

# **Dunham-on-Trent with Ragnall, Darlton & Fledborough Parish Council**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 26 February 2014  
at 7.00 pm in Dunham & District Millennium Centre

- 1 Present:** Cllr. M. Mathews, DCllr. S. Isard, Cllr. L. Sharpe, Cllr. P. Marsh, Cllr. P. Batterbury, Cllr. R. Mackenzie-Batterbury.

**In attendance:** M Annable (Clerk).

**Apologies:** DCllr. K. Isard, Cllr. M. Barden, (Cllr. Barden was in attendance at the proposed Wind Turbine (Ragnall) meeting at the Retford Town Hall).

- 2 Declarations of Interest:** None

- 3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28 January 2014**  
The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**4 Matters Arising from the above Minutes and any urgent business**

**a) J G Pears (Newark) Ltd.:** Awaiting the outcome of The Appeal from Bassetlaw District Council.

**b) Darlton Play Area:** The Clerk reported that there had not been any response from the Dunham Bridge Company in response to a request for a donation. The Chairman said this was to be expected because Darlton is not within the affected vicinity of Dunham bridge and the river Trent. The Clerk was asked to write to Darlton residents for local businesses to make a contribution.

**c) New Build Property, Main Street, Dunham on Trent:** Cllr. P. Marsh reported that work had been carried out to tidy around the property but the fencing was still unsteady due to recent strong winds. The improvements to date had been noted.

**d) Caldecott Home in Fledborough:** The Clerk and Cllr. P. Batterbury reported back from a meeting they both attended at the home on 29 January. Disputed information had been recorded about the meeting by telephone conversations between the Parish Council and the proprietors of the home. It was felt that a follow up meeting with the Chairman the Clerk, John Gifford and Damien Napier was necessary to establish a better understanding and to build better relationships between the Parish Council, the local community and the home. Several issues were discussed including the residency of children at the home, the responsibility of the Fledborough church keys and also the reports of speeding and increased traffic movement.

The findings were as follows:-

- children residing at the home are not housed in a secure environment and can leave the premises if they wish to do so. If they run away, the Staff are responsible for the child to the point of danger, at which point the police are called out
- the Church will be left open and the ladder will be made safe so that upper levels cannot be reached, the Caldecott Foundation have offered to safeguard and protect the windows, they have also offered to purchase another set of keys for their use. Resident key holders will continue to open and close the church on request. The Church would like an open door policy.

- traffic problems reported have not been justified, in as much as it has been noted that all road users on this route need to take extra care because of the narrow and unlit stretch of this rural lane

An agreed resolution to the matter is to set up a Forum to meet with the Caldecott Foundation, quarterly at Dunham Village Hall, with interested parties in attendance. If there are any issues raised at the Forum that would benefit from holding a public meeting, this will be arranged as and when.

## **5 To Report on:**

- a) **Accidents:** Nothing to report.
- b) **Criminal Acts:** A black Vauxhall Subaru been seen driving around the parish acting suspiciously.
- c) **Highways A57:** Nothing to report
- d) **Highways Parish:** The Local Initiative Scheme have informed the Clerk that they are unable to give funding for the proposed scheme on Cocketts Hill.
- e) **Footpaths & Parish Lanes:** The Clerk released defect report numbers for Councillors to chase them up on the Nottinghamshire County Highways system.

## **6 Public Discussion – No members of the public were present.**

## **7 Planning Matters –**

**Proposal:** Erect one 500kw EWT Wind Turbine (77.9m to tip) and Ancillary Infrastructure

**Location:** Majors Farm, Woodcoates Road, Darlton

The Parish Council objected to this proposal on the grounds that:-

1. Would impair the quality of life to local residents
2. Invasion of industrial apparatus to rural area
3. Assumption of flickering effect
4. Create noise nuisance
5. Destroy countryside visual aspect
6. Pose serious problems to air space in the local area

## **8 Correspondence –**

Nottinghamshire County Council

Playground Signs Low Street – ordered subject to funding

Bassetlaw District Council

Photographic Competition Kings Park

Bassetlaw Spring Clean

General

EMAS First Responders – request for funding

## **9 Financial Matters**

### **a) Accounts for Payment**

- Council approved payment of £876.00 to Dunham Parochial Church Council for the upkeep of graveyards. Cheque 300772
- Council approved payment of £605.00 to Dunham Senior Citizens. Cheque 300773

- Council approved payment of £605 to Fledgelings Pre-School Playgroup. Cheque 300774
- Council approved payment of £424.61 to Dunham Village Hall. Cheque 300775
- Council approved payment of £165.00 to the Trentsider publication. Cheque 300776
- Council approved payment of £90.16 to C. Gaisford for Litter Picking for February 2014. Cheque 300777
- Council approved payment of £89.94 to BT. Cheque 300778
- Council approved payment of £332.38 to M. Annable for February 2014. Clerks salary £233.28 + expenses £99.10. Cheque 300779
- Council approved payment of £165.00 to Dunham Village Hall for Room Hire. Cheque 300780
- Council approved payment of £409.50 to C. Gaisford for Lengthsman duties for January & February 2014. Cheque 300781

b) Income  
£1,000 received from County Councillor J. Ogle. (play area project at Darlton).

c) Balance of Accounts

	£
Current Account:	8.893.62
Deposit Account:	<u>4,319.63</u>
	<b><u>13,213.25</u></b>

d) Transfer of funds  
None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 25 March 2014 at 7.00 pm

Signed ----- (Chairman)

Date -----