

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 09 June 2015
at 7.00 pm in Dunham & District Millennium Centre

- 1 Present:** Cllr. L. Sharpe (Chair), Cllr. P. Marsh (Vice Chair), DCllr. K. Isard, DCllr. S. Isard, Cllr. M. Barden, Cllr. R. Grimes, Cllr. I. Oakden, Cllr K. Watkinson. CCllr. J. Ogle. (arrived 7.50 pm.)
In attendance: M. Annable (Clerk). Mr. Richard Haig.
Apologies: None

2 Declarations of Interest: None

The Chairperson asked the Guest Speaker, Mr. Haig to address his message to the Parish Council prior to the start of the Agenda items.

District Cllr. K. Isard left the meeting because of the potential Planning Issues that may be involved in the discussion.

Mr. Haig was acting on behalf of the owner of the Bridge Public House. The land adjacent to the pub is a section of that ownership. For many years the land has been used solely as an overspill car park and has provided some residents with car parking space. The purpose of Mr. Haig's visit was to ask the Parish Council if they had any suggestions for future use of this land. A lengthy discussion took place airing many views and opinions as to what may be of benefit to the Parish if the land was transformed into some kind of retail dwelling. Nothing was emphasized at his point, this consultation was to receive opinion and suggestion only. Mr. Haig will pass the points raised to his client.

The Parish Council will inform the public via the Trentsider and ask for public opinions.

3 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2015

The minutes were signed by the Chairperson a true record.

4 Matters Arising from the above Minutes and any urgent business

a) Bus Services: CCllr. J. Ogle, Chris Ward of Nottinghamshire County Council, Laneham Parish Council, Rampton Parish Council and Gem Mini Travel will be invited to attend a meeting with Dunham on Trent Parish Council on 18 June 2015 for a group discussion.

b) J. G.Pears: Consideration was given to remove this item from the Agenda. Cllr. M. Barden discussed the need for Bassetlaw District Council to liaise with the Environment Agency for the introduction of a permit strategy. District Cllr. K. Isard reported that the issue of definition for the operational concept of the plant can prevent any involvement from the Environment Agency. In the event of proposed new developments he urged the Parish Council to continue with the reporting of incidents which may sway future decision making processes.

c) Lengthsman Scheme: Cllr. M. Barden and Cllr. I. Oakden reported back to the meeting following the discussion with Mr. Gaisford, the current Lengthsman. New measures will be introduced to run the scheme more efficiently, i.e. a work schedule to be provided and given to the Lengthsman for each Parish as and when required, a signed contract from the Parish Council to be drawn up and signed by both parties, a copy of the Lengthsman Public Liability Insurance to be kept on file by the Parish Council.

d) Transparency Code: The Clerk reported that the Parish Council will be entered onto the Bassetlaw District Council's Website.

e) Darlton Play Area: The Clerk reported that the Awards for All Lottery funding had made a conditional grant offer to the amount of £10,000. The Parish Council discussed the immediate need to install a fence to safeguard users of the play area. It was decided that quotes should be obtained and the cost should be made from the Lengthsman funding.

f) Clerk's Resignation: The Clerk will retire from post with effect from 30 June 2015. Members of the Parish Council thanked the Clerk for her services and dedication over the nine years of service.

g) Acceptance Forms: The Acceptance of Office forms following the recent election were signed and filed in the presence of the Clerk.

5 To Report on:

a) Accidents: 12.05.15 - It was reported that there had been a three car collision on the A57 outside the White Swan.

b) Criminal Acts: Nothing to report.

c) Highways A57: It was reported that the temporary signage used for current roadworks was unclear when redirecting traffic. Some signs were badly positioned and obstructed the view of motorists.

d) Highways Parish: It was reported that a hedge is overgrown at Long Row Cottages in Fledborough, the Clerk was asked to make further investigations.

The Fledborough to Ragnall road surface is still causing great concern for regular users, it is uneven and dangerous, the issue was taken up by CCllr J. Ogle and further investigations will be made.

e) Footpaths & Parish Lanes: Cllr. K. Watkinson raised the problem of pedestrians using Cocketts Hill. The danger to pedestrians and cyclists is apparent by the winding, blind and inclining narrow stretch of road. The Parish Council have tried in vain over many years to improve this situation, but to no avail. CCllr.J. Ogle suggested a structured approach to build a case for action. To produce a map which pinpoints the dangers, to draw up a full petition, either manually or electronically, accompanied with a suggestion for joint funding from several resources. This should then be presented in front of a full Council who have to consider the proposal for change.

7 Planning Matters - None received

8 Correspondence - None received

9 Financial Matters

a) Accounts for Payment

- Council approved payment of £45.00 to Sarah Judge for Internal Audit. Cheque 300851
- Council approved payment of £357.25 to M. Annable for May/June 2015. Clerks salary £287.10 + expenses £70.15. Cheque 300852
- Council approved payment of £175.20 to Holmes Groundcare Maintenance for May 2015 grasscutting. Cheque 300853
- Council approved payment of £210.60 to M. Annable for Lengthsman Administration April to June 2015. Cheque 300854

b) Income: £5,410 (half year precept from Bassetlaw District Council).

c) Transfer of funds: None

d) Balance of Accounts:

	£
Current account:	16,939.07
<u>Less: Darlton funding:</u>	<u>2,525.00</u>
	14,414.07
<u>Less: Lengthsman surplus: (actual)</u>	<u>7,249.01</u>
	7,165.06
<u>Plus: Deposit account:</u>	<u>4,352.03</u>
	<u>11,517.09</u>

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 10.10 pm.

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Tuesday 11 August 2015 at 7.00 pm

Signed ----- (Chairperson)

Date -----