

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 2015
at 7.00 pm in Dunham & District Millennium Centre

Present: Cllr. L. Sharpe (Chairperson), Cllr. M. Barden, Cllr. P. Marsh, Cllr. K Watkinson, Cllr. R. Grimes, Cllr. I. Oakden.
District Councillor Ogle
Mrs Gill Culverwell attended as Clerk

2 members of the public were present.

Mr Cameron of 10 Roberts Close Ragnall and Mr Claughton of 1 Roberts Close, Ragnall, they informed the Council that still nothing had been done about the flooding of their homes due to blocked drains they reported last month.

It has now got to a situation whereby they would like a representative from Highways to visit and they will potentially be suing the Council due to neglect leading to damage of property.

The Gentlemen provided photograph's of the dropped kerb which is not deep enough to contain the water which then runs onto their property through air bricks and into the houses.

The pavement by the post box is also affected and is falling or sinking away.

District Councillor Ogle offered to pursue this issue on behalf of the residents, the Clerk would send an email with all relevant information.

Louise Rust requested a bench for the newly refurbished Darlton Play Area; if money is available this year then District Councillor Ogle would approve it.

15/16/62 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted by DCllr S.and K. Isard and was accepted by the Council.

15/16/63 INTENTION TO RECORD THE MEETING

No recording to take place.

15/16/64 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

15/15/65 CO-OPTION COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The applicant had withdrawn.

15/16/66 MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

The minutes of a general meeting of the Council, held on Tuesday 10th November 2015, were approved as a correct record.

15/16/67 POINTS OF INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ABOVE MINUTES

No information regarding the flood warden has arrived. District Councillor Ogle would like to be informed if there is no change.

15/16/68 CRIME AND POLICING

No Police present, PC Bailey provided a reported crimes sheet to circulate to members. 101 is the number to use when reporting incidents.

Incidents were of assault at Caldecott, Ragnall where the culprit has been removed and there appears to be no more problems.

The Council expressed concern regarding incidents happening at Caldecott with plenty of incidents of unaccompanied children in and around the lanes, residents being treated to abusive behaviour and property including the church being vandalised. The Council recalled part of the Planning permission was that the gates should be closed which they are not, a meeting to discuss these issues is necessary.

The Clerk to submit a report to Terry Wells with a view to a mediation meeting with the owners, Council members and District Councillor Ogle.

15/16/69 ACCOUNTS

Resolved: That the Accounts, totalling £5943.86, be approved for payment.

15/16/70 BANK RECONCILIATION

Members received the bank reconciliation statement to 20th November 2015, which showed a balance of £29815.18.

15/16/71 BUDGET MONITORING

The Clerk submitted a budget monitoring sheet showing currently finances which appear to be on budget.

15/16/72 LENGTHSMAN – REPORT

There is nothing more in the Lengthsman's budget. Ongoing jobs are to be completed; Lengthsman would be notified if anything needs doing until monies are available to recommence normal activities.

The Clerk to inform the Lengthsman

15/16/73 RISK REVIEW AND ASSET INSPECTION INCLUDING ACCIDENTS

Landowners along the St Oswald footpath are reluctant to change the stiles to kissgates.

The clerk would enquire through Laura Summers about the legalities. Cllr Marsh would speak to the landowners.

There are signs along footpaths and the A57 which have been vandalised.

The Clerk to notify Highways

Litter picking requires along the top of Laneham Road plus a thorough clean-up of all villages.

The Clerk would speak to the litter picker.

Accident – 4/12/15 a motorcyclist was knocked off his bike outside The Swan Pub as he was turning into the carpark. Police and ambulance were called.

15/16/74 FLOOD WARDENS

The Clerk would make enquiries regarding progress

15/16/75 REVISED AUDIT PROCESS

Resolved: The Council would remain in the Sector Led Body Audit procurement and not opt out.

15/16/76 SUPPORT LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUND –COCKETTS HILL UPDATE

On going

15/16/77 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AND POLICIES

Resolved: The Employment Contract and policies would be adopted a grievance panel would be necessary; Cllr Watkinson and Cllr Barden were appointed.

15/16/78 THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE ORDER –DARLTON FOOTPATH 5-14 AND RAGNALL NO 6.

Any objections to these closures to be submitted by 24th December 2015

15/16/79 CORRESPONDENCE ARRIVING AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PRINTED

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 –notification of a new scheme coming into effect

15/16/61 PLANNING

No Applications