

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 **12th Jan 2021** virtually via Zoom, as per the regulations enacted under the Coronavirus Act 2020, the meeting commenced at **7:00pm**.

Members Virtually Present

Via Remote Attendance

Cllr Madeline Barden
Cllr Kathryn Watkinson
Cllr Lucy Atkinson
Cllr Emma Thorpe
Cllr Adrian Stapleton
Current Vacancies

Chairman
Vice-Chair
Cllr Vera Ballinger

Cllr Rachel Bean
Darlton: 1, Dunham on Trent: 2
Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

Also, Virtually Present

Via Remote Attendance

Ed Knox
0 Members of the Public
County Cllr John Ogle
Dist Cllr Shirley Issard

➤ Public Forum

None Present.

1/21 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Booth did not attend

2/21 To receive declarations of interest

None.

3/21 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.

4/21 To receive reports from County and District Councillors

Dist Cllr Isard – advised due to Covid there was not a great deal to report other than the Bassetlaw Local Plan Consultation is underway.

County Cllr Ogle – provided an update on Covid vaccinations, the NHS are nearing completion of the over 90 age group, people should wait to receive notification from the NHS when their turn is due. Cllr Ogle asked the parish council for views on potential types of speed cameras for the parish and to respond within the next month. Ragnall speed petition has been submitted to the County Council. Cllr Barden reminded Cllr Ogle that the District Highways Manager from the County Council has promised a to make contact several times regarding the various items listed under agenda item 7/21, as yet the Council awaits a response from the District Highways Manager.

5/21 To Receive Update on a community partnership bid for financial help with improving Broadband

The Clerk report that the Notts County Council Broadband Engagement Officer (NCCBEO) has advised that once the quote is obtained from Openreach, if it is below £1500 per property Central Govt will fund the Broadband upgrade, if its costs up to £3000 Notts County Council will cover the difference. Openreach will set up a community portal page, and the NCCBEO will provide leaflet templates and advert templates to go on Facebook, Websites and Noticeboards, if the Parish Council promotes awareness of the scheme, all the public have to do is visit the Portal Webpage, select their property and give consent to sign up at no cost, then Openreach will supply the broadband upgrade within approximately 1 year.

After Discussion, the Council unanimously **Agreed** for Cllrs Bean and Atkinson to assist the Clerk once the costs from Openreach and the community portal is live to arrange promotion of awareness of the project and how the public can sign up.

The NCCBEO advised that If any residents have further questions, they can also contact the Notts County Council Broadband Engagement Officer and his Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire team using enquiries.broadband@nottsc.gov.uk or by phoning 0115 977 2532.

6/21 Finance:

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NALC	Neighbourhood Planning and Cllrs Guide for Chairman	£14.00
S.Ashworth Diggers Ltd	Darlington Old Swing removal and signage at Dunham	£120.00
Total Payments		<u>£134.00</u>

Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
None		
Total Receipts		<u>£0.00</u>

Bank Reconciliation for the year to date to be approved. Council **Resolved** unanimously that figures were correct. Reconciliation to be signed by two Councillors when practical.

Direct Debits and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE and Pension, all **approved** unanimously.

The Clerk advised the Precept requirement forms have been submitted to Bassetlaw Council and the Tax Base has altered slightly in the Parish Council's favour. The Band D figure will now be reduced from £61.23, to £60.80 per year.

7/21 To Receive Councillor's/Clerks' Reports including Road Traffic Accidents:

The following items were consolidated into one email to the Highways Authority Manager 9th November 2020, asking for a site visit with the chairman and other cllrs so that these matters can be investigated and finally resolved. Each month the Parish Council adds to this list while awaiting a reply:

- **Noting of Accidents** – No new Accidents.
- **Fledborough Potholes & Highway Markings** – Cllr Atkinson to emailed photos together with a description of pothole locations and locations where the road/verge could be marked.
- **Car Accidents at Coronation Terrace** – Cllr Booth advised she had had no contact from the Highways Manager despite the Clerk asking twice for a site meeting to discuss the matter. This has now been added to the highways site visit request
- **Signage on The Green** – Cllr Ballinger advised that the 'children' signage is not in the best location and does not alert drivers enough to the blind corner of the The Green/Horne Lane. Photos and descriptions added to the email to the Highways Manager
- **Dunham The Green, Potholes** – Cllr Ballinger advised that the repairs to numerous potholes in this area are not sufficient, no soon as Highways fill them, the filler comes away again. They were filled again between Dec & January and have come away again. Photos and descriptions added to the email to the Highways Manager
- **A57 Speed Limits between Darlton and Dunham** – This has been raised to the Highways Manager, as per item 42/20 Cllr Barden to email the Highways Manager.
- **Highways items in ditches** – Cllrs Atkinson and Barden commented that during the recent litter pick, there are several roadside reflectors and signs belonging to the Highways Authority. Photos and descriptions added to the email to the Highways Manager
- **Grass Verge Cutting Frequencies:** The Council asked the Clerk to ask the Highways manager how many cuts there are per year and the reason for the number of cuts? The parish Lengthsman has asked that we raise this matter with Highways as it is felt that the number of cuts is not sufficient to maintain visibility.
- **Ragnall Village Speed Limit Reduction to 30mph:** The Clerk has included the petition from the member of the public in the Highways Manager email, the Council supports the petition.
- **HGV Lorry Weight Limit for Ragnall & Fledborough:** The Clerk has queried to the Highways Manager whether it is allowed for HGV's other than (K G Pears HGVs) to travel on the road through these

parishes, the road is narrow with sharp bends and cannot cope with the number of HGV's. It is believed that a large proportion of these are coming from Tarmac Ltd, using this route as a shortcut to the A1. The Council asked the Clerk to also write to Tarmac to raise concern and ask if they are willing to talk with a representative of the council to arrange for HGV vehicles to use an alternative route.

- **Dunham A57 Dropped curb Crossing Signage:** Cllr Ballinger advised that whilst researching the road traffic accidents in the minutes, it was recorded in 2011 that when the dropped curbs on either side of the A57 near the Hawthorne's and St Oswalds Park entrances, to create a pedestrian crossing point were installed by the Highways Authority, the Highways Authority stated they would install road signs to alert motorists of pedestrians crossing. No such signage has ever been installed; the council agreed to add this to the email to the Highways Manager. Photos and descriptions to be sent.
- **Bus Shelter for Laneham Road, Dunham:** School children have to stand on a small standing area, right next to the road, with no protection against the elements. The current arrangement is neither pleasant nor safe. Cllr Watkinson has attempted to ask the Highways Authority to provide a bus shelter and not received a positive response. The Clerk has added this matter to the Highways Manager email.
- **Tarmac HGV Vehicles:** are short cutting to the A1 via the narrow bendy roads of Ragnall, Fledborough and Marham are still travelling this route which is not safe to do so. The Clerk has tried several phone numbers and emails which either don't accept external emails or the phone numbers are disconnected. The clerk will try Tarmac sales on 0116 264 8540 or 01636 677245 to ask where complaints can be made to the local sites whose vehicles are travelling this way. Clerk phoned several times but could not get through.
- **Laneham Road, Dunham: Pavement poor condition and exposed drainage pipes (Ref 93719):** Cllr Barden advised of the state of the pavement on Laneham Road, Dunham as it goes towards Laneham from Gauntley's. Example photos attached where the pavement is falling apart and there are drainage pipes exposed have been sent on to the Clerk forwarding to the Highways Manager as part of the ongoing Highways issues.
- **Fledborough – Road from Manor Cottage to Church:** Cllr Bean agreed to report the potholes and condition of this section of road on the County Council Portal.

Other matters:

- **Cllr Barden & Cllr Bean:** Advised key updates about the former Marnham Power Station site in the Local Plan, it is now designated as a Local Development Order with potential for 500 additional jobs. Collaboration sought with Newark & Sherwood District Council and Bassetlaw will be consulting with them. It is no longer classed as a reference point. Potential ideas for Solar farm to be located at the site as an option. The wildlife corridor which was the former railway track, needs a buffer zone between this and any potential new buildings. 20% housing development has now been reduced to 5% and the 5% includes any approved planning applications since 2018. Ragnall, Fledborough and Darlton are not being allocated any housing. Cottam designated as unsuitable for the Garden Village housing development due to potential flooding issues. Cllrs Barden & Bean will work on a response from the Parish Council to the Bassetlaw Local Plan.
- **Salt Bins:** The Clerk asked Cllrs to check the condition of the Yellow Salt bins and advise him if any are in a poor condition for reporting to Notts County Council.
- **Cllr Watkinson:** advised that Dunham School did not re-open to all children after Christmas due to Covid. The school is open to vulnerable children. The Fledglings pre-school is open as normal.
- **Street Cleaning:** Cllr Bean advised that the section of road between Manor Cottage to the Church in Fledborough is full of mud, Clerk agreed to report to Bassetlaw Council to request a one-off street clean. Cllr Barden requested that for safety reasons the street cleaning machine is to be requested to also clean out the leaves in the layby at Dunham School. **Action,** Clerk to contact Bassetlaw.

8/21 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8:28pm.