- e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** Cllr Gaisford declared an interest. Cllr Gaisford had received a letter from Jonathan Woods thanking him for his services over the year and advising of an open day due to be held on 4th March.
- f) **Land at The Green:** Letter from NCC advising that they have no objection to the planting of a hedge with the following conditions: the hedge must be quickthorn, there is sufficient room between the hedge and Mr Whate's fence to allow maintenance to the fence, Statutory Undertakers are contacted to ascertain if any of their equipment is present in the verge, the Parish Council undertakes responsibility for maintaining the hedge and no cost is involved to NCC. The Parish Council would like to see the hedge planted along the boundary line and NCC is to be advised of this. No objections were made to the other conditions. Cllr Hemsall has advised that hedging plants are no longer available to us from NCC.

Cllr M Barden arrived at 7.15 p.m.

- g) **Parish Council Land** - Cllr L Sharpe declared an interest. Mr Geoffrey Ball, of Shuldharn Calverley, kindly attended the meeting and addressed members. We were advised that the situation is very complicated because the land is let to a limited company and a written tenancy agreement was never drawn up. A value of approximately

£1,500 was placed on the land without vacant possession and between £5,000 - £6,000 with vacant possession. It was proposed by Cllr Gaisford and seconded by Cllr Matthews that the rent be increased to £50. The Clerk is to write to Coopers Ltd to ask for clarification on the sub-letting of the land.

- h) **Best Kept Village Award** – After some discussion it was agreed that Dunham should enter the competition this year.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- (i) **Dunham** – Cockett's Hill needs sweeping. Gully on The Green still overflows. Pothole on The Green to be reported.
(ii) **Ragnall** – Streetlight No. 20 on all day. Flooding problems are being dealt with by NCC.

5. **Planning Matters:**

- a) **Notice of Appeal** – Cobb Erect dwelling and construct new access on land adjacent Kirkside, Broadgate, Darlton.
b) **Appeal Decision** – Executors of Mrs E Riggall Outline Planning to erect dwelling at Mon Abri, Upper Row. **Appeal Allowed.**
c) **Change of Property Name** – Request received to change the name of the property "Kipps Court" to "Whimpton House". **No objections.**

6. **Correspondence:**

BDC – D R Pressley, Chair of Planning. Request for dates of future meetings.

NCC – Parish Liaison Meetings future dates.

NCC – Highways Briefings.

National Spring Clean Week – To take place from 1st – 8th April. This year will be the 10th anniversary of the scheme.

Periodic Electoral Review – Draft Recommendations. Comments to be sent by 20th February

7. **Financial Matters:**

- a) **Balance of Accounts**
Current account - £3,257.95 Deposit account - £4,914.89
b) **Trentsider** – Don Cook had kindly provided details for leasing a high-speed printer for the Newsletter. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Cllr Barden should invite Mr Cook to the next meeting.
c) **Fledglings Playgroup** – Letter received asking for financial assistance. It was proposed by Cllr Barden and seconded by Cllr Matthews that a s.137 grant of £500 is made in accordance with our budget.
d) **Cheques** – were issued as follows:
Fledglings Playgroup £500 (s.137 Grant)

8. **Urgent Business:** No matters raised.

9. **Date of next Meeting:** Monday 7th February 2000 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 8.10 p.m.

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Minutes of the Parish Council Budget Meeting held on Monday 10th January 2000 at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 8.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors R Spink (Chairman), G Ashton, M Barden, N Bett, S Cobb, D Copley, D East, C Gaisford, R Gourley, B Grimes, P Lyon, M Matthews, G Saville, I. Sharpe, and District Cllr D Yates.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllr I Atkinson and County Cllr J Hemsall.
2. **Income and Expenditure 1999/2000:** Councillors considered the income and expenditure figures for the current year.
3. **Contribution and Precept 2000/2001:** The budget was set as follows:

Clerk's Salary	1,430
Clerical Expenses	300
Insurance	285
Room Hire	150
Audit Fees	225
Subscriptions	100
Play Area Inspections	60
	2,550

Village Grants:

Churchyards	580
(Dunham £205, Ragnall £135, Darlton £135, Fledborough £105)	
Village Hall	640
Playgroup	510
Senior Citizens	510
Trentsider Newsletter	150
Poppy Appeal	40
Other Grants	125
Darlton Clock	120
Darlton Grasscutting	250
	5,475

RESOLVED: Contribution of £1,905 is to be applied for.
Precept to be set at £3,570.
Street Cleaning Grant of £392.49 is to be requested.

Proposed by Cllr Matthews and Seconded by Cllr Ashton. All in favour.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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Present: Councillors R Spink (Chairman), G Ashton, I Atkinson, N Bett, S Cobb, D Copley, D East, C Gaisford, R Gourley, B Grimes, P Lyon, M Matthews, L Sharpe, District Cllr D Yates, D Cook (Trentsider) and PC Andy Wilson.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs M Barden, G Saville and County Cllr J Hemsall.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 10th January 2000 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Matthews and **Seconded** by Cllr Ashton.

The Chairman welcomed PC Andy Wilson to the meeting. PC Wilson gave an outline of how the service is operating in the parishes and gave details of reported crimes locally. The police can be contacted on 01909 500999 (Workshop Main Switchboard) Extension 7370.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- a) **Accidents:** 3 incidents on Cocker's Hill.
- b) **Criminal Acts:** Fly tipping at Darlton. White transit van reported as selling stolen televisions (reported to Police).
- c) **Highways - A62:** Streetlights 4 and 6 still need attention. Clerk to contact OPUS for progress report on proposed linings, Ragnall crossroads and other highways improvements. Police to be chased about conducting a speed check. Redland to be contacted about speeding lorries.
- d) **Highways - Parish: Laneham Road** - A copy letter, from NCC to Fiona Jones MP, has been received advising that Laneham Road does not meet the current criteria for imposing a speed restriction of 40 m.p.h. Matter to be monitored closely. **Old NCC Depot** - NCC Trent Bridge House are currently looking into our request to fund the removal of the building.
- e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** Cllr Gaisford declared an interest. The replacement of various missing signposts has now been authorised. Clerk to chase NCC for the promised materials.
- f) **Land at The Green:** Letter from NCC advising that the hedge must be planted on a line that allows Mr Whate to maintain his fence. The fence and surrounding area will be photographed by NCC and kept on file in case future disputes arise. Clerk to contact the services as requested by NCC. The hedge is to be planted following their approval.
- g) **Parish Council Land** - Cllr Sharpe declared an interest. Mr J Tindall has objected to a rent increase to £50 but has offered to pay £42 as a gesture of goodwill. We have been referred to the letter received from Gauntley's Country Store for the sub-letting arrangements. It was proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Bett that the rent be

increased to £42 and that the rent be increased annually in line with inflation. Clerk to advise Mr Tindall accordingly

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7.45 p.m. to allow public discussion to take place. The meeting was re-convened at 8.05 p.m.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- (i) **Darlington** – It was reported that Darlington is becoming untidy with litter. Cllr Yates agreed to contact the Litter Busters team and ask that Darlington be included on a regular round.
- (ii) **Byron Close, Darlington** – Traffic congestion and parking problems are still being experienced. Cllr Yates agreed to make enquiries about progressing our request for an increased parking area.
- (iii) **Signage** – The directional sign at the A6075 and A57 junction needs re-erecting.
- (iv) **Ragnall** – Streetlight 41 is burning during the day.

5. **Planning Matters:**

- a) **Decision** – Cobb Erect post mounted signboard at Woodcoates Road, Darlington. **Permission Refused.**
- b) **Breach of Control Notices** – Notices received concerning the unauthorised display of advertisements.

6. **Correspondence:**

BDC – D.R Pressley, Chair of Planning is to attend the March meeting.
BDC – Street Sweeping Schedule.
BDC – Registers of Electors.
BDC – Civic Reception Monday 21st February.
BDC – Planning Open Days at Tuxford Memorial Hall on Thursday 2nd March and Harworth Parish Hall on Friday 3rd March.
BDC – Best Value Performance Plan.
D.A.R.E. – Evening event on Thursday 10th February.
Notts Police Authority – Draft Policing Plan 2000/01.
NCC (Education) – Letter re changes to Minor Local Authority representation on Dunham-on-Trent Primary School Governing Body.
NCC – Highways Briefings.
NCC – Countylink Parish File.
NALC – Northern Area meeting Tuesday 14th March, 7.30 p.m.
NALC – Details of forthcoming seminars.
Notts Fire Authority – Burning Issues.

7. **Financial Matters:**

- a) **Balance of Accounts**
Current account - £3,265.80 Deposit account - £5,107.53.
- b) **Trentsider** – Cllr Lyon declared an interest. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Sharpe that the Parish Council leases a high-speed printer. All in favour. The printer

will be managed by the Trentsider and made available to parish organisations. Don Cook to make the necessary arrangements.

c) **Cheques** - were issued as follows:

John Smith & Sons £118.68 (Darlton Parish Clock maintenance)

8. **Urgent Business:** No matters raised

9. **Date of next Meeting:** Monday 6th March 2000 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed

Chairman

Dated

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Present: Councillors R Spink (Chairman), G Ashton, M Barden, N Bett, S Cobb, D Copley, C Gaisford, B Grimes, M Matthews, G Saville, L Sharpe and Cllr David Pressley (Chair of Bassetlaw Planning Committee).

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs I Atkinson, D East, R Gourley, P Lyon, District Cllr D Yates and County Cllr J Hemsall.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 7th February 2000 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. An addition to item 7.b. was made to show that the Trentsider accounts would be examined annually by the Chairman to ascertain whether a contribution could be made towards the lease. **Proposed** by Cllr Matthews and **Seconded** by Cllr Gaisford.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr David Pressley, Chair of Bassetlaw Planning Committee. Cllr Pressley gave a resume of the activities of the planning department and the responsibilities of the committee. Questions were taken from the floor. Cllr Pressley was thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting at 8.00 p.m. A copy of the minutes of the meeting is to be sent to Cllr Pressley.

3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Accidents:** Incident in Ragnall. Incident at Darlton involving a car and a tanker. It was reported that it took 45 minutes for an ambulance to respond to a 999 call. Clerk to look into the reasons for the delay.
 - b) **Criminal Acts:** None reported.
 - c) **Highways – A57:** Streetlights 6 and 7 need attention. Pavement planings still to be moved away. Clerk to contact OPUS.
 - d) **Highways – Parish: Lancham Road** A further letter to be sent to Fiona Jones MP in view of recent announcements by the Government to implement speed restrictions outside schools during school times.
Litter at Darlton The Clerk reported that Cllr Yates has spoken to the Litter Busters team about including Darlton on their programme.
Byron Close Parking Cllr Yates is continuing to follow up this matter with Trudy Brumpton, Housing Department.
 - e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** Cllr Gaisford declared an interest. The materials for replacing the missing signposts have now been delivered. Cllr Lee Sinclair, Lancham Parish Council, has contacted Cllr Barden about the possibility of joining with Lancham to support the initiative of a circular route through the respective parishes. It was agreed that the footpaths in our parishes should be put in good order before taking on another commitment. Cllr Gaisford advised that the proposed NCC Open Day is to be held on Saturday 11th March at Boughton Pumping Station. It was agreed that the Parish Council would reimburse Cllr Gaisford with his travelling expenses.
 - f) **Land at The Green:** The Clerk advised that underground cables are present in the verge and that East Midlands Electricity would not grant approval for the hedge.

As no members of the public were present the meeting was not adjourned for public discussion.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- (i) **Noticeboard** – The noticeboard on The Green is in need of repairing. It was proposed that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.
- (ii) **Parking Problems at The Green** – Services are having difficulty gaining access to The Green due to the increase in cars parking along the roadside. Clerk to write to NCC asking if it would be possible to have the road widened.
- (iii) **Cockett's Hill** – Potholes need attention.
- (iv) **Fledborough** – The double bend signs at the south end of Fledborough have been damaged and need replacing.
- (v) **Railtrack** – The damage to the Railway Bridge at Fledborough has still not been attended to. Clerk to contact Railtrack again for a progress report.

5. **Planning Matters:** No matters raised.

6. **Correspondence:**

NCC – Highways Briefings.

NCC – Countylink.

NALC – Countywise.

Notts Wildlife Trust – Letter re Regional Planning Guidance.

NHS – Consultation document re proposed changes to form the Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Trust.

BCVS – Letter re changes in Health Service.

Bassetlaw Primary Care Group – Details about the Group.

Various publications were tabled.

7. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts**

Current account - £2,654.28 Deposit account - £5,107.53.

b) **Cheques** – were issued as follows:

B.T.	£157.14	(Village Hall Telephone)
A Martin	£955.00	(Clerk's Salary £700, Expenses £100, P3 £155)
Tony Cloughton	£ 90.00	(Litter Picking Nov-Mar)
D-O-T Village Hall	£ 50.00	(Room Hire)

8. **Urgent Business:** No matters raised.

9. **Date of next Meeting:** Monday 3rd April 2000 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed
Chairman

Dated

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1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs M Barden and S Cobb.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 6th March 2000 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Matthews and **Seconded** by Cllr Copley.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Accidents:** Incident in Dunham (two cars, one speeding on wet road). Fire engines, police and ambulances had all attended. Cllr Hemsall advised that fire engines should take no longer than 20 minutes to respond. The unsatisfactory standard of driving by ambulance personnel was also discussed. Incident at Darlton to Tuxford Road, near Lodge Farm (car off road, damage to hedge and reflective posts). Incident at Ragnall (vehicle off road, damage to hedge).
 - b) **Criminal Acts:** Telephone Box vandalised on 19 March. A description of the offenders and the vehicle registration had been reported to the police but apparently no further action is to be taken. Cllr Yates agreed to look into this. It was reported that a blue Mercedes van had been in the Dunham area selling cutlery sets during the week commencing 27 March.
 - c) **Highways – A57:** Reply received from Graeme Symonds, OPUS International: The streetlighting upgrade for Dunham is programmed for the forthcoming financial year. Ragnall crossroads improvement is currently at the design office following approval by the Highways Agency. Work should begin sometime this year. It was noted that kerbed grips had been constructed along the A57 but the standard of workmanship was questioned. Councillors would like to see the areas surrounding the grips reinstated with top soil and grass seed. The pavement planings proposed for Ferry Lane are not suitable, being mainly soil and oversized rubble. OPUS to be asked to remove the planings from site. Clerk to clarify the situation with regards the standing water problems through Dunham and the eroded kerb on Main Street.
 - d) **Highways – Parish:** **Speed Restriction, Laneham Road:** A letter from Fiona Jones MP advises that she is still waiting for some clarification on the proposals. **Byron Close Parking:** Matter being dealt with by Trudy Brumpton, Housing Department. **Cockett's Hill:** Potholes now repaired. **Double Bend Sign, Fledborough:** Matter passed to Traffic Management for investigation. **Parking Problems at The Green:** NCC is not prepared to have the road widened and advise that the obstruction by vehicles is a matter for the police. Cllr Yates agreed to clarify the position with regards the refuse lorry. **Railtrack:** A response is still awaited. Cllr Copley agreed to notify the Clerk of

the bridge number. Clerk to contact High Marnham Power Station for a possible point of contact at Railtrack

- e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** Adjourned to end of meeting

As no members of the public were present the meeting was not adjourned for public discussion.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- (i) **Noticeboard** – Cllr East has kindly repaired the noticeboard on The Green.
- (ii) **Standing Water Problems** - A57 from Old Police House to Dunham crossroads (going west) and from Cobb's Farm to Field House Farm (going east). **Church Walk** drain too small to take volume of water. **The Green** drain near the telephone box still needs attention. **Fledborough** from Gables to the Church.
- (iii) **Tractors Turning Signs** – A formal request is to be made for two new signs to be sited on Cockett's Hill.
- (iv) **Daffodils** – Quite a few bulbs have not grown this year. It was agreed that some more bulbs would be purchased.
- (v) **Dumping of Garden Waste** – It was reported that people are dumping garden waste around the villages notably Horne Lane, The Green, Ragnall and Lancham Road. Cllr Lyon is to place an appropriate report in the next Trentsides Newsletter.
- (vi) **Ragnall** – A pothole at the top of Ragnall hill, marked some time ago for repair by NCC, is getting bigger and more hazardous. Clerk to notify NCC about this and enquire when the resurfacing of the road through Ragnall may take place.

5. **Planning Matters:** No matters raised.

6. **Correspondence:**

NCC – Highways Briefings.

NCC – Letter re "Political Modernisation – Consultation".

NCC – Details relating to Waste Local Plan (Deposit Draft) – Inspector's Report.

John Smith & Sons – Letter re annual maintenance of clock. Cllr Grimes to establish who is responsible for altering the clock to show British Summer Time.

NHS – Consultation document re proposal to establish a new Mental Health and Learning Disability NHS Trust

Social Research Associates – Questionnaire re Public Transport Strategy in Nottinghamshire.

Various publications were tabled.

7. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts**

Current account - £2,654.28 Deposit account - £5,107.53.

- b) **Contribution & Precept** – Confirmation of application. First instalment of £2,933 to be paid direct into bank account by 30 April 2000.

- c) **Litter Picking** – The grant has been increased to £392. It was proposed by Ian Atkinson and seconded by Cllr Matthews that the litter picking hours should be increased as follows:
 12 hours per month – May to October
 6 hours per month – November to April
 Clerk to ask Tony Cloughton if this is acceptable.
- d) **Cheques** - were issued as follows:
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| Dunham Garden Services | £102.00 | (P3 Work) |
| N.A.L.C. | £ 69.80 | (Subscription) |
| C Gaisford | £ 11.20 | (Mileage re P3) |

8. **Urgent Business:**

- a) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes** – Cllr Gaisford declared an interest. **Open Day** Cllr Gaisford gave a report on the recent P3 Open Day held at Boughton Pumping Station. He was advised that all outstanding work for our parishes should be completed by the end of the year. Main concerns outlined at the meeting included Rights of Way enforcement, cross-field and headland disturbance, ploughing and cropping. P3 surveys will now be carried out every year with a new standard format used by all groups. Tasks for the P3 groups continue to be; keeping a check on good drainage of paths and bridleways and checking that all gates, stiles and bridges are safe and useable by all. **Fledborough** Cllr Gaisford outlined proposals for changes to the footpath network at Fledborough. The Parish Council is supportive of the proposals, which were previously discussed with Jo Smyth of NCC. It was proposed by Cllr Gaisford and seconded by Cllr Ashton that these changes are passed to NCC for their approval and implementation.
- b) **Standing Orders** – A copy of NALC's model standing orders for Parishes Councils was given to each member present. The matter will be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the Annual General Meeting in May.
- c) **Parish Liaison Meeting** – Cllr Atkinson advised members of the forthcoming meeting and invited issues to be raised. A request is to be made for a progress report on computerisation proposals and in particular availability of planning matters on the "Web". Cllr Atkinson also gave details on the recently released EMDA report for communities with populations of over 2000 (which would include Tuxford).
- d) **Annual Parish Meetings**
Darlington - to be arranged by Cllr Lyon.
Fledborough – to be arranged by Cllr Atkinson.
Dunham – Tuesday 2nd May at 7.00 p.m. at Village Hall.
Ragnall – Tuesday 2nd May at 7.00 p.m. at Village Hall.
- e) **Retirement of Chairman** – Cllr Spink advised members that it was his intention to stand down as Chairman at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

9. **Date of next Meeting:** Tuesday 2nd May 2000 at 7.30 p.m. (AGM)

The meeting was closed at 8.30 p.m.

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Present: Councillors R Spink (Chairman), G Ashton, M Barden, N Bett, D Copley, D East, C Gaisford, B Grimes, P Lyon, G Saville, L Sharpe, District Cllr D Yates and F Jagger (A57 Sub-Committee).

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs I Atkinson, S Cobb, R Gourley, M Matthews and County Cllr J Hemsall.

2. **Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Chairman

- D East
- Proposed by Cllr R Spink
- Seconded by Cllr M Barden

Vice-Chairman

- M Matthews
- Proposed by Cllr M Barden
- Seconded by Cllr P Lyon

Cllr East took his place as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

3. **Election of Representatives**

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| (i) | NALG Northern Area | - | Cllrs I Atkinson and D East |
| (ii) | Tree Warden | - | Mr John Whate |
| (iii) | School Governor | - | Cllr D Copley |
| (iv) | Village Hall | - | Cllrs M Matthews and G Ashton
(to be confirmed at next meeting) |
| (v) | Footpaths Officer | - | Cllr C Gaisford |
| (vi) | Conservation Sub-Comm | - | Cllrs M Barden, D Copley,
D East, C Gaisford & P Lyon |
| (vii) | Playgroup Bdg Management | - | It was decided that the
appointment of a representative
was not necessary at the present
time. |
| (viii) | Darlington Play Area Comm. | - | Cllrs S Cobb, B Grimes and
P Lyon. |

4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 3rd April 2000 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr D Copley and **Seconded** by Cllr R Spink.

5. **Matters Arising:**

- a) **Accidents:** None reported.

- b) **Criminal Acts:** Vehicle burnt out by the bridge from East Drayton to Darlton. Cllr Yates advised that someone is being charged for the incident at the telephone kiosk in Dunham-on-Trent.
- c) **Highways – A57:** Reply received from Graeme Symonds at OPUS. Instructions have been given to carry out topsoiling and grass seeding to the new kerbed grips on the A57. Work on the standing water problems through Dunham is programmed to start in January with the provision of kerb drains. A design was presented for the provision of vehicle containment kerbs on the inside of the bend in the village. This design has been sent to the Highways Agency for approval, with the intention of carrying out the works at the same time as the drainage improvements. Councillors welcomed the attempts to improve the area. Comments on the proposals included concern that the pavement width may be affected. Feedback from the Highways Agency would be welcomed.
- d) **Highways – Parish:** Pothole at Ragnall still not attended to. The tarmac at the junction of The Green/Horne Lane is breaking up.
- e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** Cllr Gaisford declared an interest.
- a) **P3** – Grant monies of £852.72 have been received.

6. **Village Maintenance:**

- (i) **Litter Picking** – Tony Cloughton has kindly agreed to undertake the additional hours allocated for litter picking.

7. **Planning Matters:**

Appeal Decision – S 60b – First dwelling on land adjacent to Kirkside, Broadgate, Darlton. Appeal dismissed.

8. **Correspondence:**

- (i) **Notts Police** – Police attendance at Parish Council meetings. Dates to be supplied together with contact for Trentsider Newsletter.
- (ii) **NCC** – Highways Briefings. Parish File.
- (iii) **NALC** – Conference commencing 16 June at 3.00 p.m. Details of forthcoming seminars.
- (iv) **NRCC** – Rural Voice.
- (v) **Notts Newsletter** – Training information.
- (vi) **CPRE** – Best Kept Village competition details. It was agreed that Dunham-on-Trent and Darlton should be entered in their respective sections.
- (vii) **BDC** – Best Value Performance document.
- (viii) **BCYS** – Newsletter.
- (ix) **Notts Fire Authority** – Annual Plan and Burning Issues.

Various publications were tabled.

9. **Financial Matters:**

- a) **Statement of Accounts 1999/2000** – The Clerk presented the Statement of Accounts for 1999/2000. It was proposed by Cllr Spink and seconded by Cllr Barden that these be adopted. The accounts were duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- b) **Cheques** - were issued as follows:
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| Cornhill Insurance | £299.51 | (Insurance) |
| CPRE | £ 9.00 | (Best Kept Village Entry Fees) |

10. **Urgent Business:**

- a) **Annual Parish Meetings – Ragnall** - Cllr Bett gave details of the attendance and contents of the meeting. **Darlington** - Cllr Lyon gave details of the meeting held recently at Darlington. It was agreed that a plan for the Darlington Play Area should be costed out and presented at a future meeting.
- b) **Dunham Parish Meeting** –
- (i) **Pavement Parking** - Vehicles parking on the pavement along Main Street are still causing problems, particularly to drivers using the Hawthorns junction. Letters to be sent to residents and Inspector Ffoulkes-Jones.
 - (ii) **Laneham Road, Lay-by** - The lay-by is still attracting rubbish.
 - (iii) **Play Area** - Gate needs repairing.
 - (iv) **Pavement for Low Street to Chenners Lane** - NCC to be asked again if they can provide a pavement.
 - (v) **Church Walk** - NCC to be contacted again about the promised resurfacing of Church Walk.
 - (vi) **Hedge at The Hawthorns** - The owners are to be asked to trim back the hedge.
 - (vii) **Speed Restriction, Laneham Road** - Comments are still awaited from Fiona Jones MP about the 30 m.p.h. speed limit requested for Laneham Road. Cllr Yates agreed to write to Mrs Jones on behalf of the Parish Council.
- c) **Standing Orders** - Matter to be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the June meeting.
- d) **Refuse Collection** - Cllr Yates agreed to look into reports that charges may be made for extra refuse collections.

11. **Date of next Meeting:** Monday 5th June 2000 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9.25 p.m.

Signed
Chairman

Dated

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT WITH RAGNALL, DARLTON AND FLEDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th June 2000 at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors D East (Chairman), G Ashton, I Atkinson, N Bett, S Cobb, D Copley, D East, C Gaisford, R Gourley, B Grimes, P Lyon, M Matthews, R Spink, L Sharpe, District Cllr D Yates, PC Andy Wilson and 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs M Barden and County Cllr J Hemsall.
2. **Chairman's Allowance:** It was proposed by Cllr Atkinson and seconded by Cllr Matthews that a Chairman's Allowance of £25 be granted. All in favour.

Cllr Spink arrived at 7.05 p.m.

The Chairman formally thanked Cllr Spink for his past services as Chairman of the Parish Council.

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 2nd May 2000 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Spink and seconded by Cllr Sharpe.
4. **Matters Arising**
 - a) **Accidents:** 2 incidents involving cars turning right into Chequers Lane. It was suggested that OPOS should be asked to provide a "Traffic Queuing" sign to warn drivers.
 - b) **Criminal Acts:** Fly tipping at Old NCC Depot near Dunham Bridge. Litter Busters to be contacted. White van reported as selling televisions (reported to Police). Attempted break-in at Millhouse, Laneham Road. Shed broken into on Laneham Road and property broken into at Fledborough.
 - c) **Highways – A57:** Damage to grass and verge areas in lay-by on way to Darlton. This was attributed to the mobile snack bar. Clerk to contact BDC to clarify which areas have been designated for trading and what responsibilities for litter, damage etc. are administered. Hedges at Jubilee House and the Hawthorns are in need of trimming.
 - d) **Highways – Parish:** Church Walk – Letter from R Statham, NCC, advises that, hopefully, the promised re-surfacing will be undertaken over the next two years. Laneham Road – Copy letters from Cllr Yates to NCC and Fiona Jones MP have been received re-iterating our concerns over the speed limit. **General Defects** - Parish defects previously reported are to be attended to by NCC. **NHS Trust** – Letter received following our concerns about the local ambulance service response to the road traffic accident on 13 February. The Parish Council agreed to take up the offer by Phil Morris, Communications Manager for EMAS (East Midlands Ambulance Service) to address a future meeting and discuss concerns.

- e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** Cllr Gaisford declared an interest. Emergency works to stile, footbridge and ditchboards along the network have been completed.
- f) **Confirmation of Representatives:** Members confirmed their willingness to stand as detailed in the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2000. Cllr Atkinson advised that a representative should be elected to serve as a Playgroup Building Management Trustee. After some discussion Cllr Sharpe agreed to act as representative. The Headteacher at Dunham-on-Trent School to be advised accordingly.
- g) **Fledborough Annual Parish Meeting:** Meeting to be arranged by Cllr Atkinson.
- h) **Standing Orders:** After two minor amendments the Standing Orders were accepted as presented by the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Atkinson and seconded by Cllr Copley. Formal copy to be made and signed at the next meeting.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7.45 p.m. to allow public discussion to take place. PC Andy Wilson arrived at 7.55 p.m. The meeting was re-convened at 8.30 p.m.

5. **Village Maintenance:**

- (i) **Public Discussion** – Items raised: (i) Addition of Private T J Cooper's name to the War Memorial – Clerk to chase up the matter. (ii) Highway attention needed along Epper Roy – NCC to be contacted. (iii) Possibility of providing a village sign – The suggestion was welcomed and it was agreed that a competition could be run through the Trentsiders and prizes given for best designs with a view to funding a sign/s. Matter to be placed on Agenda for later in the year. (iv) Plaque from Methodist Chapel – Reports to be obtained from the Millennium Committee and matter to be placed on Agenda for next meeting. (v) Parking on Main Street pavement – Letter to be sent from Police to residents asking for co-operation. Parking tickets to be issued in future. (vi) Laneham Road Speed Limit – PC Wilson supports our request for speed restriction. Visit to be made to the school.
- (ii) **Darlington** – Standing water reported on both sides of the A57 near Woodcoates Lane. Reflective posts have been knocked over by contractors on the A6075 Tuxford Road to Darlington Gaps.
- (iii) **Ragnall** – Water hydrant near Briarlea and several reflective posts have been knocked over by NCC grass cutting contractors. Village sign needs attention.
- (iv) **Dunham-on-Trent** – Village sign needed for Laneham Road approach. NCHA to be contacted about the damage to the gates at the Play Area. British Telecom to be asked to repaint the phone box on The Green. It was agreed that the litter bin near Dunham Bridge should be re-sited for easier access. Cllr Gaisford agreed to attend to this. The salt from the box at the corner of the Green has killed part of the adjacent hedge. NCC to be notified. Lamp number 7 on Cockett's Hall needs attention.

- (v) **Dog Fouling** - "No dogs" signs to be requested for both play areas. BDC to be asked for confirmation on designated areas. Dog warden to be asked to visit the village.
- (vi) **Best Kept Village Competition** - It was agreed that two "special effort" prizes of £25 and £10 should be awarded to households, as identified by the CPRE judges. Cllr Lyon to place details in the Trentsider.

Cllr Saville left the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

6. **Planning Matters:**

- a) **Plans - Brumpton** Erect one detached dwelling and construct access at Plot 1, Off Main Street, D-O-T. **Proposal supported.**
- b) **Decision Notice** - Prior approval not required of the siting and appearance for the following proposal: **One 2 One Ltd** - Erect 10m high monopole column, antenna, microwave dish and equipment cabinet at Farhill Farm, Dunham Road, Darlton.

7. **Correspondence:**

Environment Agency - Flood warning information meeting to be held on 26th June at Gainsborough Golf Club. Cllr East to attend.

NCC - Countywide.

NALC - Details of forthcoming seminars.

Local Government Commission for England - Final recommendations for the periodic electoral review.

8. **Financial Matters:**

- a) **Balance of Accounts**
Current account - £5,240.87 Deposit account - £5,107.53.
- b) **Trentsider** - Members were advised that the newsletter had decided to continue with the printing facilities offered at Tuxford for the time being.
- c) **Cheques** - were issued as follows:

B.T.	£162.23	(Village Hall Telephone)
Dunham Garden Services	£ 55.25	(P3 Scheme)
D East	£ 25.00	(Chairman's Allowance)

9. **Urgent Business:**

- a) **Darlton Play Area** - Cllr Lyon reported that other play areas had been visited and ideas for Darlton had been gathered. Any equipment needs to be removable to comply with the Licence. Any proposals are to be approved by Mr Strawson before they are carried out.
- b) **Bulky Waste Collection** - Cllr Yates advised that a proposal by BDC to make a charge for "special request" collections was currently being looked into. This would not affect the regular bulky waste collection.

- c) **Best Value** – From 1st April 2000 all local authorities will be under a duty of Best Value as laid out in the Local Government Act 1999. The Government has set a threshold that exempts from all duties of Best Value any parish council whose gross budget income is below £500,000. However, the Government expects **all** parish councils to *"embrace Best Value principles and follow Best Value practices as far as possible"*. Matter to be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

10. **Date of next Meeting:** Monday 3rd July 2000 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9.45 p.m.

Signed

Chairman

Dated

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DUNHAM-ON-TRENT WITH RAGNALL, DARLTON AND FLEDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2000 at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors D East (Chairman), G Ashton, M Barden, S Cobb, D Copley, C Gaisford, B Grimes, and P Lyon.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs I Atkinson, N Bert, R Gourley, M Matthews, G Saville, L Sharpe, R Spink, District Cllr D Yates and County Cllr J Hemsall.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 5th June 2000 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr G Ashton and **Seconded** by Cllr D Copley.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Accidents:** Bollard knocked over on the north side of Ragnall crossroads.
 - b) **Criminal Acts:** Rubbish dumped at lay-bys on Laneham Road and A57 Darlton. Litterbusters to be contacted.
 - c) **Highways – A57:** OPTIS - Graeme Symonds has advised that he will attend our September meeting to give a progress report. Clerk to advise that we would welcome reports on the promised Dunham streetlighting upgrade and the proposed improvements to Ragnall crossroads. Manhole covers in Darlton need re-aligning. Drainage along A57 appears to be working well except near the Darlton lay-by where grips have not been installed. **BDC** – Acknowledgement received for our letter re mobile traders. Reply to follow in due course.
 - d) **Highways – Parish: Road Signs** –David Lightfoot has agreed to look at the condition of the road signs in the parish. **Ragnall** – The pothole near The Bungalow has still not been attended to. **Play Area** – NCHA has agreed to order the necessary repairs to the gates.
 - e) **Footpaths and Parish Laues:** Cllr Gaisford declared an interest. Jonathan Woods, NCC, has asked Dunham Garden Services not to erect any more footpath signposts with yellow painted fingers. The painting of the posts had originally been agreed by the Parish Council and the previous P3 Officer Joanne Smyth. Clerk to write to Mr Woods confirming that the Parish Council still supported the use of the painted signposts.
 - f) **Fledborough Annual Parish Meeting:** Cllr Copley gave a report of the recent meeting. A request was made to have a “No Through Road” sign erected at Fledborough Lane junction.
 - g) **Standing Orders:** Before the formal adoption of the Standing Orders was made Cllr Barden proposed some additions. These were agreed and the Standing Orders formally adopted. The Chairman thanked Cllr Barden for her work in this matter.
 - h) **Millennium Plaque** – As Cllr Atkinson was not present it was agreed that this item should be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

- i) **Best Value** – From 1st April 2000 all local authorities will be under a duty of Best Value as laid out in the Local Government Act 1999. The Government has set a threshold that exempts from all duties of Best Value any parish council whose gross budgeted income is below £500,000. However, the Government expects **all** parish councils to *"embrace Best Value principles and follow Best Value practices as far as possible"*. The contents of NALC's recent publication "Spirit of Best Value" were noted. After some discussion the following resolution was made.

"Dunham-on-Trent with Ragnall, Darlton and Fledborough Parish Council acknowledges the "Spirit of Best Value" and embraces its principles and objectives within the constraints of its budget. The Parish Council will continue to challenge why, how and by whom a service is being provided and will compare its performance with the performance of other parish councils and organisations providing similar services. The Parish Council will continue to consult with the constituents of the local community and bear in mind fair and open competition wherever practicable".

As no members of the public were present the meeting was not adjourned for public discussion.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- (i) **Horne Lane** – Laneham Internal Drainage Board to be contacted about the danger of vehicles reversing into the dike at the end of Horne Lane, following the disintegration of the adjacent wall.

5. **Planning Matters:**

a) **Plans**

- (i) **Johnson** - Erect single storey extension to farmhouse to form ancillary accommodation at Field Farm, Woodcoates Road, Darlton. **Proposal supported.**
- (ii) **Staley** – Proposed dwelling and construct access at The Cottage, Upper Row, D-O-T. **Proposal supported.**

6. **Correspondence:**

J Gilbert – Letter of thanks for the courteous welcome at the last meeting.

Berryman Shacklock – Notice of application for the Transfer of the Justices Licence at the White Swan, Main Street, D-O-T

Notts Fire & Rescue – The Authority is aiming to fit free of charge to every citizen over 60 years a fully working smoke detector and provide information about protection from potential dangers in the home. Names and addresses to be supplied, to the best of our knowledge, using the current Electoral Registers.

NCC – Highways Briefing

NHS – Information re Bassetlaw Primary Care Group. Cllr Barden gave some background information to the proposals.

7. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts**

Current account - £4,710.61 Deposit account - £5,107.53.

b) **Cheques** - were issued as follows:

Audit Commission £190.95 (Audit Fee 1998/99)

8. **Urgent Business:** No matters raised.

9. **Date of next Meeting:** Monday 4th September 2000 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed
Chairman

Dated

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT WITH RAGNALL, DARLTON AND FLEDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th September 2000 at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors D East (Chairman), I Atkinson, M Barden, B Grimes, P Lyon, M Matthews, L Sharpe, District Cllr D Yates, Mr and Mrs R Furber (East Midlands Ambulance Service) and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs G Ashton, S Cobb, D Copley, C Gaisford, R Spink and County Cllr J Hemsall.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Roland Furber, Regional Manager for East Midlands Ambulance Service. Mr Furber started by addressing members concerns about a recent incident at Darlton where the ambulance response times had been brought into question. Mr Furber outlined the procedures following the 999 call taken by Central Control at Nottingham until the arrival of the final ambulance. He confirmed that incidents in our parishes would result in resources from Lincoln being utilised when available. Mr Furber then gave a presentation giving details of how the EMAS Trust were performing and the National Performance Standards they hoped to achieve. Future plans for Fast Response Vehicles and Dynamic Standby was also detailed. Mr Furber finished by answering members' questions. The Chairman thanked Mr Furber for his attendance.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 3rd July 2000 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Barden and **Seconded** by Cllr East.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- a) **Accidents:** **Dunham** (i) Near fatal accident at Cockett's Hill on 4 July involving a drunken driver and a motorcyclist. (ii) Car ran into bus shelter on Main Street. (iii) Lorry and trailer demolished wall of Antique Shop car park. (iv) Turf spilled near the Antique Shop. (v) Car hit kerb and spun around on A57. **Ragnall** (i) Tractor tipped over between Ragnall and Fledborough. (ii) Vehicle ran off road at Ragnall Crossroads on 4 September. **Darlton** (i) Incident involving 2 vehicles near the Church on 31 August (lamp 5 needs attention). (ii) Tanker overturned into the ditch on Woodcoates Lane. (iii) Vehicle on fire at Drayton Lane end.
- b) **Criminal Acts:** Car abandoned on Low Street opposite Village Hall (Nissan Cherry "E" Registration). Clerk to contact BDC Legal Dept and request that a 7 Days Notice be imposed and the car removed.
- c) **Highways – A57:** Graeme Symonds was unable to attend the meeting but will hopefully come to the October meeting. The following matters were reported (i) Failure to satisfactorily reinstate the surface at Darlton following works to the water mains. (ii) Road surface through the village appears to be losing its grip. (iii) Standing water problems still unresolved.
- d) **Highways – Parish:** NCC – Reply card advising that reported matters will be attended to. **Payphone** – BT has advised that the kiosk is due to be refurbished in 2001.

- e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes: P3** - Various letters have been received relating to the P3 scheme. It was agreed that Cllr Gaisford should be given copies of the letters before a formal reply is made. **Footpath/Bridleway Signposts** NCC has advised that they do not want any further "yellow" fingerposts erected. Clerk to reiterate the Parish Council's decision that we should continue with the posts, which help to identify the networks in our parishes and also aid visibility for walkers.
- f) **Memorial Plaque**: The plaque is now displayed in the village hall. It was noted that the decision to display the plaque was not unanimous as some members felt that the Church would be a more appropriate place for this tribute.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.35 p.m. for public discussion to take place. Cllr Barden left the meeting at 9.00 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 9.10 p.m.

4. **Items Raised at Public Discussion:**

- (i) **Darlington/Dunham By-Pass** - After much discussion it was agreed that a Public Meeting should be arranged. Friday 10th November was suggested as a possible date. Clerk to invite Fiona Jones MP to attend. Representatives from EMDA, Highways Agency and NCC to be invited.
- (ii) **Hedgecutting** - Letter received from Mr Walters of Jubilee House, D-O-T advising of the problems encountered by the traffic from the A57 when cutting his boundary hedge. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to NCC and ask for their comments about the safety of carrying out hedge cutting and what alternatives/provisions there may be.
- (iii) **Litter** - It was reported that BDC had placed labels indicating "this bin is suitable for dog litter" on some of the bins in Dunham-on-Trent. Clerk to request that the labels be removed and that BDC arrange for these bins to be emptied. The oil drum used as a litter bin near the river is now full of bottles and difficult to empty. Clerk to enquire whether The Environment Agency is willing to contribute a fee towards emptying the container. An assessment of litter collected shows that approximately 40% is packaging from MacDonalds. Clerk to write to the restaurant again (copy to Head Office) asking for a financial contribution towards the litter picking.

5. **Village Maintenance:**

- (i) **Best Kept Village Competition** - Darlington has been awarded a Certificate of Merit in Category D for "*the beautifully maintained churchyard and working church clock*". A certificate will be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the NALC. Various areas were picked out for mention in both Darlington and Dunham and details of these are to be included in the next edition of the Trentsider.
- (ii) **Ragnall** - The quality of the road through Ragnall is unsatisfactory. The pavement from Laneham Road to the post-box at Ragnall requires attention. Clerk to write to NCC.

- (iii) **Fledborough** – Clerk to make enquiries about having a sign cast to read “Fledborough and No Further”. Historically there was a sign like this at the top of Fledborough Lane.
- (iv) **Ragwort** – Cllr Sharpe asked that enquiries be made about the ragwort growing along the railway embankment and what provision, if any, there are for its removal. It was noted that the NCC team has still to remove the ragwort from the parish highways.

6. **Planning Matters:**

(a) **Decisions:**

- (i) **Staley** – Erect dwelling and construct access at The Cottage, Upper Row, D-O-T. **Permission refused.**
- (ii) **Johnson** – Erect single storey extension to farmhouse to form ancillary accommodation at Field Farm, Darlton. **Permission Granted.**
- (iii) **Brumpton** – Erect detached dwelling and construct access at Plot 1, Off Main Street, D-O-T. **Permission Granted.**

7. **Correspondence:**

Casual Vacancy: A letter has been received from Cllr Richard Spink informing that he wishes to resign as a Parish Councillor now that he is no longer involved with the farm at Dunham-on-Trent. Clerk to advise BDC of the vacancy and request the necessary notice for display. Clerk to write to Cllr Spink thanking him for his services and inviting him to the next meeting for a small presentation, letter to be signed by the Chairman.

J Gilbert: Letters re Churchyard Maintenance Grant, establishing a “Library” in the Village Hall (passed to Village Hall Committee), displaying of Millennium Plaque and the inscription of T J Cooper on War Memorial.

NCC – Highways Briefings, Parish File, Parish Liaison meetings, Snow Wardens update.

NCC – Political Modernisation publication “A Rough Guide”.

BDC – Access open day 22 November, details of proposed roadshow (to be invited to attend a future meeting), Lottery funding seminar 19th September.

NRCC – Details of new premises, AGM 9th November, Rural Voice.

NALC – Countywide, AGM 8 November, Seminar 11th October.

Central Notts Healthcare – Annual Meeting at Mansfield Community Hospital on 18th September.

Various publications were tabled.

8. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts**

Current account - £4,534.54 Deposit account - £5,107.53.

b) **Cheques** - were issued as follows:

Dunham PCC (300051)	£580.00	(Churchyard Maintenance)
B.T. (300052)	£162.33	(Village Hall Telephone)

9. **Urgent Business:** No matters raised.

10. **Date of next Meeting:** Monday 2nd October 2000 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9.45 p.m.

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT WITH RAGNALL, DARLTON AND FLEDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2000 at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors D East (Chairman), I Atkinson, M Barden, C Gaisford, R Gourley, B Grimes, M Matthews, G Saville, L Sharpe and District Cllr D Yates.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs G Ashton, S Cobb, D Copley, P Lyon and County Cllr J Hemsall.
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 4th September 2000 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Matthews and **Seconded** by Cllr Sharpe.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - a) **Accidents:** Incident at Ragnall crossroads.
 - b) **Criminal Acts:** Break-in at The Barn, Ragnall. Van stolen at Ragnall.
 - c) **Highways – A57: School Bus** - It was reported that one of Marshalls' bus drivers is stopping on Main Street to drop children off. Clerk to contact the bus company. **Sign Light** - The light on the "roundabout sign" on the east side of Markham Moor appears to be set at the wrong angle.
 - d) **Highways – Parish: New Pavement** - NCC has allocated some funding for a footway from Chequers Lane to the Village Hall. Clerk to confirm our agreement to this and also ask if the existing footway could be refurbished to the same standard and the entrance to the Village Hall reinstated. **Ragnall** - The footway needs attention. **Dunham** - The bus standing on Laneham Road is sinking and needs weeding. Barrier/railings at the rear of the standing are to be requested and also a bus shelter. Parish Council to request consultation over design of shelter if granted.
 - e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** Cllr Gaisford declared an interest. **P3** - After some discussion about the scheme and its success it was agreed that the Clerk should invite Jonathan Woods to the next meeting. Cllr Gaisford advised that due to personal circumstances the proposed maintenance for the current year was not yet complete. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would work with Cllr Gaisford in being as flexible as possible. Cllr Gaisford advised that being both the P3 contractor and footpath warden continued to cause a conflict of interests and asked if anyone else was willing to take on the post of footpath warden. Matter to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

PC Andy Wilson arrived at 7.35 p.m. PC Wilson showed members a copy of a letter, which had been delivered to residents on Main Street, reiterating concerns about vehicles parking on the pavement. A short discussion about village issues followed.

- d) **Public Meeting:** This has been arranged for Friday 10th November at 7.00 p.m. Fiona Jones MP has kindly agreed to attend. Clerk to invite representatives from NCC, OPUS and Highways Agency.

Cllr Atkinson agreed to speak to John Gillespie from CPRE. Formal questions to be agreed at the next meeting. Meeting to be advertised in Trentsider as "Improvements to the A57 prior to detrunking" and "Speed limit on Laneham Road".

- g) **Casual Vacancy:** The notice of vacancy has been received from BDC and is now on display for the required 14 days. If an election is not requested the Parish Council may co-opt at the next meeting.

As no members of the public were present the meeting was not closed for public discussion.

4. Village Maintenance:

- (i) **Litter** – BDC has not removed the stickers or emptied the bins as requested. Clerk to contact Pat Wilkinson, BDC, again as a matter of urgency. Cllr Yates to seek clarification about the position re bin emptying and the "status" of dog litter.
- (ii) **Play Area Inspections** – Clerk read out the reports from the recent inspections. **Darlington** – The swings at Darlington need immediate attention. Cllr Grimes kindly agreed to attend to the problems concerning the shackles. Two rubber seats are also to be purchased for the swings. Clerk to contact Kirton Parish Council about the equipment recently installed at their play area. **Dunham** – Paintwork on slide needs attention. Fencing needs repairing. Clerk to seek advice on type of paint to use, contact BDC about "No Dogs" sign and remind NCHA about their promise to repair the fence and gates.
- (iii) **Ragnall** – Village sign at crossroads needs replacing. Some of the reflective posts through the village need re-erecting. Streetlights near Church obscured by trees/higher etc.
- (iv) **Fledborough** – Double bend sign is facing the wrong way.

5. Planning Matters: No matters raised.

6. Correspondence:

NCC – Highways Briefings.

District Audit – Best Value Statutory Report and Action Plan.

NALC – Minutes and Agenda for 30 October meeting at Dunham.

Bassetlaw Community Health – Annual Report.

7. Financial Matters:

a) Balance of Accounts

Current account - £3,804.14 Deposit account - £5,107.53.

- b) **Senior Citizens** – Letter asking for financial support towards the running costs of the club. It was agreed that £510 should be granted in accordance with the Parish Council's budget. All in favour.

c) Cheques - were issued as follows:

GD Strawson	(300053) £ 1.00	(Play Area Rent)
IP1	(300054) £ 50.00	(Play Area Inspections)
Tony Cloughton	(300055) £282.00	(Litter Picking Apr-Oct)
A Martin (Clerk)	(300056) £846.28	(Salary 715, Exp. 131.28)
DOT Senior Citizens	(300057) £510.00	(s.137 Grant)

- d) Receipts were received as follows:
Bassetlaw District Council £2,934 (Precept)
- e) Neighbourhood Watch Ringmaster – Cllr East advised that the scheme had previously been funded by a village raffle and asked if the Parish Council would consider funding the scheme in the future. Matter to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

8. Urgent Business: No matters raised.

9. Date of next Meeting: Monday 6th November 2000 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed Dated
Chairman

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT WITH RAGNALL, DARLTON AND FLEDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2000
at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillors D East (Chairman), G Ashton, I Atkinson, N Bett, S Cobb, C Gaisford, R Gourley, B Grimes, P Lyon, M Matthews, G Saville, L Sharpe, District Cllr D Yates, Jonathan Woods (Senior Wayfinder Projects Officer, NCC) and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** were received and accepted from Cllrs M Barden, D Copley and County Cllr J Hemsall. Cllr Copley has advised that due to work commitments he may be unable to attend meetings until March next year. This was noted by the Parish Council as a legitimate reason and accepted accordingly.

The Chairman welcomed Jonathan Woods to the meeting. Mr Woods started by outlining the progress of the P3 Scheme. 82 parishes have now joined the scheme, which equates to one third of the county network. The Countryside Agency has cut their grant by £20,000, which has brought about funding problems. Mr Woods continued by describing the current situation regarding the parish footpaths in Dunham, Darlton, Ragnall and Fledborough. The footpath diversion proposal for Wells Farm may possibly be funded by NCC. 4 bridges need replacing, 2 footpath and 2 bridleway. The existing "yellow" signposts are to remain in situ, however, any new signposts have to be installed unpainted unless agreed by NCC beforehand. A survey of the network needs to be carried out locally. It is hoped that all issues on the network will be resolved by March 2001.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2000 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Matthews and **Seconded** by Cllr Atkinson.

3. **Matters Arising:**

- a) **Accidents:** (i) 29.10.00 - A57 outside Antiques Shop, diesel on road, 5 vehicles involved, 1 person injured. (ii) 30.10.00 - A57 junction with The Green, car and lorry, female car driver hurt. (iii) Tanker turned over on Lancham Road (opposite school). (iv) Tree fell onto Postman's van on Cockett's Hill. Remains of tree needs felling, matter reported to NCC by John Whate.
- b) **Criminal Acts:** Garden waste dumped near River. Washing machine dumped on Ragnall/Fledborough road.
- c) **Highways – A57:** Drains near Dunham Bridge still need attention. Quality of the road surface near The Green is unsatisfactory. Standing water reported at Darlton near the Church and Field House Farm. C14 light in Darlton needs attention.
- d) **Highways – Parish:** **Reply received from A Birt, NCC.** The C2 road at Ragnall requires a major scheme to improve the condition of the road. It is hoped that this can be funded from next year's maintenance budget. NCC deal with ragwort on highway verges, ragwort on other land has to be dealt with by landowners or those responsible for the land. Hedges on the highway are the responsibility of the landowner.

No provision is made for NCC to deal with cutting privately owned hedges. If a request is made NCC will expect to be reimbursed. **Reply from I Roebuck, BDC.** The grant towards street cleaning transfers the responsibility for street cleaning and the emptying of litter bins onto the Parish Council. Under this arrangement the DC's involvement is restricted to mechanically sweeping kerbed sections of highway within the villages on three occasions annually, the cleaning of incidents of fly tipping and disposal of any street cleaning arising collected by the Parish. It was suggested that the emptying of bins be passed back to the District Council. Cllr Yates to follow up the matter with Mr Roebuck. **MacDonalds.** The Clerk had spoken with "Maria" from MacDonalds who has advised that a monetary contribution towards the litter picking is not available. However, they may be willing to sponsor a "litter pick" or provide litter bins. **Nottingham Community Housing Assoc.** Works have been ordered to attend to 9 metres of chain-link fencing and to supply 2 gates for the play area at Dunham.

- e) **Footpaths and Parish Lanes:** Cllr Gaisford declared an interest. No further matters raised.
- f) **Public Meeting:** Meeting to be held Friday on 10th November at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Representatives attending are Fiona Jones MP, David Abbott and Mr Sumner (Highways Agency), Stuart Robertson (Team Manager, Transport Planning, NCC), Graeme Symonds (Assistant Route Manager A57, OPUS International). It was proposed that Councillors arrive at 6.45 p.m. to discuss the format of the meeting and the questions to be raised. Cllr Atkinson advised members that he was to attend a meeting in London concerning the Highways Agency's "10 Year Trunk Road Plan". Cllr Atkinson is to raise concerns about the lack of investment in our areas i.e. Tuxford, Elkesley and Darlton/Dunham. The visit is to cost £180, which is being funded by Tuxford Mine of Information. It was proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Lyon that the Parish Council should contribute £60 towards Cllr Atkinson's expenses for the meeting. All in favour.
- g) **Casual Vacancy:** The Parish Council is now able to co-opt a representative for Dunham-on-Trent. Notices have been posted accordingly.
- h) **Footpath Warden:** No applications received to date. Cllr Gaisford agreed to continue until a replacement warden is found.
- i) **Daffodil Bulbs:** It was proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Bett that £50 of bulbs be purchased and planted in various areas around the parish. Cllr Gaisford kindly agreed to organise the bulbs.
- j) **Darlton Play Area:** Members of the sub-committee have met with a representative from "Playdale" who has prepared a scheme for the playing field at Darlton. The plan includes one large play item called "The Twist", a junior swing, Lakeland table, litter bin, fencing and gates and safety surfacing. The quote for this totals £11,969. It is proposed that grants will be applied for through various organisations plus local fund raising efforts. The Parish Council already holds £500 for the playing field from a previous grant application. After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Cobb and seconded by Cllr Saville that £1,150 be earmarked for the scheme, subject to the rest of the money being successfully raised.

The meeting was closed at 9.10 p.m. for public discussion to take place. The meeting was reconvened at 9.30 p.m.

4. **Village Maintenance:**

- (i) **Items raised from Public Discussion** – The public meeting scheduled for Friday was discussed and the Parish Council confirmed its full support for a bypass for Darlton and Dunham-on-Trent.
- (ii) **Dunham-on-Trent** – Drain at the top of The Green still not coping with the amount of water received. Cockett's Hill needs rebanking. Cllr Gaisford has kindly erected the "No Dogs" sign at the Dunham play area.
- (iii) **Ragnall** – The positioning of the new post box was discussed. Standing water problems near Ragnall House were reported.
- (iv) **Darlton** – Standing water is still a problem on Woodcoates Lane. There appears to be no drainage provision at the side of the road and water can cover the road and pavement. The Litterbusters team does not appear to have included Darlton in their programme. Cllr Yates to follow this up.
- (v) **Best Kept Village Awards** – It was agreed that the special effort prizes earmarked should be carried over to next year. The judges had been unable to provide the necessary information to award individual prizes. Cllr Atkinson is to collect the Certificate of Merit for Darlton. The presentation of this is to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

5. **Planning Matters:**

Plans:

- (i) **Hewson** – Convert existing barn to offices at Flears Farm, Upper Row, D-O-T. **Support Proposal. Comments – Provision for sufficient car parking should be made.**
- (ii) **Staley** – Erect two bedroomed bungalow and construct new access on land off Upper Row, D-O-T. **Support Proposal. Comments – The Parish Council consistently supports development on Upper Row.**

6. **Correspondence:**

D-O-T PCC – Letter of thanks for recent churchyard maintenance grant and letter applying for a grant for next year.

P Archer – Letter re Remembrance Ceremony.

NCC – Highways Briefings.

NCC – Draft Waste Management Strategy – proposed modifications.

Notts Police – Annual Report for 1999/2000.

BDC – Information re Parish Liaison Group meeting held on 31st October.

NALC – Minutes and Agenda for the 30th October meeting at Dunham Countywise.

NRCC – Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. Village Hall Conference 18th November at Rainworth Village Hall.

EMDA – Details of seminar on 14th November.

7. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts**

Current account - £5,109.09 Deposit account - £5,107.53.

b) **Fledglings Playgroup** – Letter applying for financial assistance. It was proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Atkinson that a s.137 grant of £510 is made in accordance with the Parish Council budget.

c) **Senior Citizens** –

Sharpe & Hoggard (300058) £ 41.12 (War Memorial Inscription)

NRCC (300059) £ 15.00 (Subscription)

Fledglings (300060) £510.00 (s.137 Grant)

TRBL Poppy Appeal (300061) £ 40.00 (s.137 Grant (Wreath))

Tuxford Mine of Inf (300062) £ 60.00 (Seminar Exp/Cllr Atkinson)

d) **Neighbourhood Watch Ringmaster** –Matter to be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

8. **Urgent Business:** No matters raised.

9. **Date of next Meeting:** Monday 4th December 2000 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 10.15 p.m.

Signed Dated
Chairman

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT WITH RAGNALL, DARLTON AND FLEDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th December 2000 at the Village Hall, Dunham-on-Trent commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors D East (Chairman), G Ashton, I Atkinson, M Barden, N Bett, S Cobb, C Gaisford, R Gourley, P Lyon, G Saville, L Sharpe and District Cllr D Yates.

1. Apologies: were received and accepted from Cllrs D Copley, B Grimes and M Matthews.
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 6th November 2000 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed** by Cllr Lyon and **Seconded** by Cllr Ashton.
3. Matters Arising:
 - a) Accidents: None reported.
 - b) Criminal Acts: Bogus tarmac contractors and antique dealers reported in the area. Police have been notified.
 - c) Highways – AS? **Ragnall Crossroads** Clerk to contact OPUS re works to crossroads. Following observations were made: lighting not deemed satisfactory, quality of road surface unsatisfactory especially the joints, why wasn't red tarmac used, are lanes wide enough, will all verges be reinstated and spoil carted away? **Drainage** North side of Dunham is not working satisfactory. **Darlington Lamps** 5, 6, C12 and C14 not working. **Road surface** broken and pothole not yet repaired. Pothole near "Savilla" developed following poor reinstatement by Anglian Water. **Dunham Lamp** D1 is out and the light on the 30 mph sign, reported previously, still not attended to.
 - d) Highways – Parish: Bus turning area on Marsh Lane needs reinstating.
 - e) Footpaths and Parish Lanes: Cllr Gaisford declared an interest. No matters raised.
 - f) Public Meeting: The meeting due to have been held on Friday 10th November has been rescheduled to take place on Friday 5th January at the Village Hall commencing at 7.00 p.m.

PC Andy Wilson arrived at 7.30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned and, following reports about local crime and parking issues, was reconvened at 7.45 p.m.

- g) Casual Vacancy: No applications received to date.
 - h) Neighbourhood Watch Funding – After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Atkinson and seconded by Cllr Ashton that Dunham parish should continue with the Ringmaster scheme for the forthcoming year. The subscription for this is £150. It was noted that the matter should be raised for the other parishes at their respective annual meetings.
4. Village Maintenance:
 - (i) Flooding – After some discussion it was agreed that the flood warning issued to Dunham had been unnecessary and had panicked some residents. It was felt that the strategy for delivering and distributing sandbags needed reviewing. The signs advising that Dunham Bridge was closed had been positioned badly and were misleading. It was noted that the co-ordination within the parish had worked well. Mr and Mrs Cloughton were congratulated on their "Children in Need" collection from "flood watchers".

- (ii) **Village Noticeboards** – A replacement notice board is needed for Lancham Road, D-O-T and also one for Darlton.
- (iii) **Byron Close Parking** – Cllr Yates advised that the matter was ongoing. A project to increase the car parking for residents is planned for 2001/2002.
- (iv) **Daffodil Bulbs** – Cllr Cobb offered to plant the bulbs for Darlton. Cllr Gaisford to deliver.

5. **Planning Matters:**

Plans:

- (i) **Lawrence** - Convert agricultural barn to dwelling at Fledborough House. Support Proposal.

Decisions:

- (i) **Staley** – Erect two bedroomed bungalow and construct new access on land off Upper Row, D-O-T. **Permission Refused.**
- (ii) **Hewson** – Convert existing barn to offices at Fears Farm, D-O-T. **Permission Granted.**

6. **Correspondence:**

NCC - Highways Briefings.

NCC – Salting Routes.

BDC – Draft Registers of Electors.

Various publications were tabled.

7. **Financial Matters:**

a) **Balance of Accounts**

Current account - £4,930.50 Deposit account - £5,107.53.

b) **Cheques** were issued as follows:

N Leach	(300063)	£ 40.00	(Daffodil Bulbs)
B.T.	(300064)	£162.86	(Village Hall Phone)

- c) **Darlton Play Area** – A set of goal posts have been offered from St. Matthew's Primary School, Normanton-on-Trent. It was agreed that Cllr Cobb should inspect the posts and a suitable donation would be made if the posts were acceptable.

8. **Urgent Business:** No matters raised.

9. **Date of next Meeting:** Monday 8th January 2001 at 7.00 p.m.

The meeting was closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed Dated
Chairman