

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

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 December 2014
at 7.00 pm in Dunham & District Millennium Centre

- 1 Present:** Cllr. L. Sharpe (Chairperson), Cllr. P. Marsh (Vice Chairperson),
Cllr. I. Oakden, Cllr. M. Barden, Cllr. K. Watkinson, Cllr. E. Cleaver, Cllr. C. Byrne.
In attendance: M. Annable (Clerk), PC. B. Bailey.
Apologies: Cllr. R. Grimes, Cllr M. Mathews.

- 2 Declarations of Interest:** None

- 3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 November 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 Chairperson reported that the dyke had been cleared of a fallen tree and had also been dredged where necessary of overgrowth and silt. A special thank you was acknowledged by all present to Mr. Ken Illett of CPS Contractors and Louise Rust for their efforts in ensuring this work was carried out on behalf of the Parish Council - free of charge. The Clerk will write to thank Mr. Illett and Louise on behalf of the Parish Council. The removal of the tree was a private issue for a Darlton resident who has sorted the problem personally.

The ROSPA report is being investigated and any defects with high risk factors will be addressed.

The Clerk reported that other options are being considered for play equipment and the applications for funding. Louise Rust has found alternatives for equipment at a much lower cost and a meeting with the Parish Council is to be arranged to apply direct to the Awards for All grant.

The Clerk informed the meeting about the notion of:-

- recycling the fencing which surrounds the current play equipment as an outer fencing to run alongside the grassed verge/road
- that the Parish Council consider purchasing materials for the inner fencing to run alongside the dyke on the grounds of safety
- costing any labour charges to erect a fence to the Lengthsman budget.

These issues were discussed and it was decided that quotes for materials are required before any decision can be made.

b) Caldecott Foundation: The Clerk had received an email from John Gifford, (the proprietor of the home) stating that had been no history or reports of any criminal acts. PC Bailey confirmed that this was true and that the police involvement had been to attend the home on the occasions when there had been an assault on staff or when assistance was needed to ensure the safety of the children back into the home. The Parish Council are now turning to other authorities to intervene with the problems of unrest within the village of Fledborough.

A letter was sent to the MP Robert Jenrick (28.11.14) his secretary had telephoned the Clerk to ask for another copy of the letter to be sent. In the meantime, it was stated that a letter requesting arrangements to hold a meeting between John Gifford and the Parish Council would be sent from the MP Robert Jenrick.

c) Speed Proposal at Darlton: Information had been received from Nottinghamshire County Council regarding a proposal to reduce the existing national speed limit on the approach to Darlton (both directions) to 40 mph and 30 mph through the village. There is known opposition to this proposal, therefore, the Parish Council urge local residents to support the proposal by:-

- email: teri.ford@urs.com
- or telephone 01246 218341
- or write to Teri ford, Principal Transport Planner, 12 Regan Way, Chetwynd Business Park, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 6RZ.

The deadline for a response is 09 January 215.

d) Rights of Way: The Clerk had contacted Rob Percy at Nottinghamshire County Council to request an inspection between footpaths 3 – 5 along the river Trent and to install a kissing gate and railings where deemed necessary.

e) War Memorial: Information was received from Bassetlaw District Council and English Heritage to report that the War Memorial in Dunham on Trent will be added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The memorial is now listed at Grade II.

f) Whole Council Elections: An Electoral Review is currently being proposed which will recommend new electoral arrangements for Nottinghamshire County Council, in particular it will propose:-

- The total number of councillors elected to the council in future
- The number of divisions
- The number of councillors representing each division
- Division boundaries
- Names of divisions

Posters to this change have been displayed on all notice boards in the parishes.

g) Poppy Appeal: The Chairperson reported that the parish had raised a total of £346.95 for this years' appeal.

5 To Report on:

a) Accidents: Nothing to report

b) Criminal Acts:

Dunham on Trent

15.12.14 – Main Street – Theft of tyre from parked vehicle

It was reported that a car was abandoned in the White Swan car park and the driver was seen to be walking away from the car on CCTV footage – date not known

It was reported that a thief was seen on CCTV stealing wheels from a vehicle whilst parked in the White Swan car park – date not known.

Ragnall - Nothing to report

Fledborough

04.12.14 – Caldecott Home – 5 assaults on Staff.

04.12.14 – Caldecott Home – damage to windows

10.12.14 – Long Row – theft of trailer

Darlton - Nothing to report

c) Highways A57: Nothing to report

d) Highways Parish: Street lamp No 11 on constantly on Cocketts Hill, Dunham.

e) Footpaths & Parish Lanes: See item 4 d).

- 6 Public Discussion** – No members of the public were present at the meeting.
- 7 Planning Matters –**
Location: Majors Farm, Woodcoates Lane, Darlton
Proposal: Erect 500kw Wind Turbine (77.9m to tip) & Ancilliary Infrastructure
 The Parish Council were informed of a Planning Committee meeting to be held at Worksop town Hall on 03.12.14 at 6.30 pm where they would have the opportunity to speak by arrangement. This information was delivered by hand to all Darlton residents 28.11.14.
- 8 Correspondence**
Nottinghamshire County Council
 Proposal for A57 Speed Limits
Bassetlaw District Council
 Whole Council Elections
General
 Holmes Groundcare Maintenance (revised quotes)
 Dunham Parochial Church Grant request
- 9 Financial Matters**
- a) Accounts for Payment
- Council approved payment of £46.80 to C. Gaisford for Lengthsman duties during November 2014. Cheque 300824
 - Council approved payment of £323.76 to M. Annable for December 2014. Clerks salary £237.60 + expenses £86.16. Cheque 300825
 - Council approved payment of £90.16 to C. Gaisford for Litter Picking for December 2014. Cheque 300826
 - Council approved payment of £75.00 to Dunham Village Hall for Senior Citizens donation for purchase of Christmas turkey. Cheque 300828
- b) Income: None
- c) Balance of Accounts: No financial update due to early December meeting.
- d) Transfer of funds: None
- e) Budget Meeting: **The January Budget meeting to set the Parish Council precept for 2015 – 2016 will be held 13th January 2015 at 7.00 pm.**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 27 January 2015 at 7.00 pm

Signed ----- (Chairman)

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