

# Minutes of Dunham-on-Trent, with Ragnall, Darlton and Fledborough Parish Council (Dunham & District Parish Council)



Meeting of **Dunham & District Parish Council** held on the **11<sup>th</sup> Mar 2025** at Dunham Village Hall, the meeting commenced at **6:30pm**.

## Council Members & Officer Present

Cllr Madeline Barden  
Cllr Carole Booth  
Cllr Ben Lee  
Cllr Ian Oakden  
Cllr Lucy Atkinson  
Current Vacancies  
Ed Knox  
Emma Griffin  
John Ogle  
Jayne Walters  
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Chairman  
Cllr Kathryn Watkinson  
Cllr Rachel Bean  
Cllr Rachel Sergison  
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Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer  
District Cllr  
County Cllr  
Bassetlaw DC Flood Resilience Officer  
Member of Public

## Also, Present

➤ Public Forum  
None.

09/25 To receive apologies for absence

After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Hutley. Cllr Ballinger did not attend.

10/25 To receive declarations of interest  
None.

11/25 To Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

After discussion, the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and accurate record.

12/25 To Discuss the Unitary Devolution

Cllr Barden gave an update from the District Council S E Forum meeting about the proposals and the Council members discussed their views on the proposals that the Government have on replacing the District, Borough and County Councils with a Unitary Council by 2027/28.

13/25 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

**Dist Cllr Griffin** – Discussed the Unitary Devolution and introduced Jayne. BDC have a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> March regards the Unitary Devolution. Jayne agreed to liaise with Cllrs over flooding concerns. Cler to email Jayne the flooding issues:

- Ragnall – Seven Trent Pumping Station Sewage issues from Farhill Lane to Chestnut Cottage
- Fledborough Lane Flooding – water cuts off the children’s home access etc.
- Lack of Communication when it is expected that the Trent will flood onto the Lincolnshire side, in 2001 BDC came out with loud hailer to warn residents of the pending flood, no one came out the last time this happened and vulnerable people were unaware (those without the internet etc) the refuge centre was set up at Newark but the A1 and other roads in the Trent Valley likely to flood when the Trent floods so no way to get there, more local flood centres for Trent villages in land, such as Dunham School or one of the village halls more inland, etc, more suitable.

**Dist Cllr Stanniland** – Did not attend.

**County Cllr Ogle** – Discussed the Unitary Devolution and several highways matters.

14/25 Finance:

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
S.Ashworth Diggers	Emergency Tree Clearance Dunham Play Area	£125
Lengthsman	Paint & Varnish	£25.42
Laneham Parish Council	Fortnightly Inspections 2024/25	£1,372.67
Clerk	Mileage & Expenses 2024/25	£94.57
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>£1,617.66</b>

2. Receipts:

From	Item	Amount
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None

**Total Receipts**

**£0**

Bank Balance

**£35,064.64**

Bank Reconciliation for the year to date to be approved. Council **resolved** unanimously that figures were correct. Reconciliation to be signed by when practical. Direct Debits and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE and Pension, all **approved** unanimously.

3. To Discuss potential ideas for a further One Earth Solar Grant

Cllr Bean advised that another One Earth Solar grant window is imminent, after discussion Cllr Barden called a vote, all in favour, **resolved** that as soon as Cllrs Bean and Lee are aware of any new grant window, the Clerk to apply for funding for ES Solutions Ltd replace the remaining 4 noticeboard back boards and the Lengthsman to have some paint to repaint the war memorial railings.

15/25 To Note in the Minutes the response to any planning applications via the scheme of delegation

The Council **noted** the following which have been responded to via the scheme of delegation:

- **25/00214/PREAPP- Proposed National Strategic Infrastructure Project Consultation for the The Great Grid Upgrade - North Humber to High Marnham - North Humber To High Marnham Hollowgate Lane High Marnham** – The Council submitted the following to Bassetlaw Planning: *“The Council are ok with the new proposed route, however, the Council wish for the proposed solar battery/substation at the Marnham end to be rotated 90% as per our previous comments and that it is screened and camouflaged as much as possible.”*
- **25/00203/PDN Prior Approval for a Proposed Change of Use of Existing Poultry Shed Building to Five Dwellings (Class C3) Former Poultry Shed Darlton Road Ragnall** – The Council submitted the following to Bassetlaw Planning: *“the parish council supports the application, so long as the County Council Highways Dept assess the safety of the accessibility on the main busy road, the A57, Not only for those living at the proposed houses, driving in and out of the properties, but for other motorists on the A57 when cars enter the highway, particularly when there is poor visibility.”*
- **Rose Cottage Application on the Green in Dunham** – The Application went to the Planning Inspectorate and was passed.
- **One Earth Solar Farm** – Cllr Oakden to produce a public leaflet regards the proposals, also detailing how and when best to comment based on material considerations.

16/25 To Receive Councillor’s/Clerks’ Reports including Road Traffic Accidents & County Council Highways Matters:

- **Noting of Accidents** – Accident on A57 into one of the chevrons, Cllr Watkinson reported the chevron damage to NCC ref CSC691362669.  
The following items have been raised with the Highways Authority Manager so that these matters can be investigated and finally resolved. Each month the Clerk chases the Highways Manager and the Parish Council adds to this list while awaiting a reply:

County Council Item	Issue/Detail	Potential Solution	Progress Made
<b>Darlton – Highways Safety issues &amp; speeding A57</b>	A local resident of Darlton advised potential speeding issues on A57 in the village and poor signage.	Notts Police to come do speed checks and Notts County Council Highways Manager to look at what additional signage could be possible, particularly any which encourages drivers to slow down and make them aware of the playground and school children crossing.	16/11/2022 PC Glenn Turner advised that he would speed check again before Christmas and choose a spot to deploy the speed gun so that any vehicles we pull over are done safely and we have to risk assess each location to ensure we don’t cause a collision. 13/01/2023 PC Mitchell advised the Speed Camera Team have assured me they will put Darlton on their list of places to conduct road safety campaigns in the future as a positive improvement for the village and also a visible and proactive deterrent to the motorists who speed through it. 28/11/2022 The Highways Manager agreed to visit W/C 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec to ascertain what could be potentially done regards signage. 10/01/2022 The Clerk chased the Highways Manager for an update. 22/02/2023 Highways Manager update “The data is back following the site visit and I’ve had a discussion with the colleagues regarding the data

		<p>from the traffic survey and it does meet criteria for an interactive sign so we will look at getting a sign put in place at this location. This is now with NCC Transport Planning to assess the locations, effectiveness etc. I will hopefully have more information in the coming weeks or perhaps months depending on their workload but it is on their radar now.</p>  <p>The signs are like the one above but can differ in design at times, but more often than not they look like the image. 03/04/2023 reply from Highways Manager 'I don't have timescales at the moment unfortunately, this is with NCC at the moment to assess.'</p> <p>22/09/2023 – Highways Manager advised <i>'Unfortunately this is now with NCC and we'll only find out more once they've assessed. I'll forward your email on in the hope to get some information.'</i></p> <p>18/10/2023 – Update from Highways Manager <i>"I have actually since emailed colleagues again to try and find out timescales, I'll await their response and hopefully be able to provide some clarity. I have previously requested this information with no avail but hope to apply some pressure to get this planned in."</i></p> <p>15/11/2023 Clerk chased Highways Manager for an update.</p> <p>22/11/2023 update from Highways Manager "I have spoken to LTP at NCC and this is on the list for inclusion in next year's 2024/25 programme by way of LTP and Programme Development Team. If you require any further information, Paul Hillier has said he is happy to answer directly: <a href="mailto:paul.hillier@nottsc.gov.uk">paul.hillier@nottsc.gov.uk</a>"</p> <p>25/03/24 update from Paul <i>"The proposal has been included in the proposed works programme for 24/25 but, as yet, this programme has not yet been formally approved. I don't know when approval is scheduled but it shouldn't be too long. As soon as it is, I will issue our design/construction company, Via EM, with an instruction to install it, at which point it will be for them to schedule it into their workload."</i></p> <p>09.05.24 Via Programme Assistant <i>"We received the task order for the installation of an interactive speed sign at the end of April, it has been passed through to our design team and usually takes a minimum of 6 months to fulfil. I have spoken with the project manager, and at the moment there isn't an exact timeframe, but I have asked him to let me know when there is one. It will be installed before the end of March 2025, and when I have a more exact</i></p>
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			<p>date/month, I will let you know.” 5.11.2024 chased Via Programme Assistant for an update. 07.11.2024 Highways Programme Team advised “I have asked the project manager for an update for you, I will be in touch once I have an update”</p> <p>04.1.2025 – Chase sent to programme Assistant.</p> <p>07.01.2025 – Update from Senior Design Manager: “a brief update on programmed ITM works in your area ahead of the HAG meeting programmed for tomorrow (19th December). The project in your area is A57 Broad Gate, Darlton, for which I include a brief update below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materials currently being procured for the works</li> <li>• Anticipating delivery in Q4 24/25.”</li> </ul> <p>15.01.2025 - both options proposed by the NCC Assistant Project Engineer were discussed and “After a thorough discussion at the parish council meeting last night (and following consultation with the residents at Darlton who raised the initial request/issue) the Parish Council would like you to choose option B</p> <p>Because location A is very close to the bus stop and bend and you want the cars to have already slowed down by then. Location B is a straighter area and will really help with speed reduction and should have the biggest impact.”</p> <p>11/03/2025 – Following the site meeting with Cllrs and the NCC Via Ltd Assist Project Engineer a new, best location was chosen which offered the best installation and future maintenance position, they also said that the equipment has been ordered and is to be installed during Quarter 1 of 2025/26”</p>
<b>Dunham – Laneham Road</b>	No Bus shelter	School Children (7 at present) have no shelter	<p>25/10/2023 - Transport Facilities Assistant advised ‘Thank you for your request for a bus shelter to be installed at BA0745 Cartwright Close on Laneham Road, Dunham on Trent.</p> <p>As you may be aware, Nottinghamshire County Council has an extremely limited capital budget for investment in bus stop infrastructure, and this means only a limited number of new bus shelters can be installed each year. As a result, we are required to ensure that the limited funds are utilised to benefit the maximum number of passengers and to focus on supporting access to local bus services (rather than bus services dedicated for school children). At this particular bus stop, whilst it is used by school buses once a day, it is not served by any local bus services. It is therefore with regret that I’m afraid the County Council would not be a position to invest in a bus shelter in this location.</p> <p>I note that you enquired about the costs involved in providing a bus shelter in this location to help decide if the Parish Council could bid for funding to fund part or all of the investment. I’ve reviewed the site and concluded that significant civils works would be required to provide adequate hardstanding on which to install a bus shelter. It is also possible that land will need to be acquired beyond the highway extent to ensure a sufficient width of hardstanding can be</p>

			<p><i>maintained. The bus shelter would cost approximately £3.5k but I would estimate civils works of at least £5k and possibly up to £20k if one was to provide an uncontrolled dropped crossing point on both sides of the road plus the necessary hardstanding.</i></p> <p><i>I am really sorry not to be providing a more positive response but hope the above explains our position and provides the information you were seeking.</i>’ Cllr Watkinson to draft a response disputing the use of the bus stop, stating it is used by others, Clerk to then email this back to NCC and Cc in Cllr Ogle who will raise this bus shelter as a safety scheme issue.</p> <p>21/11/2023 Cllr Watkinson emailed Cllr Ogle the required information with photos.</p> <p>5/12/2023 Cllr Watkinson emailed County Cllr Ogle the required information on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.</p> <p>11/07/2024 - Clerk Chased Cllr Ogle for update.</p> <p>05/11/24 Chased Highways Manager for an update.</p> <p>07.01.2025 Cllr Ogle update: <i>“I had an online meeting recently discussing this with an investigating officer.</i></p> <p><i>Summary</i></p> <p><i>- A busy road, power station access, so safety is a feature here, which I hope has prioritised your request.”</i></p> <p>15/01/2025 – Dist Cllr Griffin emailed County Cllr Ogle to request a projected timeline for the installation of the bus stop.</p> <p>11/03/2025 – Cllr Ogle informed the PC meeting that the works have been approved and the next County Cllr should escalate this in the summer.</p> <p>12/03/2025 – Clerk chased to ask for email confirmation that the bus shelter has been approved.</p>
<b>Darlton – A57</b>	White lines missing/faded on A57 from Darlton towards East Markham	Makes it dangerous driving at night. NCC need to repaint the white lines	<p>Reported on 20/05/2024 by Cllr Bean CSC616035119 – White lines need repainting. 11/07/2024 - Clerk Chased Highways Manager for update. 22/7/24 Highways Manager advised “white lining to be done overnight during 5 nights from 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024” 05/11/24 Chased Highways Manager for an update. 06.11.2024 Highways Manager Advised <i>“Unfortunately a bunch of lining works in October had to be cancelled due to the weather. These particular ones were part of the cancellations. In the interim we have put up some No Road Markings signs and scheduled the relining for April 2025. April is the next opportunity we can get. We don’t reline most roads from November to the end of March as road surface temperatures are usually too low and lead to material failures that our subcontractors won’t guarantee their works against. This, salt contamination and weather unpredictability mean we’d spend more in cancellation charges or second visits to rectify failed sites.”</i></p> <p>12/03/2025 – Clerk chased Highways Manager to confirm the works are still schedule for April 2025.</p>
<b>Dunham – Coronation Terrace A57</b>	Cars smashing into the houses on Coronation Terrace	Request for Bollards/Barriers to prevent the impact into the homes.	<p>11/09/2024 – Request to Highways Manager to contact Cllr Watkinson and meet on site to discuss potential solutions. 05/11/24 Chased Highways Manager for an update. 06.11.2024 Assistant District Highways Manager advised <i>“I have contacted Cllr Watkinson to arrange a site meeting over the next 2 weeks.”</i></p>

			<p>15/01/2025 – Chased again.</p> <p>28/01/2025 – Site visit with Cllrs &amp; Sarah Hird undertaken – Sarah agreed that the only works they can do is to level out one of the manhole covers on the road and install some red surfacing.</p> <p>12/03/2025 – Clerk chased Sarah for an update on when these works will be undertaken.</p>
<p><b>Pavement Siding Up Request - Dunham A57 at the junction with Laneham Road to the junction with Upper Row</b></p>	<p>Pavement encroached with earth and grass, preventing safe access for pedestrians, particularly wheelchair users, pushchairs/prams and mobility scooters.</p>	<p>Request for a 'siding up request' to Notts CC team who cut away the earth from the pavement between what 3 words locations 'armrest.vintages.crispy' and 'nuzzling.sailing.partners'</p>	<p>13/11/2024 – Request sent to Highways Manager.</p> <p>12/03/2025 – Clerk Chased Highways Manager for an update.</p>

**New Items:**

- **Cllr Oakden** – Will visit the various public footpaths styles, bridges and gates which need maintenance and report these to the Notts County Council Countryside Access Team on the NCC website.
- **Cllr Barden** – gave an update from the EDF Cottam Meeting, the main chimney is coming down on 20<sup>th</sup> March, West Burton is coming down by Feb 2028. The next PC meeting is back to the usual night, Tues 13<sup>th</sup> May.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9:15pm.