

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

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2015
at 7.00 pm in Dunham & District Millennium Centre

1 Present: Cllr. L. Sharpe (Chairperson), Cllr. P. Marsh (Vice Chairperson), DCllr. S. Isard, Cllr. M. Barden, Cllr. R. Grimes, Cllr. I. Oakden.

In attendance: M. Annable (Clerk). CCllr. J. Ogle. (arrived 7.40 pm.)

Apologies: DCllr. K. Isard, Cllr K. Watkinson.

2 Declarations of Interest: None

3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 March 2015

The minutes were signed by the Chairperson a true record.

Before the meeting commenced the Chairperson announced that Ms. Carolyn Byrne had stepped down from the Parish Council.

4 Matters Arising from the above Minutes and any urgent business

a) Darlton Play Area: The Clerk reported that further information was received from the Awards for All Lottery funding body via e.mail stating that additional information may be necessary before the final decision for awards can be made.

b) Rural Bus Services: The Clerk had sent letters to CCllr. J. Ogle and MP Robert Jenrick, and also hand delivered letters to the supermarkets Morrison's and Asda about the matters discussed at the last Parish meeting. Neither of the supermarkets had responded without being chased for a response. Morrison's had mislaid the letter due to refurbishment in Management. A copy of the letter will be taken to the new store Manager. Asda had given a positive response and were willing to look at several options, however, numbers of shoppers will determine the level of service provided. MP Robert Jenrick had not replied at the date of the meeting. CCllr. J. Ogle reported that Chris Ward of Nottinghamshire County Council had been in contact with him to arrange a group consultation in early June. The Clerk was asked to contact Laneham Parish Council to establish whether they have any issues with the current service and would wish to become involved and also contact Rampton Parish Council for time of day arrangements for Mr. Ward meeting. Once arranged the meeting will consist of 2 representatives from the Parish Council, 2 members of the public, Chris Ward and any other interested parties, i.e. Gem Mini Travel.

c) J. G.Pears: It was reported that since the installation of the new plant to reduce emissions/smell – improvements had been noticed. The main concern at present is the spillages and it is urged that all incidents should be reported.

d) Lengthsman Scheme: The Parish Council had received confirmation that the Lengthsman Scheme will continue for a further year. Mr. Gaisford, the current Lengthsman, will be invited to attend an informal interview to discuss his role and continuation with this position.

e) Transparency Code: The Clerk reported that the ruling for the transparency code has now changed. A Parish Council Website is still required but the Annual Audit will continue as it is now until 2016/17. Word from the National Association of Local Councils informed the Clerk of a company that is offering to install a Website for Parish Councils free of charge. The Clerk will make further enquiries.

5 To Report on:

- a) **Accidents:** Nothing to report.
- b) **Criminal Acts:** Nothing to report.
- c) **Highways A57:** It was reported that the guttering on the 'Old Saddlery' building opposite the Bridge Inn public house is hanging off and dangerous – this will be reported to Fisher German the estate Agents selling the property.
- d) **Highways Parish:** It was reported that a hedge is overgrown at Long Row Cottages in Fledborough, the Clerk was asked to make further investigations.
- e) **Footpaths & Parish Lanes:** Nothing to report.

7 Planning Matters - None received

8 Correspondence - None received

9 Financial Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

- Council approved payment of £15.45 to Bridleway & Gauntleys for Litter Picker requisites. Cheque 300847
- Council approved payment of £175.20 to Holmes Groundcare Maintenance for April 2015 grasscutting. Cheque 300848
- Council approved payment of £131.62 to C. Gaisford for Lengthsman duties for April 2015. Cheque 300849
- Council approved payment of £312.07 to M. Annable for April/May 2015. Clerks salary £237.60 + expenses £74.47. Cheque 300850

b) Income: £375.60 HMRC reclaimed
£45.00 Rent for Reptile Gardens

c) Transfer of funds: None

d) Balance of Accounts:

	£
Current account:	12,335.67
<u>Less: Darlton funding:</u>	<u>2,525.00</u>
	9,810.67
<u>Less: Lengthsman surplus: (actual)</u>	<u>7,380.63</u>
	2,430.04
<u>Plus: Deposit account:</u>	<u>4,352.03</u>
	<u>6,782.07</u>

e) Annual Return & Accounts for Audit

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit will take place on 30 May 2015 and that the External Audit will take place 15 June 2015. After inspection the Chairperson signed the Annual Audit form for the Internal Audit.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 09 June 2015 at 7.00 pm

Signed ----- (Chairperson)

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