

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

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2015
at 7.00 pm in Dunham & District Millennium Centre

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

In attendance: M. Annable (Clerk).

Mrs. S. Baines & Mr. M. Baines (Gem Mini Travel)

10 members of the Public.

Apologies: Cllr M. Mathews, Cllr. I. Oakden, Cllr. C. Byrne.

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.

Taking into account the high attendance of the public the Chairperson decided to hold the Public Discussion prior to other agenda items.

6. Public Discussion (brought forward) - Ten members of the public were in attendance to discuss the issues raised at the last Parish Council Meeting and concerning the local bus service. Mr Martin Baines and Mrs Serena Baines were present at the meeting to address these issues.

The main issues raised included:-

- poor service for rural areas
- ability to get on/off the small bus with shopping trolleys
- lack of standard timetable runs to incorporate GP appointment times
- telephone communication difficulties
- cost of making telephone calls
- attempting to do weekly shopping on existing bus service

The above matters were discussed at great length and considered by all present to be important to the residents of Dunham and district. Gem Travel were keen to help and will relay these points to Nottinghamshire County Council in a bid to make changes of improvement wherever possible.

DCllr. K. Isard informed the residents of a scheme which operates in Tuxford called 'Dial a Ride' as an alternative method of transport. However, this was dismissed by most because of the cash outlay to join the scheme and additional costs for mileage.

The Clerk was asked to write to Morrison and Asda supermarkets and inform them of the difficulties in rural areas and requesting that the stores can introduce a free delivery service to our villages.

The Clerk was also asked to inform CCllr. J. Ogle of these problems and request that he should attend the next Parish Council meeting. A letter will also be sent to MP Robert Jenrick chasing him on any feedback from the information he has been previously given about these problems by residents, but has failed to make contact.

4 Matters Arising from the above Minutes and any urgent business

- a) Darlton Play Area:** The Clerk reported that an application for the Awards for All Lottery funding had been submitted and recorded as received, further information is expected within the next four months. Cllr. R. Grimes reported that the goal posts for the play area were almost ready to be reinstated.
- b) Rural Bus Services:** See Public Discussion above.
- c) Election 7th May 2015:** The Clerk reported that all complete and correct Nomination Papers had been delivered to and accepted by Bassetlaw District Council 02 April 2015. The Village Hall will be housing the Election Polling Station duties on 07.05.15 therefore the Clerk will change her day of work at the Village Hall to 08.05.15, 11.00 am - 2.30 pm.
- d) J. G.Pears:** On 07.04.15 it was reported that a heavy and substantial spillage occurred from a vehicle travelling through Ragnall. It appears that the pipe at the rear end of the vehicle had become dislodged – Bassetlaw District Council and the Trading Standards Department were informed by several residents. This incident raises the issue for tighter security on the vehicles.
- e) Litter Picker:** The Clerk reported that the Litter Picker post had been filled by a local resident in Dunham on Trent, namely Mr. Peter Beeston who has now started the duties w.e.f. beginning April. Cllr. Barden suggested that all villages should collectively hold a periodic sweep/clean of their Parish area once or twice a year.
- f) Lengthsman Scheme:** A letter was received from Mr. C. Gaisford in response to the scheme being put out to Tender stating that he would like to continue as the Parish Lengthsman.
- g) Clerk Duties:** The Clerk will now work on Thursday afternoons in the Village Hall between 12.30 pm and 3.00 pm.
The new e.mail address for the Clerk is – dunhampc@outlook.com the telephone contact number is 01777 228640.

5 To Report on:

- a) Accidents:** Nothing to report.
- b) Criminal Acts:** Darlton – it was reported that several empty gas bottles had been stolen in Darlton, specific details unavailable.
- c) Highways A57:** Poor road surface was reported for Darlton along the A57 – this work is ordered and will be chased up.
- d) Highways Parish:** Poor and uneven road surface was reported between Ragnall and Fledborough, this work is ordered and will be chased up. The Clerk was asked to contact CCllr. J. Ogle about this problem.
- e) Footpaths & Parish Lanes:** It was reported that a small stretch of the lane by the Caldecott Home had been resurfaced but the rest of the lane was left in a poor state – the Clerk was asked to make enquiries about who actually did this work.

7 Planning Matters – None received

8 Correspondence

Bassetlaw District Council

Election Notices

General

North Nottinghamshire Community First Responders

9 Financial Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

- Council approved payment of £404.86 to M. Annable for March/April 2015. Clerks salary £287.10 + expenses £117.76. Cheque 300844
- Council approved payment of £90.16 to C. Gaisford for Litter Picking for March 2015. Cheque 300845
- Council approved payment of £272.75 to C. Gaisford for Lengthsman duties between March and April 2015. Cheque 300846

Income: £400 grant from District Councillors K & S. Isard

b) Balance of Accounts:

	£
Current account:	12,575.09
<u>Less: Darlton funding:</u>	<u>2,525.00</u>
	10,050.09
<u>Less: Lengthsman surplus (approximate):</u>	<u>7,107.88</u>
	2,942.12
<u>Plus: Deposit account:</u>	<u>4,352.03</u>
	<u>7,294.15</u>

c) Transfer of funds: None

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.

Date and Time of Next Meeting – **Tuesday 12 May 2015 at 7.00 pm**

Signed ----- (Chairperson)

Date -----