

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27 January 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. I. Oakden, Cllr. M. Barden, Cllr. C. Byrne, Cllr. R. Grimes.
In attendance: M. Annable (Clerk), 2 members of the Public.
Apologies: CCllr. J. Ogle, DCllr. K. Isard, Cllr. K. Watkinson, Cllr M. Mathews.
- 2 Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 December 2014**
The minutes were signed by the Chairperson a true record.
- 4 Matters Arising from the above Minutes and any urgent business**
 - a) Darlton Play Area:** The Clerk reported that she will arrange a meeting to apply for the Play Area funding.
 - b) Caldecott Foundation:** The Parish Council Chairperson and the Clerk met with Gerald Connor (Community Safety Co-ordinator), from Bassetlaw District Council to discuss the problems within the village of Fledborough. Mr Connor took details from information collated by residents in Fledborough who had been affected by the presence of the Caldecott home. He has since held meetings with John Gifford in an attempt to restore good relationships between the home, the Parish Council and the residents of Fledborough. Further information to follow.
Cllr. I. Oakden reported that he had witnessed a young boy walking around in Fledborough, in the darkness, using abusive language and carrying a 5' stick. The residents of Fledborough feel intimidated and threatened. The Chairman stated that Caldecott need to have a better understanding of the impact of this community and it is a good step forward to have Mr. Connor acting as a mediator. Staff management was questioned because of the children being allowed to wander about in an area which holds its' own particular dangers. The Parish Council may feel it is necessary to contact Nottinghamshire County Council, Social Services if this matter is not addressed.
 - c) Transparency Code:** The Clerk referred to the imminent changes within her role. A Website for the Parish is required to encompass these changes and will ensure transparency of all aspects of the Parish Councils' work, duties and activities. Having spoken to the National Association of Local Councils about this matter, the Clerk was reassured that the role of Clerk will, in fact, be simplified once the initial training has been covered. The Vice Chairman Cllr. P. Marsh reported that he will endeavour to make the change workable for the Clerk and if deemed necessary training from a local IT technician will be sought. The Clerk had contacted Bassetlaw District Council for support with the installation and training of the Website and is awaiting a response.
 - d) Clerks' Duties:** The Clerk reported that with effect from 31 March 2015, she will no longer be able to work from home. The Chairperson, Cllr. L. Sharpe put a proposal to the meeting for the Clerk to be able to continue working for the Parish and be based in the Village Hall. The proposal was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council. It was felt that the presence of the Clerk set within the Village would be an advantage to the community. Further details will be published in the Trentsider at a later date.

e) District Councillor Donation: DCllr. S. Isard presented the Parish Council with a donation for £400. This was well received at this crucial time of changes. The money will be used for the purchase of new office equipment.

f) Grasscutting: The current Grasscutting contract held with Holmes Groundcare Maintenance will remain for the duration of a standing 3 year contract up to 2016.

g) Litter Picking: The long serving Litter Picker, Mr. C. Gaisford informed the meeting that he will be resigning from the post at the end of the current financial year. The post will now be advertised in the Trentsider.

h) Rural Bus Services: A member of the public made comment about the reduced bus services. The new system of having to telephone to order bus transport is not ideal for users. The telephone number is chargeable at high rate and very often engaged. The Chairperson said this matter needs to be tackled at the next meeting but in the meantime an article will be published for the public to make comments/recommendations about their own experiences since the changes have been in operation.

i) New Dates for Parish Meetings: The Chairperson informed the meeting that the Parish Council meeting dates will change from being the last Tuesday of the month to the middle/second Tuesday of the month. This is to enable the Minutes to be prepared in time for publication in the Trentsider.

5 To Report on:

a) Accidents: Nothing to report

b) Criminal Acts:

Dunham on Trent – Nothing to report

Ragnall - Nothing to report

Fledborough - 10.12.14 Long Row – theft of car trailer

Darlington – 15.12.14 Main Street – theft of stone trough

c) Highways A57: It was reported that:-

- pipes along the A57 need jetting out
- A57 road surface in Darlington is crumbling
- reflective posts need attention/replacing each entry to the village of Darlington
- air valve cover near Pear Tree Farm, Darlington requires further repair

d) Highways Parish: It was reported that:-

- potholes are causing a problem on Low Street, Dunham on Trent, on the road leading to the Church in Fledborough and from Station Cottage down towards the dip in Fledborough and at the passing bay on Woodcoates Lane, Darlington
- the road surface is breaking up from the crossroads on the A57 to the barn conversion on Ragnall Road.
- the hedge/vegetation on the corner at Fledborough is overgrown
- the roadside edges on Woodcoates Lane are breaking away
- reflective posts require attention/replacement on bends at Fledborough and Ragnall.

e) Footpaths & Parish Lanes: Step down on bridge at Church Laneham damaged and dangerous, Clerk will investigate.

6 Public Discussion – Two members of the public were in attendance. Matters raised and discussed are reported within Matters Arising.

7 Planning Matters – None received

8 Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council - None received.

Bassetlaw District Council

Precept application form

Correct Right Drainage info.

9 Financial Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

- Council approved payment of £110.16 to NALC for Annual Subscription. Cheque 300829
- Council approved payment of £605 to Fledgelings Pre-school Play Group for Annual Grant. Cheque 300830
- Council approved payment of £876 to Dunham Parochial Church Council for Annual Grant. Cheque 300831
- Council approved payment of £605 to Dunham on Trent Senior Citizens Club for Annual Grant. Cheque 300832
- Council approved payment of £165 to the Trentsider for Annual Grant. Cheque 300833.
- Council approved payment of £485.15 to Dunham on Trent Village Hall for Annual Grant. Cheque 300834
- Council approved payment of £337.68 to M. Annable for January 2015. Clerks salary £237.60 + expenses £100.08. Cheque 300835
- Council approved payment of £90.16 to C. Gaisford for Litter Picking for January 2015. Cheque 300836
- Council approved payment of £210.60 to M. Annable for Lengthsman Administration. Cheque 300837
- Council approved payment of £52.65 to C. Gaisford for Lengthsman duties during December 2014. Cheque 300838

b) Income: £32.40 Bank Interest on Deposit Account

c) Balance of Accounts:

| | £ |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Current account: | 16,953.28 |
| Less: Darlton funding: | <u>2,525.00</u> |
| | 14,428.28 |
| Deposit account: | <u>4,352.03</u> |
| | <u>18,780.31</u> |

d) Transfer of funds: None

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

Date and Time of Next Meeting – **Tuesday 10 March 2015 at 7.00 pm**

Signed ----- (Chairperson)

Date -----